Daisy Bridge to Girl Scout Brownie
Ceremony And Be A Sister To Every Girl Scout Activity Plan

Purpose: When girls complete a the bridging ceremony, they will have celebrated their achievements and prepares for new adventures and responsibilities while learning to be a sister to every Girl Scout.

Planning Guides Link: Celebrating Success and Global Citizenship and Girl Scout Sisterhood

Award Link: Bridge to Brownie Award and Be a Sister to Every Girl Scout (Violet) Petal

Activity Plan Length: 1 hour

Involve Family and Friends: Participation from family and friends can enrich your troop’s Girl Scout experience, both for the girls and for you. Use the suggestions below to make it easier for you to connect with additional support.

• Before the meeting
  • Send a note to families to find those with interest or expertise in the topic. Ask them to lead or support a specific activity/activities, or to lead the meeting.
  • Offer this activity plan as a starting place; point out that they may choose alternative activities using the Customize It! section as a guide. For example: If an activity plan directs girls to sit outside and observe animal habitats, you may choose to go to the zoo and learn about animal habitats there, instead.

• At home:
  • Encourage families to ask questions about their girls’ petal activities. Some examples that work for any petal include: What did you learn? What surprised you? What does it make you think of trying next?

• Throughout the Year:
  • Suggest to the girls and their families ways that they may share or display their Girl Scout accomplishments. Possibilities include a bulletin board, a scrapbook, a special memories box or family sharing time.

Girls Take the Lead: Include girl leadership through long-term planning, short-term meeting prep and specific activities at meetings.

• Long Term Planning
  • If you use “Plan Your Daisy Year”, share this with the girls at the start of the year. Have them ask friends and family to help out with specific meetings or activities. Let the girls brainstorm ways to make the plans their own, such as thinking of related field trip activities. If a girl has experience with a field trip, ask her to be assistant tour guide.
  • If you are adapting the “Plan Your Daisy Year”, get the girls’ input on which petals to choose. Offer just a few choices in each category or timeframe to make decisions easier. Every girl should have at least one petal or journey she’s excited about.

• Short Term Planning
  • Ask a family to help lead a petal. Make sure they have access to activity plans and any resources you might have. Keep additional requested materials to a minimum.
  • Choose two helpers to stay after a meeting for 15 minutes. Give them each an activity to introduce and either instruct or help guide at the next meeting.
• Before a meeting, ask everyone to vote on some aspect of the activity: draw posters or perform skits, open with a song or game, etc.
• Use a rotating list of helper tasks, called a ‘kaper chart’, to share responsibilities. Examples include acting as emcee of the meeting, leading an opening game, bringing a snack next meeting or taking attendance.

• At the Meeting
  • During the opening, have 1-2 girls share their answers to a get-to-know-you question.
  • Have girls fulfill their kaper chart responsibilities.
  • Try to find something in each activity that you can let girls decide or manage.

**Customize It:** If your group wants to expand work on this petal, or simply try different activities, go for it! There are many ways to earn this award. Encourage girls to help plan a ceremony that is meaningful to them, including skits, songs, dances, photos and stories.

• For additional bridging ceremony ideas, check out River Valleys’ Pinterest page: http://pinterest.com/girlscoutsrv/girl-scout-celebrations/
• Girls will have earned the Be a Sister to Every Girl Scout (Violet) Petal when they have learned about and practiced how to be a sister to others.

**Tips and Tools**
• Prior to the ceremony, complete the two required bridging steps: Pass It On and Look Ahead. These are found in the Guide to Bridging packet (http://gsrv.gs/1IWNjZU) or Daisy Girls Guide to Girl Scouting.
• Invite a Brownie troop to attend the ceremony and welcome the Daisy girls into Brownies.
• Check out ways to stay safe using Safety-Wise at http://gsrv.gs/safetywise.
• Ensure that your activities are accessible to everyone. Ask in advance if any special accommodations need to be made. If you have questions regarding specific adaptations, please contact River Valleys at 800-845-0787.

**Resources**
• This activity plan has been adapted from the Daisy Girl’s Guide to Girl Scouting, Vi’s Story: Friends Around the World—Be a Sister to Every Girl Scout (Violet Petal), which can be used for additional information and activities.
• For more information about planning Bridging Ceremonies, check out the Guide to Bridging packet at: http://gsrv.gs/1IWNjZU
• For additional information on other Girl Scout Ceremonies, see the Celebrations and Ceremonies packet here: http://bit.ly/CeremoniesPacket
Getting Started
Time Allotment: 15 minutes

Materials Needed:
• Optional: Girl Scout Promise and Law printed out on poster board

Steps:
1. Welcome everyone to the Bridging Ceremony.
2. Recite the Girl Scout Promise and Law. Use repeat-after-me or say it as a group if girls know it by heart.

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<td>On my honor, I will try: To serve God and my country, To help people at all times, And to live by the Girl Scout Law.</td>
<td>I will do my best to be honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, courageous and strong, and responsible for what I say and do, and to respect myself and others, respect authority, use resources wisely, make the world a better place, and be a sister to every Girl Scout.</td>
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3. Sing the Girl Scout Daisy Song. Use repeat-after-me or sing as a group, if girls know it by heart.

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<td>I’m a Girl Scout Daisy! Take a look at me. I’m a Girl Scout Daisy, happy as can be. We’re having fun and sharing each and every day. I’m a Girl Scout Daisy, Hip, Hip, Hooray!</td>
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Activity #1: Daisy Flower Garden
Award Connection: Bridge to Brownie Award Step 1; Be a Sister to Every Girl Scout Petal Step 1.
Time Allotment: 10 minutes

Prep Needed:
• Cut out flowers and have girls color them prior to ceremony
• Glue or tape paper flowers to pipe cleaners
• Instruct the girls that you will be asking them to share how they can be a sister to every Girl Scout. Ask them each to come up with one thing they could do to be a sister to other Girl Scouts.

Materials Needed:
• Dixie cups or small flower pots
• Paper flowers (see template below)
• Pipe cleaners

Steps:
1. The flowers represent each Daisy Petal the girls have earned for learning the Girl Scout Promise and Law. Prior to the ceremony, have each girl choose which petal she would like to talk about and memorize what it means.
2. At the ceremony, have girls stand in a row, holding the flower she chose to speak about.
3. Starting with the flower representing the Girl Scout Promise and then going through in order of the Girl Scout Law, have each girl share what her flower represents.
4. One by one, as the girls finish speaking, they place their flower in one of the flower pots or paper cups. By the end, girls and families will see the Daisy Flower Garden and know all about what the girls learned during their time as Daisies.
5. The final flower should represent being a sister to every Girl Scout. Explain that this is the last petal that the girls will earn today. Explain that being there are over 10 million Girl Scouts and Girl Guides around the world. Being a sister means incorporating all the other skills we’ve talked about. Have each girl talk again and share one way she can be a sister to other Girl Scouts.

**Activity #2: Brownie Story**

*Award Connection: Bridge to Brownie Award Step 2*

**Time Allotment:** 15 minutes

**Prep Needed:**
- none

**Materials Needed:**
- Story script

**Steps:**
1. Divide girls and adults into 6 groups. Assign each group a word with corresponding sound/motion.

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<td>Granny</td>
<td>Says “Oh, my!” both hands on cheeks</td>
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<td>Brownies</td>
<td>Stand, make Girl Scout Sign, and say “Be Prepared!”</td>
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<td>House</td>
<td>Stand with arms over head, say “Come in!”</td>
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<td>Owl</td>
<td>Bend arms and flap hands, saw “Whoo-Whoool”</td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Stand and sway with arms up and fingers moving, softly moaning</td>
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2. Read the Brownie story. Allow pauses for each group to do their sound/motion.

Once upon a time, there were two little girl(s) who lived in England with their Granny and their father. The girls played all day while the Granny and Father had to work very hard. One day, Granny told the girls about the Brownies, who used to do things to help around the house. They are gone now, she said, but we were always so much happier when they helped. The girls wanted to know where the Brownies had gone and how to get them to come back. Granny said, “Only the wise old owl knows!”

That night, when everyone else was asleep, one of the girls ran out of the house into the magic forest. There she found the wise old owl. “Please,” said the girl, where can I find the Brownies to come and live with us?” The owl said, “I know where two live—right in your house!” The little girl was very surprised! “Tell me how to find them!” she begged. He told her to go to the pond in the magic forest, turn around three times and say, “Twist me and turn me and show me the elf…I looked in the water and saw …!” The wise old owl said, “When you finish the rhyme, you will see the Brownie in the magic pond.”

The girl went to the pond in the magic forest and did as she had been told. She went back to the forest and found the wise old owl and said, “Something must be wrong! I did all you told me to do and I only saw myself! And I am not a Brownie!” “Are you sure?” asked the owl. “To be a Brownie, you must be ready to help those around you, make friends wherever you can, and every day try to discover something new.” “I’d like to be a Brownie,” said the girl. Then go home and try, the wise old owl said kindly. He touched her hand with his feathers, and suddenly she was back in her house, in her own bed.

Quietly, she work up her sister, told her all that had happened. Together the girls tiptoed into the kitchen and began to clean the house. In the morning, when Granny and Father saw the house, they wanted to know what had happened. “Who did this?” asked Granny and Father. The girls danced around and shouted, “It’s the Brownies!” And from that day on, theirs was a very happy house near the forest, all because of the Brownies!
Activity #3: Bridge to Brownies
Award Connection: Bridge to Brownie Award; Be a Sister to Every Girl Scout Step 2
Time Allotment: 15 minutes
Prep Needed:
• Gather materials and supplies
• Set up pond and bridge area before ceremony

Materials Needed:
• Blue paper, painted cardboard or a mirror to represent the “pond”
• Bridge or stepping stones (see Additional Resources below for ideas)
• Daisy Membership Star pins and disks for each girl
• Bridge to Brownie Girl Scouts award for each girl

Steps:
1. If you have a Brownie troop in attendance, invite them to stand in a semi-circle on one side of the bridge/pond area.
2. Ask the Daisies to line up in front of the pond and see themselves as new Brownies. Explain that they will now join girls from all around the world, who will be their Brownie sisters.
3. One at a time, each girl turns around three times, while repeating the verse:
   • “Twist me and turn me and show me an elf.
   • I looked in the water and saw_________!”
   • As she looks into the pond, she completes the rhyme by saying, “Myself.”
4. The girl then walks over to join the Brownie semi-circle, where she receives the Bridge to Brownie Girl Scouts Award and her Membership Star pin and disc. After each girl bridges, share what Brownies are called in a different country (shown below). Continue until all girls have bridged. You can repeat names or only say a name for every other girl if you do not have enough Brownie names.

   “In country, our Brownie sisters are called name!”

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<td>Turkey</td>
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Wrapping Up and Refreshments
Award Connection: Be a Sister To Every Girl Scout Step 3
Time Allotment: 20 minutes
Prep Needed:
• Set up refreshments before ceremony

Materials Needed:
• Light refreshments (cookies or cup cakes, punch or lemonade)
• Optional: Make New Friends printed on poster board

Steps:
1. Instruct girls to get into a Friendship Circle and invite their guests to join them. Have girls and guests stand in a circle and cross their right arms over their left, holding hands with the person on each side of them.
2. Tell the group that rather than singing the “Make New Friends” Song, you will be learning a new song just for Brownie Girl Scouts! Sing the Brownie Smile Song. Use repeat-after-me. If there is a Brownie troop in attendance, invite them to lead the song.
3. After the song, ask everyone to be quiet.
4. Assign one girl to start the friendship squeeze by gently squeezing her neighbor’s hand with her right hand. Then, that girl squeezes with her right hand. One by one, each girl passes the squeeze until it travels around the circle. To honor our Girl Scout sisters and guests, the squeeze will be passed slowly. When you receive the squeeze, say something that is different between you and one of your sisters/daughters/friends and why you like that about them. Then pass the squeeze on.
5. When the squeeze returns to the girl who started, she says “Goodbye Sister Girl Scouts” and the girls unwrap and face outward instead of inward.
6. Invite girls and their guests to enjoy light refreshments to celebrate!

More to Explore

- Field Trip Ideas
  - Hold your ceremony outdoors in a park with a real bridge or archway
  - Join with other bridging Daisy troops to have a larger ceremony
- Speaker Ideas
  - Invite a Brownie Girl Scout or Leader to speak at your ceremony

Suggestions

Do you have any suggestions to improve this activity plan? Do you have ideas for other possible petal-earning activities? Please email troopsupport@girlscoutsrv.org.

Family Follow-Up Email

Use the email below as a template to let families know what girls did at the meeting today. Feel free to add additional information, including:

- When and where you will be meeting next
- What activities you will do at the next meeting
- Family help or assistance that is needed
- Supplies or materials that girls will need to bring to the next meeting
- Reminders about important dates and upcoming activities

Hello Girl Scout Families:

We had a wonderful time today celebrating the girls’ accomplishments as Daisy Girl Scouts and bridging to Brownie Girl Scouts.

We had fun:

- Reflecting on the Girl Scout Promise and Law by creating a Daisy Flower Garden
- Reading an interactive story about what it means to become a Brownie Girl Scout
- Bridging to Brownies and learning a new song
- Learning and practicing being a sister to every Girl Scout (all 10 million of them!)

Continue the fun at home:

- Ask your girl to share her favorite memories or activities as a Daisy and find out what she is looking forward to as a Girl Scout Brownie.

The Brownie Smile Song

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<td>I've got something in my pocket</td>
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<td>It belongs across my face</td>
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<td>I keep it very close at hand</td>
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<td>In a most convenient place</td>
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<td>I’m sure you wouldn’t guess it</td>
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<td>If you guessed a long, long while</td>
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<td>So I’ll take it out and put it on</td>
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<td>It’s a great big Brownie Smile!</td>
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• Get your Girl Scout to help teach you a song or story she learned.
• Look through the Girl’s Guide to Girl Scouting with your new Brownie to find other activities you can try at home.

Thank you for bringing your new Brownie to Girl Scouts!
Additional Resources

Creating a Bridge and Other Props
Small, portable bridges are available for checkout through Girl Scout service centers. Call River Valleys’ 800-845-0787 number and ask to reserve one for your ceremony.

Try making your own bridging ceremony bridge. This example is easy to transport and very small for storage. There is no building or construction needed at all.

Materials:
• 2 yards of rainbow fabric, cut into strips as shown
• 2 daisy garlands (6’ long each), cut into 8 pieces each
• 8 wooden dowels
• 8 plastic tumblers
• 6 lbs. of plaster of paris
• 8 pipe cleaners

This bridge can be used from year to year. Take four of the dowels and cut a few inches off them to make them a little shorter for the ends. Mix the plaster of paris and fill the tumblers about 2/3 full, then insert the dowels when it starts to set. Then use the pipe cleaners to tie the strips of rainbow fabric to the tops of the dowels. Next, tie a bunch of daisies to the dowels using the same pipe cleaners, and put more daisies in the tumblers. This is easy to set up since it is all tied together.

From: [http://gsrv.gs/1PiYilG](http://gsrv.gs/1PiYilG)

For additional ideas, try:
• A park with a small bridge or archway
• Girls can join a circle or horseshoe made up of girls in the next age level.
• Overtur a folding card table so the legs face up. Attach streamers from the floor to one leg, across to the opposite leg, and back to the ground. Repeat on the other side to form the “sides” of the bridge.
• To create a “stream” with “stepping stones” for younger girls, paint a blue stream and several stepping stones on a large, flat piece of cardboard.
• Find even more ideas on ScoutingWeb.com under “Bridging”: [http://gsrv.gs/1h0Qlqe](http://gsrv.gs/1h0Qlqe)

Bridging Kits
The River Valleys shop has bridging kits for purchase. Each girl’s kit includes a bridging patch, a membership star and disk for this year, a Girl Scout pencil, a bridging certificate and a skill-building set of petal requirements for the next level. To purchase a kit, visit a [River Valleys Shop](http://gsrv.gs/gsrvshop) or shop online: [http://gsrv.gs/gsrvshop](http://gsrv.gs/gsrvshop)
Alternative Ceremony Ideas, Songs and Poems

Bake a Batch of Brownies

Supplies:

- Oven (very large box decorated to look like an oven with a large opening in the back)
- The Brownie Girl’s Guide to Girl Scouting (1 per girl)
- Baking supplies/utensils: Whisk or spoon, Measuring spoons, measuring spoons, sifter, spatula, baking pan, bowl, aprons, large table, containers of “ingredients”

Preparation:

- Invite a Girl Scout Brownie troop to help during the bridging ceremony. Inform them of the time and date of the ceremony and confirm their attendance. Forward a script to them.
- If a Girl Scout Brownie troop is not available, ask leaders or parents to participate and forward a script to them.
- Decorate the box that will serve as the oven.
- Make sure each bridging girl has a Daisy and Brownie uniform.
- Help the girls practice and know when their line is coming up.

Formation: Bridging Girl Scout Daisies (in uniform) line up behind the oven. Current Girl Scout Brownies are the ‘bakers.’ Assign speaking parts based on how many girls are in the troop.

Leader: We only have a few Girl Scout Brownies in our troop from last year! We need some new Girl Scout Brownies!
Girl Scout Brownie: Yes, what can we do?
Girl Scout Brownie: I know, let’s make some new Brownies!
All girls: Yes, yes, yes!
Leader: Let’s look in our handbook for the recipe. (Girls and leaders pull out their Girl’s Guide to Girl Scouting).
Leader: Here it is! To make Girl Scout Brownies, we must mix 3 basic ingredients: the Girl Scout Promise, the Girl Scout Law, and a desire to try new things. (Set the book out where people can read the “recipe” while 1 girl gets out a mixing bowl and spoon).
Girl Scout Brownie: (Reading from the recipe) – In a large bowl, we will cream together 1 cup of a promise to serve God, my country, and mankind.
Girl Scout Brownie: To this mixture, add 2 cups of honesty and 2 tablespoons of fairness. Mix together until well-blended.
Girl Scout Brownie: Stir in one cup of friendliness and a cup of helpfulness.
Girl Scout Brownie: Beat together ½ cup of caring and ½ cup consideration for others. Add to the mixture.
Girl Scout Brownie: Now add to the mixture 2 cups of courage and strength, pour in some responsibility for what I say and do, and mix well.
Girl Scout Brownie: Add one cup of respect for authority and one cup of respect for myself and others. Stir until well blended.
Girl Scout Brownie: Sift together ½ cup of a wise use of resources and 3 tablespoons of a promise to make the world a better place. Stir into mixture.
Girl Scout Brownie: Sprinkle on some ‘sisterhood of Girl Scouting’ and mix well.
Girl Scout Brownie: Blend together ½ cup of Discover, where they will understand themselves and their values and use their knowledge and skills to explore the world, ½ cup of Connect, where they will care about, inspire, and team with others locally and globally, and Take Action, where they will act to make the world a better place.
Girl Scout Brownie: In a prepared pan, spread the batter evenly. (Have one or more girls pour the bowl mixture into the pan. Spread it out and then put it in the oven. Someone inside the oven should secretly take it so nothing spills.)
Girl Scout Brownie: Bake at a moderate temperature until done. (Set the dial on the oven and set the timer). Hidden from the audience view, adults help the Girl Scout Daisies change into their Girl Scout Brownie uniform. When the timer rings, the Girl Scout Daisies enter the oven through the back opening.
Leader: (Open the oven door and the new Girl Scout Brownies crawl out of the oven.)
All girls: Look! A new batch of Girl Scout Brownies! The newly-bridged Girl Scout Brownies are welcomed into the troop!
The Daisy Bridging Song
Written by Gina Michael (Tune of Frere Jacques) perform as Repeat-After-Me Song

Goodbye Daisies (wave hand by opening and closing fingers)
Sooo long (big arch with hand and arm)
We’re becoming Brownies (pointing thumb in chest)
Ooh La La (hands in front, wiggle whole body while open and closing hands)

Look out Brownies (pointing finger and moving it up and down)
Here we come (arms outstretched, encompassing the whole group)
We’re becoming Brownies (pointing thumb in chest)
Ooh La La (hands in front, wiggle whole body while open and closing hands)

We’ve worked so hard (swiping hand across brow)
All year long (hands open out front, palms pointed up)
We’re becoming Brownies (pointing thumb in chest)
Ooh La La (hands in front, wiggle whole body while open and closing hands)

Our time has come (tapping wrist as if pointing to a watch)
We’ve crossed the bridge (fingers make walking movement in front of their face)
We are now Brownies (pointing thumb in chest)
Ooh La La (hands in front, wiggle whole body while open and closing hands)

I'm A Little Daisy
(Tune- I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm a little Daisy (hands together, at side of face, head tilted)
dressed in blue (hands pick up hem of uniform smock)
I am a Girl Scout (make GS sign)
you are too (point to neighbor)
When I go to meetings (hands out, palms up)
I sing and shout (hands cup around mouth)
I love being a (point to heart)
Daisy Girl Scout! (clap once on each word)

Bridging Poem
The Daisy is a flower,
As pure and white as can be.
Juliette Low was called Daisy,
She started Girl Scouts, you see.
And now the time is near,
Daisies will bridge to Brownies,
For another Girl Scout year.

Brownies you’ll be for two short years
Make the most of each day that goes by.
Be cheerful and helpful and do a good turn,
And greet each Girl Scout with a “Hi.”
Our Daisy years were lots of fun.
Now it’s over and Brownies has begun!