

Fly-up/Bridging Ceremony

Co: Welcome to our Bridging Ceremony. In almost all countries & cultures there are ceremonies to mark important events in life—days of celebration, sad days, joyous days, days on which a special commitment is made, days that mark an achievement. Girl Scouts, too, have ceremonies to mark important events & significant days. We will open with a traditional Flag Ceremony, then we will begin our bridging

Girl:

Would you all please stand for the presentation of the flag
Girl Scouts attention
Color Guard attention
Color Guard advance
Color Guard post the colors
Please join me in saying the Pledge of Allegiance
Please join me in saying the Girl Scout Promise Color Guard dismissed
You may be seated

Leader: Discuss the year, point out the display at the back, call up the girls one by one for Review of the Year or play slide show

We will now have our Brownie Fly-up Ceremony. Since Lanie first stood at the Magic Pool when she became a Brownie, she had the chance to learn about the world of Girl Scouting. She has now joined our troop and will “fly up” to Junior Girl Scouts as we repeat the traditional saying, “Now it’s time to say goodbye, Break the ring & out you fly!” We are giving you your Brownie Wings so that you may fly to bigger things

Co: In 1914, Brownie Girl Scouts in the U.S. was modeled after the Brownies of England, who were named after a clever fairy who did good deeds. The Brownie wings are also from the English, & symbolize that a girl has completed the Brownie Girl Scout level & is ready to “fly up” to Junior Girl Scouts with her fairy wings. The Brownie wings that they receive today is worn on the uniforms of those Junior Girl Scouts who completed the Brownie Girl Scout level.

(Lanie comes up, welcoming girls stand on other side of bridge, pin on wings, rest of troop circle her and do chant. She breaks out and approaches bridge)

Leader: As Lanie leaves the Girl Scout Ring, crosses the bridge, & is welcomed into Junior Girl Scouts, she will receive her Girl Scout membership pin, which is worn by all levels from Junior to Adult. She will also get her Junior membership tab, which is green.

JUNIORS: “Hello there. Who are you all dressed in brown, with such cheerful smiles & not one frown?”

BROWNIES: “I am a Brownies & I like to have fun. A Junior Girl Scout I'd like to become.”

JUNIORS: “By what right do you ask?”

BROWNIES: “By the right of my wings.” [*Point to wings*]

JUNIORS: “We welcome you to Juniors. Please cross the bridge.”

▪ *She’s greeted by a Junior with a GS handshake, saying, “Welcome to Juniors.” Put membership tab with pin on shirt*

Leader: thank different parent volunteers, remind about helping clean up

Girl:

1. Everyone please stand	5. Color Guard retire the colors
2. Girl Scouts attention	6. Thank you for coming
3. Color Guard attention	
4. Color Guard advance	