



# Girl Scout Recognition Celebration Event Planner

## Top Five Reasons to Plan a Service Unit Recognition Celebration

1. Service Unit events create a stronger community presence.
2. Service Unit events create a stronger connection with Girl Scout families.
3. Girls enjoy meeting other Girl Scouts from their local neighborhood and surrounding areas.
4. Family and community members get to see our leaders being recognized for the good work that they do.
5. Service Unit events are fun!

Questions? Comments?  
Contact the Girl Scout  
Service Center nearest  
you.

## Ideas for Girl Scout Recognition Celebrations

Service Units are encouraged to plan a Girl Scout Recognition Celebration to encourage active and continued participation in Girl Scouting. This kind of event will also give parents a chance to see some of the valuable and fun activities that girls in their community have participated in. They will be able to see the Girl Scout leaders in their community being recognized for their achievements and dedication to youth. This is a win-win for everyone!

For this kind of an event, think about what you WANT the parents and community to know about Girl Scouting, as well as what they NEED to know about Girl Scouting.

Here are some tips for planning a successful Girl Scout Recognition Celebration:

- A family potluck or picnic is a great way to thank families for their support during the past year. If a full potluck meal is too big, plan a desserts-only event.
- Prior to the event, ask your leaders about parents in their troops who might need to be thanked.
- Load-in of supplies and set-up at the facility should start at least 90 minutes before the event is scheduled to begin and should be completed at least 30 minutes before the event is scheduled to begin, as this is when participants often start to arrive.
- Allow 5 to 10 minutes at the beginning of the event for late check-in, opening activities—such as a flag ceremony and/or recitation of the Girl Scout Promise, introductions and announcements.
- Take the time to say THANK YOU to the volunteers in your service unit who work for the good of all girls. Allow time to present the Outstanding Leader, Outstanding Volunteer, Volunteer Achievement, Leadership Development and Years of Service/Membership Awards to volunteers in your service unit.
- Do you have troops who will be bridging? Can you combine several troop bridging ceremonies?
- Allow troops time to do a short song or skit or have a Court of Awards Ceremony to present the Girl Scout awards and fun patches they have earned.
- Allow time for a Family Giving presentation to benefit the service unit and the council.
- Allow 10 to 15 minutes at the end of the event for final announcements, final thank-you's and closing activities, such as a flag ceremony.



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# Tips for a Successful Spring Registration Event!

**Start promoting** the benefits of participating in Spring Registration early in the year—in January or February, if possible. Make sure it's mentioned at every Service Unit meeting.

**Be prepared!** Make sure to have a well-stocked first aid kit and a First Aider at the event. Have a plan for emergencies and any special dietary/physical needs that the participants may have.

**Capture the fun** by arranging for someone to take pictures at the event. After the event, share the pictures with those in attendance so they can make a troop scrapbook.

**Ask the girls** what they liked about the event and what they would do differently next time.

**Share your success!** Submit an article and photos to your local newspaper.

**Don't forget** to send thank-you notes to the facility and any presenters and/or volunteers that made the event successful.

**Write down any ideas** for making the event even better next year!

## Planning Checklist for Girl Scout Recognition Celebrations

### DEFINE THE PURPOSE

- Form a committee to plan the event.
- What do you want to accomplish?
  - Adult Recognitions
  - Bridging and/or Troop Court of Awards
  - Combination of adult and girl recognitions?
  - Family Giving Appeal

### OUTLINE EVENT DETAILS

- What kind of event do you want to have?
  - Potluck, family picnic or perhaps desserts only
  - Will troops be entertaining guests?
- Create a schedule for the event.
- Determine event details, such as:
  - Who is eligible to attend - families or only parents and girl members?
  - When are the start and end times?
  - Do troops and/or families need to register? When is that deadline? What phone number should leaders/parents call for questions?
- Review the event schedule and activities. Decide on how facility will be set up - chairs, tables, decorations, food, first aid station, parking.
- Review the event schedule and delegate responsibilities to committees such as:
  - Coordinating the troop recognition portion of the event.
    - What awards will troops be presenting? Time required?
    - Will there be a multi-troop bridging ceremony? Time required?
    - If troops are entertaining, what are they doing? Time required?
  - Lining up Family Giving speaker.
  - Schedule/scripts for Adult Recognition portion of event.
  - Designing and printing programs for event.
  - Making location arrangements (reserve room, etc.)
  - Preparations for meal/food.
  - Setup and tear down.

### SET DATE, TIME AND LOCATION

- Select possible dates that don't interfere with religious or national holidays, community events and activities that may impact on participation, such as council-wide Girl Scout events. Will a rain date be needed?
- Make a list of possible facilities/locations. Take into consideration:
  - Capacity
  - Kitchen facilities
  - Additional equipment that might be needed
  - Parking
  - Is there a rental fee?
  - Is it handicap accessible?
- Reserve a facility for chosen date. The facility must meet all criteria for a meeting place; review *Safety-Wise* (pages 72 and 140) for related standards and guidelines.
- Who will open and close the facility? How do we arrange for a key? Who will set up facility? Is special equipment available on-site or will it need to be rented?

# Spring Registration Ideas

Not sure how to get those spring registrations in on time? Want to do something fun different? Here are a few ideas:

## Spring Registration Drive Through

Secure a large parking lot that is easily accessible to main roads. Give troop leaders a couple dates and times you will be in the parking lot. Have them drive up and drop off troop spring registrations without getting out of their car.

## Spring Registration Special Event

Plan a fun event where girls and troops drop off their spring registrations. Their "ticket" to the event is their spring registration. Make it so much fun that they won't want to miss it!

## Fabulous Giveaways

Order fun, custom-made Service Unit t-shirts for leaders and co-leaders of every troop that turns in their spring registrations on time.

Each troop that turns in spring registrations on time gets entered into a drawing for a fabulous giveaway. Use Service Unit funds or secure donations.

## DETERMINE THE BUDGET

- Make a list of the materials needed to be purchased.
- Create a budget for the event. Include the cost of facility rental, decorations, materials, awards and printing of programs and/or signs.

## MARKETING THE EVENT

- How will you let people know about this event? Will a flier or invitation be needed? If so, who will design, print and distribute the flyer using the council-provided template?

## MISCELLANEOUS EVENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- If a signed contract is required, submit it to the local Girl Scout Service Center for approval by appropriate council staff.
- Obtain a Certificate of Liability Insurance for the site naming Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois as additionally insured. Contact the Council Accountant to obtain a Certificate of Liability Insurance for the contracted business, if requested.
- Develop a crisis management plan. Plan for an emergency (such as a tornado, snow storm, fire, etc.) How will participants be notified if the event is postponed? Who is responsible for bringing a first aid kit to the event? Will additional first aid supplies need to be purchased? What type of first aid certification is needed? Review *Safety-Wise* for related standards and guidelines.
- Notify the local fire and police departments of the event details. (Some towns require a uniformed firefighter and/or police officer to be present for events with a group over a specific number of people).

## 1 WEEK PRIOR TO EVENT

- Confirm that all committee members have begun to finalize their responsibilities.
- Confirm the resource people and/or speakers.
- Confirm the total number of people expected to attend.
- Send out a press release for the event.
- Check the event budget and make any needed changes.
- Confirm the location reservation. Check the event budget and make any needed changes.

## DAY OF EVENT

- Buy any perishable supplies.
- Arrive early to set up for the event. You should plan to arrive 90 minutes before the event is scheduled to begin.
- Review the crisis management plan with all event volunteers.
- If members of the press are expected, assign someone to greet and escort them so that questions can be quickly and easily answered and the best story can be presented to the public.
- Have a greeter to hand out the programs and direct parents on where to go.
- Have fun! Take photos of the participants during the activities.
- Thank the volunteers and resource people and/or speakers.

## AFTER THE EVENT

- Meet with the committee members to review event, and make any recommendations for improving future events.
- Send thank-you notes to all sponsors, resource people and/or speakers, volunteers and facility staff.
- Pay all outstanding bills. Create a final budget report and an event summary and file for future reference.

# Event Planning Worksheet for Girl Scout Recognition Celebrations

Use this  
Event Planning  
Worksheet  
and the Event  
Budget  
Worksheet  
(on the  
next page)  
to help outline  
the details  
for your  
Service Units  
Girl Scout  
Recognition  
Celebration  
event.

- What is the purpose of the event? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- When the event will be held? Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_
- Where will the event be held? \_\_\_\_\_
- What will the theme of the event be? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who will be invited to this event? \_\_\_\_\_
- What types of activities (a Family Giving presentation, troop songs or skits, Court of Awards or Bridging ceremonies) could be planned?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Where will the event be held? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Can the facility accommodate the number of people expected and the activities planned? YES NO
  - Is there a food-preparation area (kitchen, etc.) available? YES NO
  - Is the facility handicap accessible? YES NO
  - Is there adequate parking available? YES NO
  - Is there a rental/custodian fee? YES NO  
If yes, list fee structure. \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the budget for this event? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What type of food/snack will be served? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What type of supplies will be needed for the food/snack and/or activities? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Where will the money come from (Service Unit funds, Troop funds, event fees)? \_\_\_\_\_
  - If an event fee will be charged, how much? \_\_\_\_\_
- How will troop leaders and girls find out about this event (e-mail, flier, Service Unit newsletter, presentation at Service Unit meetings)?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Is any additional training (first aid, camping, specialized activities) required for this event? YES NO
- Is any activity insurance and/or paperwork required for this event?  
YES NO
- How will we know that the event has been successful? How will we gather input to improvement future events? \_\_\_\_\_

# Event Budget Worksheet for Girl Scout Recognition Celebrations

Name of Event \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of Event \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Participants \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Event Staff \_\_\_\_\_

## Estimated Expenses:

### Site:

Rental \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Cleaning Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Keys \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Admission Fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
SUB-TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Food:

Meals \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Snacks/Drinks \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
SUB-TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Housekeeping:

Soap \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Paper Towels \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Toilet Tissue \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Trash Bags \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Plates/Cups/Utensils \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Napkins \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
SUB-TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Equipment Rental \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Reproduction/Mailing:

Fliers \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Programs \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Miscellaneous printing \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
SUB-TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Program Supplies:

Crafts \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Nature \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
SUB-TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Misc:

Thank-you gifts \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Folders/Paper \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Table Decorations \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Tags \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
SUB-TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL Projected Cost** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Recognition Celebration Ideas

Here are some fun ideas to incorporate into your next celebration:

- Have a silent auction where volunteers get “Daisy bucks” (Monopoly money) throughout the year to spend on items. They earn “money” by doing things that benefit Girl Scouting. Look at the following page for a list of activities and how much they pay. Add your own Service Unit ideas and come up with the amounts. Plan ahead to start handing out “bucks” at the beginning of the year.
- Make your celebration a one-stop place to turn in end-of-the-year paperwork too. Leaders can turn in spring registrations, leader reviews, Family Giving envelopes and Service Unit paperwork all in one place. Provide a fun, inexpensive giveaway for each item turned in. Ideas could include giant candy bars, small potted plants, miscellaneous refrigerator magnets, jewelry, food coupons, etc. Go out into your community and secure a nice door prize for free or buy something useful from leftover Service Unit funds, such as a rolling cart to haul Girl Scouts stuff.
- Do a gardening theme and invite a Master Gardener to do a demonstration on container gardening. Use the containers as door prizes at the end of the event.
- Throw a birthday party to celebrate everyone’s birthday all in one day. Have balloons, cake, and ice cream. Get noisemakers and fun little presents, or make up birthday goodie bags. Sing Happy Birthday to “everyone”. Play old birthday party game favorites, such as Pin the Tail on the Donkey.
- Make your recognition celebration into an Oscar Night. Buy little statues and present them with their volunteer awards and pins. Have someone take pictures and give to each recipient. Hand out free movie passes or movie rental coupons. Have a “concession stand” where volunteers can get soda, popcorn, candy, etc.
- Do your girls and/or service unit need to complete a community service project? Combine it with your event and have some fun time while helping someone else.
- Make your recognition purely about fun. Give out recognitions as the volunteers come in the door and then take a riverboat cruise, go to a comedy club, go to a wine tasting, learn line dancing, have a spa afternoon, go see a movie, hold a chocolate party, have a game night, go to a museum, and on and on.
- Have a day at camp without the girls. Go do all the fun things you used to do at camp or with your girls. Don’t forget to make s’mores and sing camp songs!
- Do you have businesses, organizations or individuals who have helped out your troops? Invite them to your awards ceremony and give them homemade plaques from the girls. They will enjoy the thoughtfulness and have an opportunity to see what our volunteers do for girls.

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corporate into  
your celebra-

tion

There is space  
to add your  
own ideas.

# How To Earn Daisy Dollars

Event	Dollars
<b>Service Unit Meetings</b>	
• Attended a Service Unit Meeting and stayed for the entire meeting	\$10 per meeting
• Brought a parent to the meeting to observe	\$10 per meeting
• Brought a girl to the meeting to observe	\$50 per meeting
• Planned an activity to share—craft, song, game, etc.	\$100 per meeting
• Volunteered for a Service Unit team position	\$100 per meeting
• Picked up materials for another leader unable to attend	\$500
• Brought a refreshment to a meeting without reimbursement	\$100 per meeting
<b>Events</b>	
• Helped plan a Service Unit event	\$100 per event
• Helped at a Service Unit event	\$100 per event
• Offered to pick up supplies for a Service Unit event	\$100 per event
<b>Products</b>	
• Turned in Fall Product orders by due date	\$50
• Turned in Fall Product money and forms by due date	\$50
• Turned in Cookie Sale orders by due date	\$50
• Turned in Cookie sale money and forms by due date	\$50
<b>Registration</b>	
• Turned in Spring Registrations by due date	\$300
• Recruited troop parents to register	\$100 per parent
<b>Recognition</b>	
• Turned in a nomination for any adult award-MUST be on time	\$200 per nomination
• Submitted a Letter of Endorsement for an adult award-MUST be on time	\$200 per letter
• Provided a door prize for a Service Unit meeting without reimbursement	\$100.00 per meeting
<b>Council</b>	
• Assisted in council-sponsored event	\$200 per event
• Attended the council Annual Meeting	\$200
• Attended a Town Hall meeting	\$200
• Turned in Family Appeal envelopes on time	\$300
<b>Training</b>	
• Attended any training session	\$25 per training
• Attended any training session besides Home Study	\$50 per training
• Attended the fall kickoff	\$100
• Attended a training that benefits the whole Service Unit	\$300 per training
<b>Recruitment</b>	
• Helped at a girl recruitment	\$100 per recruitment
• Planned and implemented a volunteer-run recruitment	\$200 per recruitment
• Recruited an adult to be on the Service Unit Team	\$300 per adult
<b>Reports</b>	
• Turned in Leader Review/Bank form at the last Service Unit meeting	\$100
<b>Misc. Items</b>	
• Donated a silent auction item	\$50 per item
• Participated in a Service Unit community service project	\$100 per event
• Traveled out of town for an event	\$50 per event
• Planned a parent meeting with your troop	\$50
• Help a troop event and invited other troops	\$50 per event
• Donated troop supplies to a Daisy troop	\$200

Use this Information and the sample scripts on the following pages to help plan a multi-troop Bridging ceremony and/or a Court of Awards ceremony.

# Girl Scout Special Days and Traditions

## Bridging Ceremony

**PURPOSE:** To welcome girls in to the next level of Girl Scouting.

**ACTIVITY IDEAS:**

- “Bake a Batch of Brownies” ceremony for bridging Girl Scout Daisies
- “Brownie Fly-Up” ceremony for bridging Girl Scout Brownies
- “Multi-Level Arch” ceremony for multiple levels of bridging Girl Scouts

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:**

- Grade-level Leader’s Guides and Handbooks
- *Let’s Celebrate!*
- Scouting Web web site: [www.scoutingweb.com](http://www.scoutingweb.com)

## Court of Awards

**PURPOSE:** To recognize and honor girls who have accomplished something, such as completing a service project or earning awards. Court of Awards may be combined with a bridging ceremony when the girls are ready to bridge to the next level of Girl Scouting.

**ACTIVITY IDEAS:**

- Family potluck dinner with presentations from the troops related to the activities they have done as Girl Scouts
- Ice cream social with Girl Scout songs and lawn games
- Summer picnic at local park, arboretum or botanical gardens

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:**

- *Let’s Celebrate!*
- Scouting Web web site: [www.scoutingweb.com](http://www.scoutingweb.com)
- [http://www.kidslist.uc.edu/kidslist/gs/neil/cerem.html#heading\\_2](http://www.kidslist.uc.edu/kidslist/gs/neil/cerem.html#heading_2)
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## Additional Resources for Ceremonies

- [http://members.tripod.com/~bri\\_rose/ceremonies.html](http://members.tripod.com/~bri_rose/ceremonies.html)
- [http://www.sunsetoaks-vista8.org/badge\\_presentations1.htm](http://www.sunsetoaks-vista8.org/badge_presentations1.htm)
- <http://www.scoutingweb.com/scoutingweb/Traditions/Ceremonies.htm>

# Girl Scout Daisy Bridging Ceremony

## Materials Needed:

- 2 tables lying on their side length-wise, with a LARGE cardboard box in the middle. (try a TV dealer for this box) On the box, cut an oven door, with a handle made from cardboard or foil.
- You will also need 2 bowls, 1 large, and 1 small flat baking pan, mixing spoon, measuring bowls, sifter, measuring spoons, and kitchen timer.

## How To Bake A Brownie

"Old" Brownies do all the motions, and fly-up girls stay behind the tables. Current Brownies are in an open horseshoe.

**1st Brownie:** Let's bake something.

**2nd Brownie:** Yes, what can we do?

**3rd Brownie:** I know, let's make some new Brownies !

**All girls -** Yes, Yes, Yes!

**4th Brownie:** Let's look in our handbook for the recipe. (All pull out handbooks.)

**5th Brownie:** Here it is! To make Brownies, we must mix 4 basic ingredients - The Promise, Law, the three "C's" of Courage, Confidence and Character and the three Leadership Keys of Discover, Connect and Take Action.

**6th Brownie:** In a large bowl, cream together 1 cup of each of a promise to serve God, my country and mankind.

**7th Brownie:** To this mixture, add 2 cups of honesty and 4 tablespoons of cheerfulness. Mix together until well blended.

**8th Brownie:** Stir in 1 cup of thoughtfulness.

**9th Brownie:** Beat together 1/2 cup of fairness and 1/2 cup of helpfulness and add to the mixture.

**10th Brownie:** Sprinkle over the mixture 2 tablespoons of sisterhood of Girl Scouting and mix well.

**11th Brownie:** Add 1 cup of respect for authority and 1 cup of respect for myself and others. Stir until well blended.

**12th Brownie:** Sift together 1/2 cup of wise use of resources and 6 tablespoons of a promise to protect and improve the world. Stir into mixture.

**13th Brownie:** Blend together 1/2 cup of each of the following: Courage, Confidence and Character.

**14th Brownie:** Into this mixture, add the three key ingredients to leadership: 4 teaspoons of Discover, 4 teaspoons of Connect and 4 teaspoons of Taking Action, and add to the mixture.

**15th Brownie:** Spread batter into the pan and bake at a moderate temperature until done.

**16th brownie:** (after timer rings) They're done! (*open door and new Girl Scout Brownies start to crawl out of the oven.*) Look! A NEW BATCH OF BROWNIES!

# Girl Scout Brownie Bridging Ceremony

## Out You Fly

Non-bridging Girl Scout Brownies form a ring on one side of the room and Girl Scout Juniors form a horseshoe on the other side of the room. The Girl Scout Brownie leader and the bridging Girl Scout Brownies are in the center of the circle.

### **Brownie Girl Scout Leader:**

Brownie Girl Scouts, you are just about  
To become a Girl Scout Junior.  
But when you have left the pack,  
Turn sometimes and just look back.

Remember that all Fairyland  
Really lies close at hand.  
And if you're happy, brave, and true,  
You'll find the world's all magic, too.

In this new troop you soon will find  
Girl Scout Juniors are loyal and kind.  
And if you bring your Girl Scout grin  
And some brownie magic in—

The troop, the town, the world, and all  
Will like you, even though you're small.  
Now it's time to say good-bye.  
Open the ring and out you fly.

The Girl Scout Brownie leader gives each girl the Girl Scout handshake and pins the Girl Scout Brownie Wings and the Bridge to Girl Scout Juniors Award (if earned) to the girl's uniform. The girls individually walk across the room to the horseshoe.

### **Girl Scout Junior Leader:**

Now who is this, with her dress so brown,  
Her smile turned up and her cap turned down?  
We've heard of her ways all over the town.  
Of course, she is a Brownie Girl Scout.

We're Girl Scout Juniors, a trusty band,  
And we welcome this elf from Brownie land.  
We're ready to help her lend a hand.  
So welcome, new Girl Scout Junior.

The leader asks each girl to say the Promise and then pins the Girl Scout pin on the girl's uniform. Then each girl enters the horseshoe.

# Girl Scout Junior Bridging Ceremony

## THE GIFT OF A GIRL

Girl Scout Juniors form a horseshoe to one side of the room and Girl Scout Cadettes form a horseshoe on the other side of the room. If a bridge is used, it should be between the horseshoes.

**1<sup>st</sup> Girl Scout Junior:** The trail of Girl Scouting winds wide and long,

**2<sup>nd</sup> Girl Scout Junior:** From Brownies and Beanies and sit-upon's,

**3<sup>rd</sup> Girl Scout Junior:** To campouts and service and badges to earn.

**4<sup>th</sup> Girl Scout Junior:** So much to do, so much to learn!

**5<sup>th</sup> Girl Scout Junior:** Then over the bridge and on to Cadettes,

**6<sup>th</sup> Girl Scout Junior:** With memories and friendships

**7<sup>th</sup> Girl Scout Junior:** We'll never forget.

**Girl Scout Junior Leaders:** These Girl Scout Juniors are tried and true. As they cross over the bridge, we give them to you. A gift of a girl is a precious thing. Take care and great joy they will bring.

Each girl may be presented with Bridge to Girl Scout Cadettes (if earned) before crossing over to join the other Girl Scout Cadettes.

**1<sup>st</sup> Girl Scout Cadette:** Let us be friends in everything of duty and of play

**2<sup>nd</sup> Girl Scout Cadette:** And in whatever other deeds we do from day to day.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Girl Scout Cadette:** Let us be kind and generous to those who cross our path,

**4<sup>th</sup> Girl Scout Cadette:** And not allow ourselves to live in jealousy or wrath.

**5<sup>th</sup> Girl Scout Cadette:** Let us consider what we have and how much we can spare,

**6<sup>th</sup> Girl Scout Cadette:** To spread the sunshine within us to others everywhere.

**7<sup>th</sup> Girl Scout Cadette:** For, after all, our happiness to some degree depends

**8<sup>th</sup> Girl Scout Cadette:** On how we go about the task of comforting our friends.

**9<sup>th</sup> Girl Scout Cadette:** So let us follow friendliness with every step we take,

**10<sup>th</sup> Girl Scout Cadette:** And do some worthy deed each day for someone else's sake.

# Multi-Grade Girl Scout Bridging Ceremony

## Multi-Level Arch Ceremony

Girl Scout Daisies and sister Girl Scout Brownie troop should stand and proceed to the designated area for the Arching Ceremony. The arch can be formed by: Leaders or girls raising arms to make arch, holding branches to make an arch or making a floral arch.

### **Girl Scout Daisy:**

When I was a very young girl I learned the joy of singing.  
But now that I am older , I'll take along my happy smile.  
I wore Daisy Blue with Daisy friends so true.  
I'll wear a hat of brown, to Brownies I am bound.

### **Daisies cross through the arch as Girl Scout Daisy says:**

Through the Arch to a wondrous thing, a Daisy joins the Brownie Ring.

Fly-up Brownies and sister Junior troop assemble.

### **Girl Scout Brownie:**

When I was a young girl I wore a dress of brown  
I learned the B's of Brownies, and friendship all around.  
Now the dress I'll wear will be of Girl Scout green.  
Old friends join hands with new, as a Junior I'll be seen.

Brownies now cross through the arch to Junior troop. Bridging Juniors and Cadette sister troop assemble.

### **Girl Scout Junior:**

When I was a young girl I wore a dress of green,  
I learned thru helping others what happiness can mean.  
Now I'll follow in proud footsteps, where other Scouts have been  
Exciting Cadette adventures ... Where I'm ready to begin.

Juniors now cross through the arch to Cadettes. Bridging Cadettes and Senior troop assemble.

### **Girl Scout Cadette:**

When I was a young girl I wore a dress of blue,  
By service to others I've learned what some go through  
To Seniors I am going, I know I'll achieve my goal,  
By learning the world around me, I'll discover my own role.

Cadettes now cross through the arch to Seniors. Bridging Seniors and Ambassador troop assemble.\*

### **Girl Scout Senior:**

When I see a young girl who hasn't worn our dress of green  
I think of all the wonders that she has never seen  
We've watched our girls grow. And marveled at what we've seen  
And now that we are older, we still love our dress of green.

\* Note: Girl Scout Ambassadors bridging to adult Girl Scouting may participate in the ceremony with the Girl Scout Seniors.