Girl Scout Bridging Awards

Soar to Ambassador!

Do you have a lot to give? Do you want your voice to be heard? Are you excited to get involved with people and causes you care about? Girl Scout Ambassadors is for you!

Ambassador is the highest level a girl can attain in Girl Scouts. As a Girl Scout Senior, you began exploring the wider world. When you become an Ambassador, you'll be ready to soar! Think of all your future holds and how being an Ambassador can set you on your way!

Are you planning to go to college? You can find out about life there by spending the night on a campus or attending a workshop run by Campus Girl Scouts. Or, take a Collegiate Challenge*destination*, an event designed just for Ambassadors.

If you're interested in politics, learn how to lobby your elected officials and then visit your state capital—or even federal representatives—and urge them to act on an issue you care about!
Want to see the world? You can plan a trip to one of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts World Centers or go on a *destinations* trip with other Girl Scouts.

Use all the confidence you've developed as a Girl Scout to really challenge yourself physically. Try kickboxing, SCUBA diving, a high adventure challenge course—or go on a Survivor Encampment to see if you've got what it takes to survive in the wild!

You'll have three new journeys to choose from—*Your Voice, Your World*; *Justice;* and *Bliss*—and new journey awards to earn.

Plus, you can earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, Girl Scouting's most prestigious award. You might even become one of the Girl Scout Young Women of Distinction, a national honor bestowed upon those who earn the Gold Award and do something really extraordinary.

Earning the Award

Are you ready to soar to Ambassador? Complete the two bridging steps to earn your Bridge to Girl Scout Ambassador Award.

Bridging Step One: Pass It On!
Share your talents and skills by teaching younger Girl Scouts one thing you learned to do as a Senior.

Whether you started Girl Scouts as a Daisy or joined as a Senior, you've learned a lot to get here! It's time to inspire others with what you know. Use one of these ideas to start you off, or come up with your own. You only have to do one to complete the step.

- Just as you're looking ahead to what it means to be an Ambassador, Girl Scout Cadettes are right behind you, ready and eager to take their next big step up the leadership ladder! Inspire them by giving them a glimpse of life as a Senior. Invite them on a camp-out, overnight trip, or other fun event and talk about your experiences. You can even continue the conversation on Facebook or by email, if you want.
- Take something you've learned in Girl Scouts and share it with others. Did you travel on a *destination*? Hold a slide show for Cadettes. Did you complete a Take Action project through one of the journeys? Blog about it. Did you attend the Girl Scout National Convention? Report back to your council.

Bridging Step Two: Look Ahead!

Find out what Girl Scout Ambassadors Do

Explore what it's like to be an Ambassador. What's the best way to do that? Connect with girls who are already there! Girls who have attained the highest level will be happy to share their experiences and give you a leg up in framing your next step. Here are ideas for making your get-together fun and inspiring. Or, come up with your own. You only need to do one to complete the step.

- Invite Ambassadors to a round table. Start with some tasty snacks and a few "getting to know you" games. Ask your Ambassador sisters about their achievements and challenges. Find out about their most surprising, funny or moving moments as Girl Scouts. Get their tips on how to make the most of your Ambassador experience!
- Meet with Girl Scout Ambassadors online by establishing a Wiki community. Or, start a Facebook, Google or Yahoo! group. Tap the widest network you can to find out how others chose their Gold Award projects, how they connected with mentors, what outdoor adventures and trips they went on, or anything else that interests you. Start a list of what you would like to do as an Ambassador!
- Find out about how Girl Scouting in the United States and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girls Scouts strive to effect change around the world. Look into Girl Scout *destinations,* travel to the World Centers, WAGGGS conferences and other opportunities and forums open to Ambassadors. If you've already traveled through the Girl Scouts, reflect on how your experience might help promote social change.
- Join a council event, camping trip, overnight or Take Action project that involves Ambassadors. See what you can learn about expanding your current interests as you move into your next step in Girl Scouting. For example, if you were totally jazzed by the Senior *Sow What?* Journey, develop a Gold Award project promoting locally grown food and healthy food production for the planet as you travel the Ambassador *Justice* Journey.

Plan a Ceremony

Congratulations! You've earned your Bridge to Girl Scout Ambassador Award! Celebrate with a favorite ceremony—or make up a new one. Then add your Bridging patch to your sash or vest.