

Bridging to Girl Scout Ambassador

You've been a force for positive change as a Girl Scout Senior – showing the world what you can do. As a Girl Scout Ambassador, you can supercharge all that you've already been accomplishing. Your voice is getting more sophisticated as you grow, and there are more ways to be heard and more platforms to share your ideas and opinions.

Are you excited to get even more involved with people and causes about which you care, to mentor younger girls, and to gain great knowledge targeted at getting you prepared for young adulthood? Then Girl Scout Ambassador 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!

Are you planning to go to college? You might volunteer with the local council or interning with a professional who works in a field in which you're interested. Or, go on a Collegiate Challenge *destination*, an event designed just for Ambassadors.

If you're interested in politics, earn your Public Policy badge as you learn how to lobby your elected officials – including your federal representatives and urge them to act on an issue about which you care.

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 try a survival challenge to see if you've got what it takes to get by in the wild.

You'll have three new Journeys from which to choose – *Your Voice, Your World: The Power of Advocacy; Justice; and BLISS: Live It! Give It!*

If you haven't yet, you can earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, Girl Scouting's most prestigious award. You might even be chosen as a Girl Scout Young Woman of Distinction, a national honor bestowed upon those who earn the Gold Award and do something really extraordinary.

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

Step 1 Pass It On

Share your talents and skills by touching younger Girl Scouts one thing you learned to do as a Senior.

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 a little kit together and give it to Cadettes to help them start charting their course after they bridge up.
- **Invite a group of Cadettes on a campout, overnight trip, or other fun event,** and talk about your experiences as a Senior.
- **If you've earned your Gold Award, talk to Cadettes** who want to do their own Gold Award projects. Share what you learned, and offer them tips based on your own experience.

Step 2 Look Ahead

Explore what it's like to be an Ambassador. What's the best way to do that? Connect with girls who are already there.

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- **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.

- **Connect with Girl Scout Ambassadors through social media.** Tap the widest network you can to find out how others chose their Gold Award projects, how they connected with mentors, on what outdoor adventures and trips they went, or anything else that interests you.
- **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 excited by a project you did on a Senior Journey, find out how you could continue to develop it for an Ambassador Take Action of Gold Award project.

Congratulations! You've earned your Bridge to Girl Scout Ambassador Award! Celebrate with a favorite ceremony – or invent a new one.