



Girl Scout Bridging Guide

What is Bridging?

For a girl who is already a Girl Scout, bridging is the special ceremony in which she officially goes from one level to the next. This can be from Daisies to Brownies all the way through Ambassadors to adults. In a multi-age troop, only some girls will be ready to bridge, or an entire troop can bridge at the same time. Neighboring troops may also choose to come together to put on a larger event.

Bridging ceremonies are a great way to celebrate girls' grit, creativity, courage, and leadership. Most troops choose to bridge at the end of the Girl Scout year. This way, the ceremony is the culminating event for not only that year, but that level, and girls can proudly share what they have learned with family and friends. It can be on a special day set aside, or incorporated into the final troop meeting of the year.

Requirements

In preparation for bridging, girls and leaders should review their Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting. In it, there is a designated section on explaining the specific things girls must do to get ready for their adventure to the next level. These activities often include talking to older girls about their experiences, earning a badge from the next level, and other ways to explore the exciting opportunities that will be open to them as they go one level higher. While leaders can work with their girls to start planning their bridging ceremony as they are still participating in regular activities, girls must complete all requirements prior to bridging.

Ceremony

The most important thing to remember is that this should be a girl-led celebration. The girls should be actively engaged in designing what their ceremony will look like, and it should reflect their personalities and interests. To help guide them, leaders may want to prompt girls with a general outline of common bridging elements. These can include:

1. Opening
2. Presentation/Performance
3. Crossing and Flying Up
5. Closing
6. Refreshments



Girl Scout Bridging Tips & Ideas

- ✿ In Girl Scouts, the rainbow is a symbol of bridging. Challenge the girls to think of wearable rainbow art that they can make ahead of time and all wear during the ceremony, such as friendship bracelets with multi-colored beads or thread.
- ✿ Balloons can be a quick way to create a rainbow arch that girls walk under during the ceremony. Carpet squares, stepping stones, garden pavers, or chalk can be used to mark out a path for girls to travel.
- ✿ If you have photos from events throughout the year, consider creating a slideshow with pictures and comments from the girls.
- ✿ If the girls have speaking parts during the ceremony, it may be helpful to spend one meeting having the girls write or draw pictures on pieces of paper describing what they will share.
- ✿ A court of awards can easily be incorporated into an end-of-year bridging ceremony. The leader can present each girl with key badges and other recognitions earned during the year. Don't forget that there is a Bridging Award for each level that could also be presented.

Bridging Ceremony Location Ideas

- ✿ **School** - Use the auditorium and stage to make the ceremony extra special.
- ✿ **Troop pool party** - Girls can use a water slide to "slide" from one level to the other, or swim across the pool to the next level.
- ✿ **Camp** - Did you know you can rent our camp facilities? Perhaps a bridging ceremony can be incorporated into a troop camping trip.
- ✿ **Join another troop** - Is your service unit holding a community bridging event? Find out how your troop can get involved and be recognized.



Girl Scout Bridging Templates: Invitations, and Posters

Bridging is an important transition in a Girl Scout's life. It's a defining moment when a girl becomes aware of her achievements and is ready for new adventures and responsibilities. Celebrating this change should be fun and memorable for everyone involved!

To help celebrate, we've provided some bridging materials you can customize for your Girl Scouts! In this document, we've got our templates organized by each grade level transition:

-  **Daisy to Brownie**
-  **Brownie to Junior**
-  **Junior to Cadette**
-  **Cadette to Senior**
-  **Senior to Ambassador**

We look forward to cheering on your girl as she continues to build her courage, confidence, and character!

You are invited to a

BRIDGING CEREMONY FOR TROOP

Come celebrate with us
as we bridge from



Daisies to Brownies



Location:

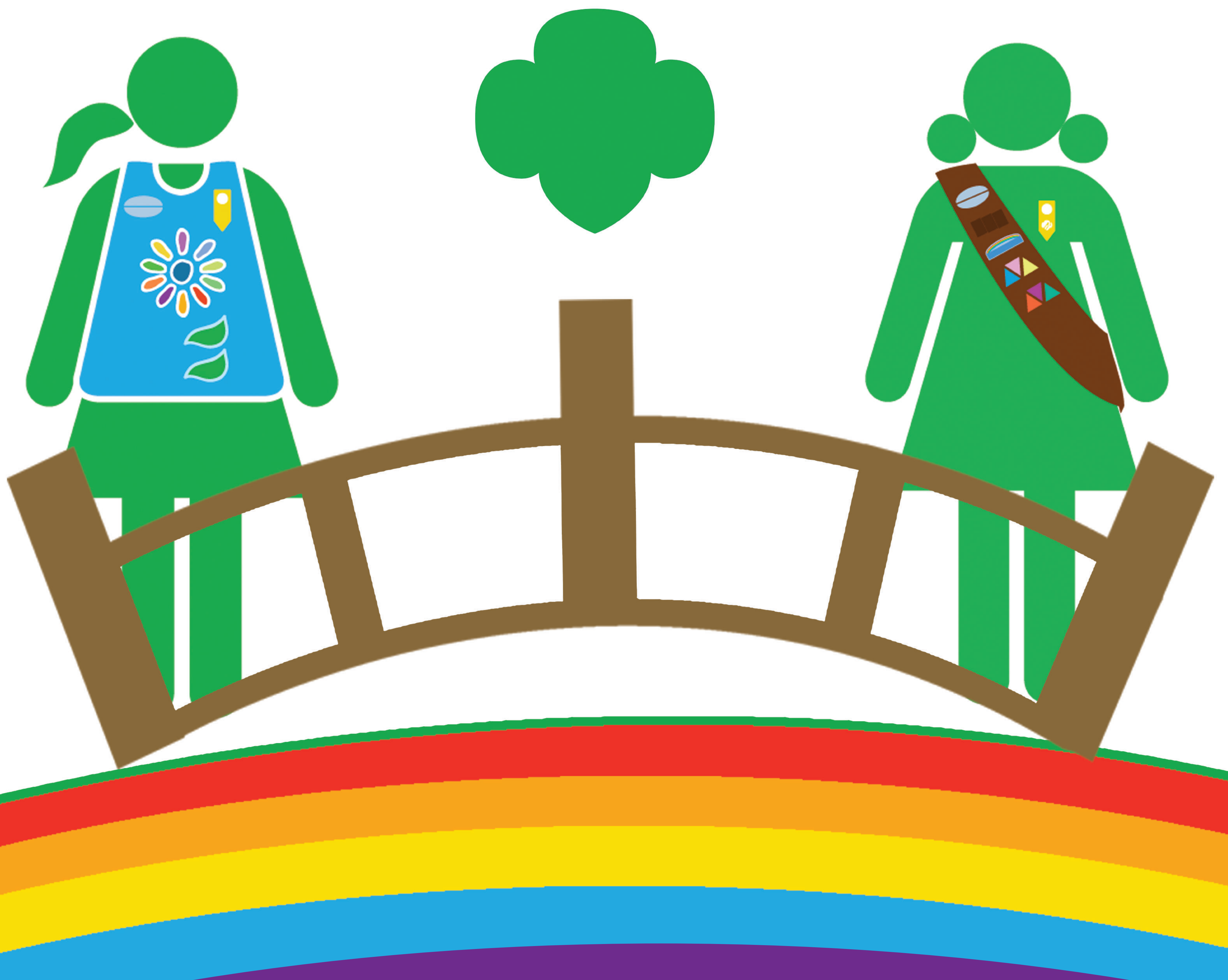
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Congratulations to all our Daisies

Bridging to Brownies!



You are invited to a

BRIDGING CEREMONY FOR TROOP

Come celebrate with us
as we bridge from



Brownies to Juniors



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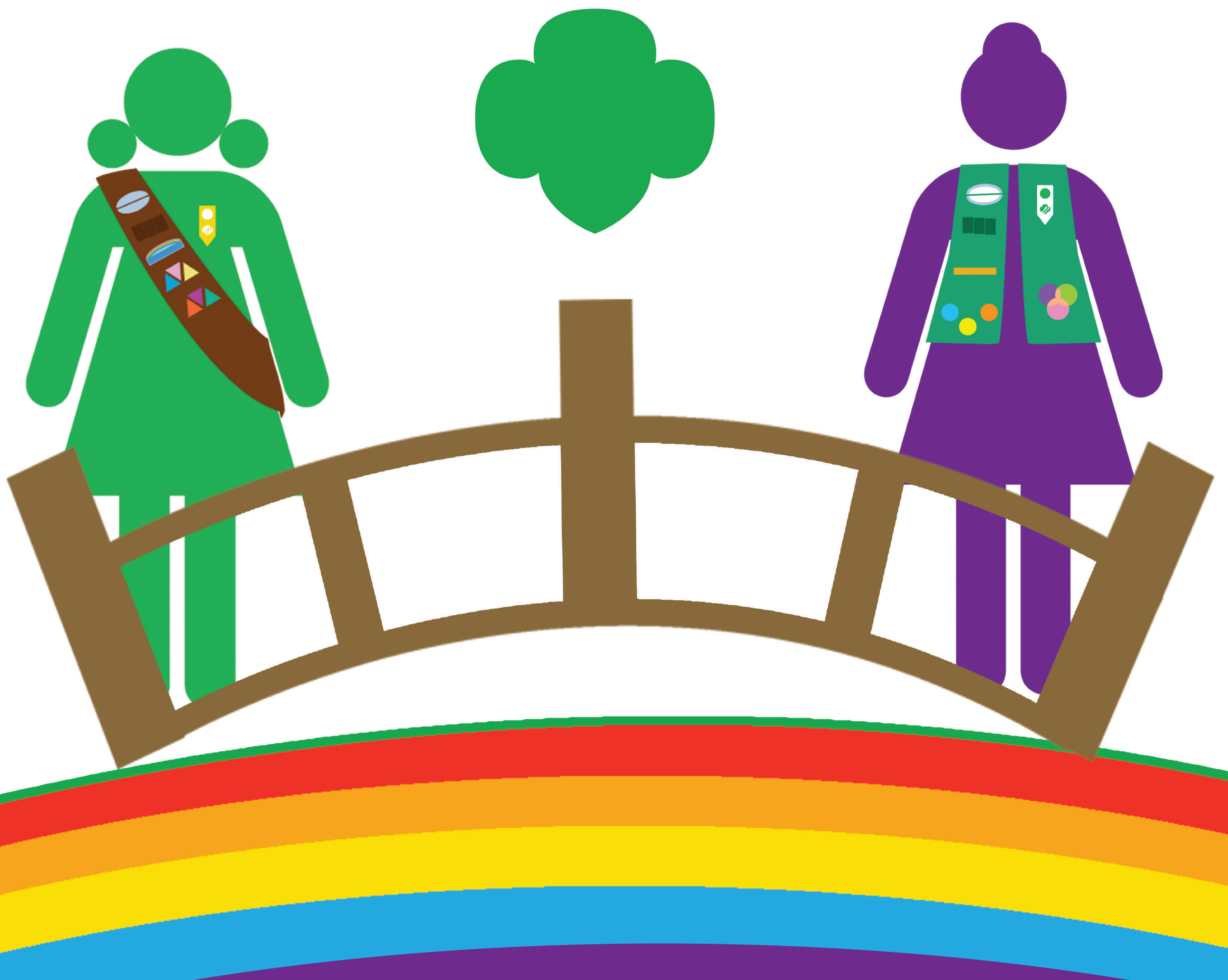
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Congratulations to all our Brownies

Bridging to Juniors!



You are invited to a

BRIDGING CEREMONY FOR TROOP

Come celebrate with us
as we bridge from



Juniors to Cadettes



Location:

Date:

Time:



Congratulations to all our Juniors

Bridging to Cadettes!





You are invited to a

BRIDGING CEREMONY FOR TROOP

Come celebrate with us
as we bridge from



Cadettes to Seniors



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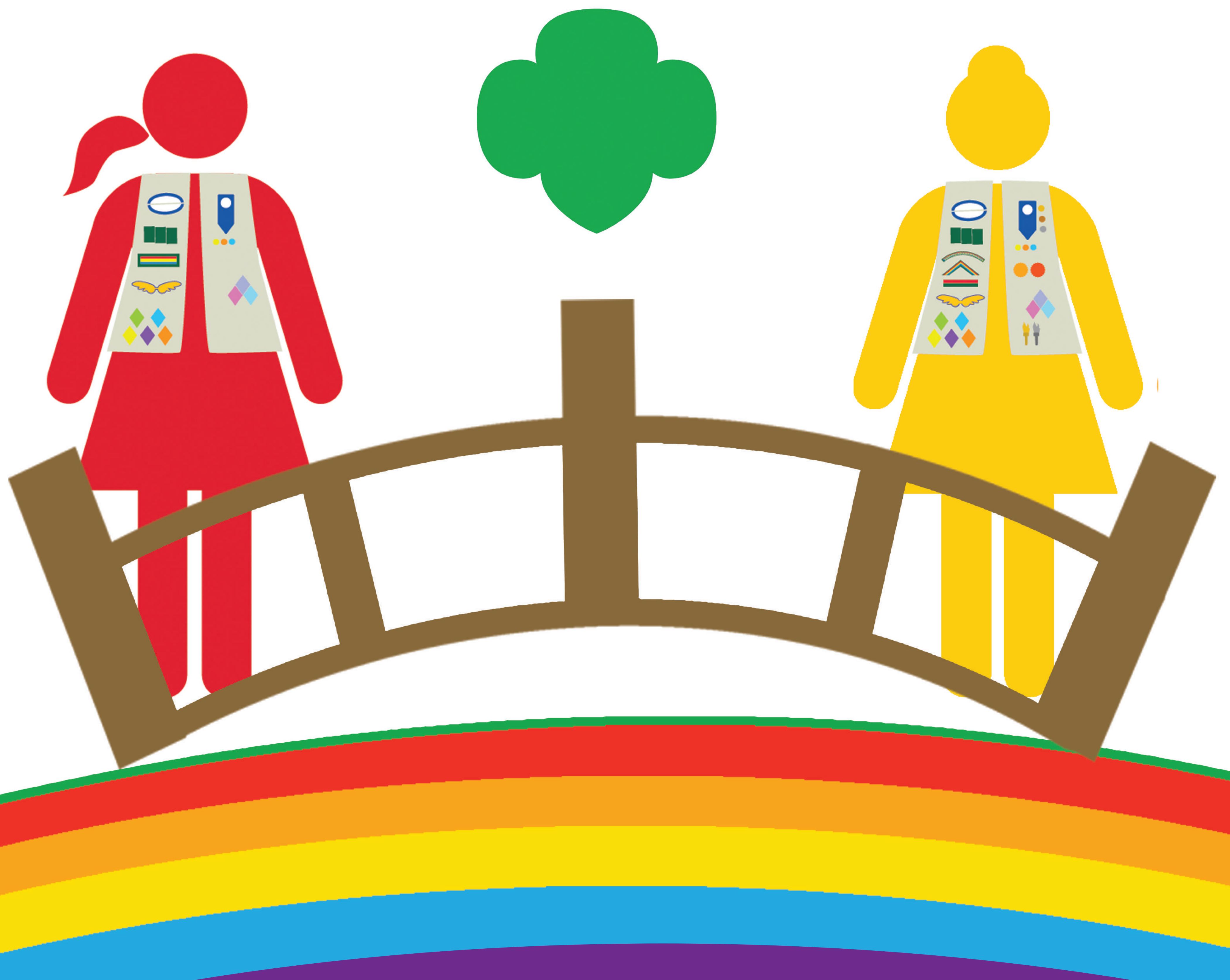
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Congratulations to all our Cadettes

Bridging to Seniors!



You are invited to a

BRIDGING CEREMONY FOR TROOP

Come celebrate with us
as we bridge from



Seniors to Ambassadors



Location:

Date:

Time:



Congratulations to all our Seniors

Bridging to Ambassadors!

