

## Blast Off to Brownie!

Even before there were Girl Scouts, there were Brownies—magical elves who did helpful things. Today, girls who become Brownies still help people by going on journeys like *Brownie Quest*, *WOW! Wonders of Water*, or *A World of Girls* (available in December 2010) with their Girl Scout sisters.



The Bridge to Girl Scout Brownie Award Patch ([UPC # 09709](#), suggested retail price \$1.20).

Brownies have a lot of fun together! They sing the Brownie Smile song, sleep in tents, go on hikes, and tell stories around campfires under the stars. (Don't forget to make hot chocolate and S'mores!). They may visit museums or zoos, meet people who have interesting jobs, or exchange SWAPS (Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere) with new friends.

You'll learn more about what it's like to be a Brownie by earning your Bridge to Girl Scout Brownie Award. Plus, you'll be taking part in the great tradition of Girl Scout Bridging! As you grow up, you'll continue moving up as a Girl Scout with these special ceremonies.

## Earning the Award

To earn the Bridge to Brownie Award, complete the two bridging steps. These steps will help you pass down something you learned as a Daisy Girl Scout and look forward to what's waiting for you at the next level.

## Bridging Step One: Pass It On!

**Inspire younger girls by sharing what it's like to be a Daisy.**

Remember how excited you were about becoming a Daisy? There are younger girls who can't wait to follow in your footsteps! As you get ready to become a Brownie, spend time letting younger girls know what you've enjoyed about being a Daisy. Do at least one of the following activities when you get together— or do them all!

- Teach younger girls the Girl Scout Promise, then take them through the Girl Scout Law. Share a story about how you learned to put the Promise and Law into action.
- Tell the younger girls about Amazing Daisy, Lupe, Tula, and the other flower friends, then share a story about your favorite. Why is she your favorite? What did you learn from her about making the world a better place? What did you learn about yourself? Help the younger girls color pictures of the flower friends to take home.
- Play a game together! Is there a special game you loved to play as a Daisy that you could teach the younger girls?

- With your Daisy sisters, make a little something you can give to the younger girls that shows them what Girl Scout Daisies are all about! Maybe a little "ticket" to Girl Scout Daisies? Or a picture of a flower friend with her line from the Girl Scout Law? Or a puppet. Or even a little message on a card. Whatever you make, be sure to explain what it means when you give it to the girls and offer them a great big welcome into Girl Scouts! Perhaps there's a song you can teach them too!

## **Bridging Step Two: Look Ahead!**

### **Find out What Girl Scout Brownies Do**

Spend time with some Brownie sisters. After all, they know about the fun and adventures Brownies can have together! Do at least one of the following activities—or do them all if you want!

- Say the Girl Scout Promise together. Then find out if your Brownie friends have a favorite part of the Girl Scout Law. Were they friendly and helpful, or courageous and strong? Then, ask the Brownies if they can teach you a favorite game they learned to play as Brownies.
- Ask the Brownies to teach you their favorite Brownie song, then sing it together.
- Ask your Brownie friends to help you make special "tickets" into the world of Brownies. Your Brownie friends can write down the three things they had the most fun doing as Brownies, then help you decorate the tickets. Take your ticket home as a reminder of all the fun that is in store for you as a Brownie. Nice!!
- Ask the Brownies to show you their journey awards and tell you what they did to earn them. How did they make the world a better place? What new friends can the Brownies introduce you to in their journeys?
- Start exploring how you and your Daisy sisters can help your community when you become Brownies. Ask the Brownies to help you decorate a box or jar that will become your "Take Action Idea Bank." Get ideas by asking the Brownies how you can to help your community. Get more ideas by talking to an adult who works in the community such as at a firehouse, hospital, library, or mayor's office. You could even get ideas by walking around your neighborhood with an adult and looking for ways to help. For example, maybe you might see playground equipment that needs to be fixed. Write down all your ideas and put them in your idea bank. These ideas will be waiting for you when you become a Girl Scout Brownie!

### **Plan a Ceremony**

Congratulations! You have earned your Bridge to Girl Scout Brownie Award. Celebrate with a favorite ceremony you learned on your Daisy journey—or make up a new one. Then proudly add your Bridging patch to your sash or vest! For

more fun ideas, visit [Bridging Ceremonies](#). If you go online, remember to sign the [Girl Scout Internet Safety Pledge](#).