



Virtual Bridging

Ideas and resources in the age of COVID-19

Bridging is an important transition in a Girl Scout's life. It's a defining moment when a Girl Scout becomes aware of her achievements and is ready for new adventures and responsibilities.

Bridging ceremonies can take place at any time throughout the spring, summer or fall. During this pandemic, our best advice is to not worry about bridging now. But if it is helpful for your group to bridge during Stay At Home orders, here are some ideas.

Bridging Requirements:

To earn the Girl Scout Bridging Award for each level, girls are asked to Pass it On and Look Ahead.

Pass It On ideas to share with your Service Unit or a younger troop:

- Make a Kahoot! Quiz to share your troop highlights with younger girls.
- Make a video to teach something to younger girls.
- Record a portion of your troop virtual meeting and have every girl share her favorite memory from that level.
- Older girls can create a "highlight reel" video with iMovie or other software.
- Become troop pen-pals. Have each girl in your troop write a letter or send a post card to girls in a younger troop.
- Tell a younger sibling about recent Girl Scout activities.

Look Ahead ideas:

- View any of the Pass it On ideas that other troops have shared.
- Talk to an older Girl Scout (parent, sibling, grand-parent, family friend) about their favorite Girl Scout memories.
- Research what new opportunities girls will have at their new level (travel distances, adventure activities, etc.)
- Have girls share a goal or wish for their next year as a Girl Scout. They can write it down or draw a picture.

Bridging Ceremonies:

Talk to your girls about how they would like to celebrate! They may have some great ideas on their own. Here are some to get you started:

- Have each girl visit a local bridge – be it a local landmark or a bridge in a park - during your "Bridging Week" and take a picture crossing it. Assemble all the pictures into a slide show.
- Create a backyard bridge with any of the following materials: wrapping paper, pool noodles, streamers, a shipping pallet, cardboard, or a milk crate/strong box – or have each family make a soccer tunnel/London bridge for the girl to walk under.
- Combine your backyard bridge with a virtual meeting – caregivers can do a Girl Scout handshake with their Girl Scout after she crosses the bridge, or girls can do a virtual Girl Scout handshake with their leader.
- Have each girl in the troop create a steppingstone at home to step over for their bridge. When your troop reassembles, have girls bring all their steppingstones together.
- Create a backyard bridging obstacle course or neighborhood scavenger hunt.

For links to examples and more ideas, check out our [Bridging Resources Pinterest Board](#).

You can order your Bridging Kit per girl by emailing shopdept@gksmo.org or visiting <https://www.girlscoutshop.com/GIRL-SCOUT-EVENTS/BRIDGING-CEREMONIES/Bridging-Kits>.

