

Bridging to Girl Scout Cadette

As your years as a Girl Scout Junior come to a close, celebrate how you've learned and grown – by finding out what excitement is in store as a Girl Scout Cadette.

As a Girl Scout Cadette, you can lead in all kinds of fun ways. You'll have three different Journeys from which to choose: *aMAZE! The Twists and Turns of Getting Along*, *Breathe*, and *Media*.

Once you've done a Journey, you can embrace an issue about which you care deeply and complete a project to earn your Girl Scout Silver Award – the highest award a Cadette can earn.

What else can you do to help others? You may want to organize a basketball league for girls in your community, help plan a Performance badge workshop for younger Girl Scouts, or volunteer with Habitat for Humanity. And, if you enjoy working with younger girls, you can help your Brownie sisters on Journeys and earn LiA (Leadership in Action) awards.

Plus, you'll have even more opportunities to travel as a Cadette. You could go on a *destinations* trip, explore a majestic national park, or hike the Appalachian Trail.

There's so much to look forward to!

To earn your Bridging award, complete two bridging steps:

Step 1 Pass It On

Share your talents and skills by touching younger Girl Scouts something you learned to do as a Junior.

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.

IDEAS

- **Invite Brownies to attend one of your meetings**, and share something that will make them look forward to being a Girl Scout Junior. For example, you could show them photos from a mystery you went on for your Detective badge, demonstrate how to pack for an overnight camping trip, or show a video of everyone in your group talking about their favorite Junior memories.
- **Invite girls your age who aren't Girl Scouts to join you in a fun activity** – doing martial arts, learning sign language, or building a parade float. If you're doing a Take Action project, ask your buddies to tag along! Maybe you'll inspire them to pitch in.
- **Team up with the girls in your group who earned a Bronze Award**, and hold a question-and-answer session for interested Brownies. Describe how you chose your project, planned it, and overcame obstacles along the way. Inspire them to go for the Bronze, too.

Step 2 Look Ahead

As a Cadette, you'll set your sights on the world outside your local area. There's no better way to find out what you have to look forward to than by talking with your Cadette sisters.

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- **Ask a Girl Scout Cadette to talk to you about her experiences.** What was her favorite activity as a Cadette? What new skills did she learn?
- **Do you want to work on your Girl Scout Silver Award?** Find Cadettes who have earned this honor, and ask them for tips. Find out how they formed their teams, how they selected a project, and what they learned along the way. If you have some ideas for your own project, ask them for advice.
- **Talk to Cadettes about the Journeys on which they went.** What did they enjoy about the experience? How did they make their community better? Ask them to share their best moments from their Journey with you.

Congratulations! You've earned your Bridge to Girl Scout Cadette award! Celebrate with a favorite ceremony you learned on your Junior adventure – or make up a new one. Then add your awards to your Cadette sash or vest.