

## ***BRIDGING BROWNIES W/COLOR CIRCLE AND STEPPING STONES***

*This ceremony is good at a place with a lawn and a bridge.*

*I always started my Bridging Ceremonies with a Flag Ceremony since it is a serious event. You can skip the flag ceremony if you want.*

Color Guard advance

Color Guard post colors

Girl Scouts and Guests please salute your flag

Girl Scouts and Guests please recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Girl Scouts please recite the Girl Scout Promise

Color Guard dismissed

Welcome to Troop \_\_\_\_'s Bridging Ceremony. *At this point you talk about what you have done as a troop as Brownies – where you went, what you earned, what events you hosted. Also thank all the volunteers.*

As part of our ceremony we recognize those Girl Scouts here and around the World with a circle of friendship. *There are 6 colored pieces of yarn and seven steps to this part of the ceremony. If you have more than 7 girls bridging, then divide it up- some hold yarn while another reads their part, then maybe 2 girls can tie the knot – that will be a total of 14 positions to fill if need be. Once the color is read, it is passed down to the next girl to add it to the strands.*

The circle is made of six colors. The red strand is the color of the world of well being. In Girl Scouting girls learn about themselves and to feel good about themselves. Good health and exercise, good life habits of caring and helping. The world of well-being helps to stretch the abilities of each girl.

Blue is the color of the world of people. Girls learn to appreciate the differences and similarities of people, their families, their friends, people older and younger, people in other communities or countries.

Orange symbolizes the world of today and tomorrow. What does the future hold for each girl? Girl Scouting tries to help each girl look forward to the many opportunities and to the awesome responsibilities facing girls today.

The world of arts is represented by the purple strand. In this world, girls develop their creative talents and perhaps a life-long enjoyment of the arts -- - such as painting, drama, dance, sculpture and music.

Yellow – like the sunshine - is the world of out of doors. In this world, girls learn to understand and to protect the natural world. Girls learn to live in the out-of-doors and appreciate its beauty and splendor.

The sixth color is green, the traditional color of Girl Scouting. Green represents the diversity of those who wear the Girl Scout green. Those of different races and religions, and those from diverse social and economic backgrounds.

The two ends are joined together by a square knot. A square knot never slips – it represents the firm foundation of friendships that are so important to all of us in Girl Scouting.

*I made concrete stepping stones with the six color gems embedded in them for the girls and scratched their names in the stones. I then set them out on the grass in a path that they had to follow for the next presentation.*

This friendship ring is embedded in the stepping stones of the path the girls take in Girl Scouts.

You've been Brownies and some Daisies too  
There were so many things for you to do  
You're ready now for Junior Scouts  
New adventures you'll have no doubt.  
Now take that path that will lead you there  
Brownie wings you all will share.

*Call a girl's name out and have her walk on the stone path. Have her share with everyone what she liked best about being a Brownie. Have her stand beside you as the next girl takes the path. Continue until all have taken the path.*

*At this point, the girl's family joins her. You go across the other side of the bridge and say:*

As a special ceremony in showing your dedication to your daughter and to Girl Scouts, we would like to invite the family to Bridge with their Brownie when her name is called.

*Call the Brownie across the bridge with her family, shake her hand and give her her sash. Then continue on until all girls are called.*

Juniors you'll be for two short years  
Make the most of each day that goes by  
Be cheerful and helpful; learn all that you can  
And greet each Girl Scout with a Hi!

*At this point you can conclude the ceremony by saying a few words, singing a song or doing the friendship circle with everyone.*

*At this point you need to retire the flag.*

Color guard assemble  
Color guard retire the colors

## ***BRIDGING DAISYS AND BROWNIES TOGETHER***

*This ceremony is best done at a park with a slide and a bridge (i.e. Florence Joyner Olympic Park). They also have covered tables there to use for a potluck after the ceremony.*

*I always started my Bridging Ceremonies with a Flag Ceremony since it is a serious event. You can skip the flag ceremony if you want. I would include a Daisy as a guard, Brownie to hold flag and Junior to read instructions.*

Color Guard advance

Color Guard post colors

Girl Scouts and Guests please salute your flag

Girl Scouts and Guests please recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Girl Scouts please recite the Girl Scout Promise

Color Guard dismissed

Welcome to Troop \_\_\_\_'s Flying Up Ceremony and Troop \_\_\_\_'s Bridging Ceremony. *At this point you talk about what you have done as a troop as Daisys and Brownies – where you went, what you earned, what events you hosted. Also thank all the volunteers.*

*At this point the Daisys are lined up on the slide stairs and top to be called to slide down. The Brownies are in a horse-shoe shape ready to receive each Daisy. I have had a small stuffed animal handed to each Daisy by a Brownie (the council store used to have a Pegasus to buy for this event). A volunteer stays at the top of the slide to make sure all girls do not go down until they are called.*

When I was a very young girl

I wore Daisy Blue

I learned the joy of singing

With Daisy friends so true

But now that I am older

I'll wear a sash of brown

I'll take along my happy smile

To Brownies I am bound.

*At this point you call a girls name, as she is sliding down the BROWNIE girls recite:*

Down the slide to a wonderous thing, a Daisy joins the Brownie ring.

*Daisy then shakes hands with you and you give her the patches. She then shakes hands with all Brownies and the last one gives her the stuffed animal or gift. Continue on in the same fashion – call her name and the recital by the Brownies while she is sliding and hand shaking until all girls are done.*

We now ask that everyone join us in moving to our bridge. Now I would like to introduce each Brownie and give them their year pin. *After their name is called make sure the girls form a circle don't forget to include the new Brownies that just slid in.*

Brownies sing a song

Now it is time to say goodbye to (*# of Brownies Bridging*). I will surely miss every one of you and wish you great success in your life and lots of fun in Girl Scouts as a Junior.

*You may choose any of the following poems to recite at this time:*

When I was a young girl I wore clothes of brown  
I learned the ways of Brownies  
And friendship all around  
Now the clothes I'll wear  
Will be of Girl Scout green  
Old friends join hands with new  
As a Junior I'll be seen.

OR

You've been in Brownies and you've earned  
Your wings of sunlight gold  
You're ready now for Junior Scouts  
New adventures you will behold.

OR

Brownie you are just about  
To become a Junior Scout  
In the troop you soon will find  
Junior Scouts are true and kind  
So now I give you Brownie wings,  
That you may fly to bigger things.

OR

You have been in Daisys and Brownies too  
There were so many things for you to do,  
You're ready now for Junior Scouts  
New adventures you'll have no doubt.

*At this point all Brownies join hands. Have a few Juniors on the other side of the Bridge. As the girl's name is called the Junior comes across the bridge. As Bridging Brownie's name is called the Brownies will recite:*

Now it's time to say goodbye, break the ring and out you fly.

*The Brownie comes to you ask her what she liked best about being a Brownie, shake hands, give her the wings. She is then greeted by a Junior who gives a gift and takes her across the Bridge where she stays. Repeat the cycle (call name, recital by Brownies, etc.) until all girls have Bridged.*

*Have all girls come together in a large circle and sing Make New Friends (3 verses). Then close the ceremony with whatever you want to say.*

*At this point you need to retire the flag.*

Color guard assemble  
Color guard retire the colors