

Bridging to Girl Scout Adult

Your moment is here! As a graduating Girl Scout Ambassador, you'll embrace what you've learned in Girl Scouting, honor how that will forever be a part of who you are, and step into the world as a young woman of courage, confidence, and character.

When you become a Girl Scout adult, you join nearly one million Girl Scouts – across the country and around the world – who volunteer their time and inspire girls to become leaders. You're, also, linked to an astounding 10 million global sisters through the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts and 50 million Girl Scout alumnae.

Whether you want to build your resume, blaze a particular career path, or make new friends based on a shared Girl Scout experience, you've got a worldwide sisterhood that will add richness and fun to the rest of your life!

You'll find many different ways to stay connected to Girl Scouts, the organization that helped you grow into the young woman you are today. If you're heading to college, consider volunteering with the local council or interning with a professional who works in a field in which you're interested, a great way to make friends and earn service learning credits.

Girls love to connect with young adults, so you're in a perfect position to influence and inspire those younger than you. You can volunteer to guide a troop, help girls earn badges by teaching a skill such as photography or rock

climbing, mentor Girl Scouts as they do a Leadership Journey, help out at a day camp, or work with girls as they participate in the Girl Scout Cookie Program.

Love to travel? Think about chaperoning girls as they visit Aerospace Camp, ride horses in the Appalachian Mountains, or celebrate world culture at Mexico's Our Cabana. You can become a camp counselor, represent GSUSA at national and international events, raise funds for your council, or serve on the board of directors. Above all, you can give back to Girl Scouts by sharing your experiences, listening to the girls, and inspiring them to dream big, too.

Are you ready to cross the bridge to Girl Scout adult? Complete these two bridging steps to earn your Bridge to Girl Scout adult award, the last award you can earn as a girl member.

To earn your Bridging award, complete these two bridging steps:

Step 1 Pass It On

Share your talents and skills by teaching younger Girl Scouts one thing you learned to do as an Ambassador.

This list has a few ideas to get started. You only have to do one of these – or something like it – to complete the step.

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- **Share favorite things you did on a National Leadership Journey.** Did you add a trip? Meet local experts? Do something special when you earned your awards? Put together a special package or presentation to share advice and experiences with Seniors.
- **Share with a group of Seniors** your favorite memories of being an Ambassador – your Take Action projects, trips, outings, friendships, and leadership lessons learned. As you help Seniors define what leadership means to them, reflect on how others helped you along the way.
- **Inspire younger girls by helping them** earn badges or complete Journey activity. You could, also, hold a fitness clinic, teach a dance class, take them geocaching, or pass on any other special skill you've learned as a Girl Scout.

Step 2 Look Ahead

More than 900,000 adults empower girls to become leaders through Girl Scouting. Talk to Girl Scout Adults to find out what inspires them and to get ideas about what you'd like to do.

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- **Get together with a Girl Scout adult.** This doesn't have to be formal. You can start a conversation at a

pizza party, take a walk on the beach, have a movie night, or go on a camping trip. Ask your adult why she thinks the Girl Scout legacy has endured or what she considers the highlights of volunteering.

- **Hold an appreciation breakfast or lunch for Girl Scout adults who have supported you.** Share your memories, photos, or even a poem to tell them how much their help meant to you.
- **Create a slide show of your best moments in Girl Scouts.** Add some music, then gather your friends, family, and the Girl Scout adults who influenced you to share your walk down memory lane.

Congratulations! You've earned your Bridge to Girl Scout Adult award! Celebrate with a favorite ceremony you learned in your time as a Girl Scout.

Once you have graduated, register as a Girl Scout adult. You may want to check out the special lifetime membership that's offered at reduced cost to registered Girl Scout Ambassadors whose membership is current at the time of their high school graduation.

Don't forget to share future plans with your Girl Scout council and stay in touch with them. They would love to hear from you! And, remember, no matter where in the country or world you live, there will always be Girl Scouts, USA Girl Scouts Overseas, and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

*You're never far from the sisterhood –
and it could always use you.*