

SHORT & SNAPPY: Bridging

What is a Short and Snappy?

- It's a short interactive group discussion provided at a Service Unit meeting
- Any Service Unit team member, interested volunteer, or learning facilitator may guide a S&S

Objectives

- Volunteers will learn about the bridging ceremony.
- Supply volunteers with resources to use for creating their own bridging ceremony.

Steps for Success

- Make sure the girls are involved in the decision making and planning of the ceremony. As girls get older, let them take on more responsibility.
- If family and friends are invited, distribute invitations.
- Including another troop? Make sure they are informed of the date and time and their roles.
- Practice ahead of time so everyone knows their roles.
- Gather supplies well ahead of time.
- Remind girls, parents, and guardians that uniforms need to be ready for the ceremony.
- Make sure to have copies of speaking parts or song lyrics for girls, troops, and guests.
- Have busy bags available for young guests. They could include coloring sheets and Crayons.

Elements/Activities

Bridging is an important transition in a Girl Scout's life. It's a defining moment when a Girl Scout becomes aware of her achievements and is ready for new adventures and responsibilities.

The Basics:

- A flag or opening ceremony
- Reciting of the Girl Scout Promise
- Reading or reciting of the Girl Scout Law
- Crossing a bridge
- The Girl Scout handshake
- Presentation of certificates, patches, and other awards
- Ending ceremony

Fun Additions:

- Doing the friendship squeeze
- Singing a Girl Scout song
- Serving refreshments
- Sharing favorite Girl Scout memories or pictures
- Sharing plans for the next year

Additional Resources

- [Tips For Planning a Bridging Ceremony](#)
- [Bridging Kits](#)
- [Girl Scout Guide to Bridging](#)
- [MakingFriends.com Bridging Resources](#)