

GIRL SCOUTS IN THE HEART OF PENNSYLVANIA

GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARD INSTRUCTION BOOKLET



The Girl Scout Bronze Award is the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can earn. It shows you have made a promise to help others, improve your community and world and to become the best you can be!

This booklet has been designed to help you with your planning process in earning the Girl Scout Bronze Award. More detailed information can be found in the [Junior Girl Scout Handbook](#) or by visiting Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania's web site at www.gshpa.org.

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GENERAL RULES

Congratulations! You are ready to work on the Girl Scout Bronze Award! Here are some general rules to remember before you begin:

1. You may work on the award individually or in a group. All of the requirements for the Girl Scout Bronze Award must be met before leaving Junior Girl Scouts. However, earning a Girl Scout Bronze Award is not a prerequisite for the Girl Scout Silver Award (for Girl Scouts 11 to 14 years old) or the Girl Scout Gold Award (for Girl Scouts 14 to 17 years old).
2. You cannot begin your Girl Scout Bronze Award project until you complete the first three requirements. These prerequisites may be done in any order.
3. Projects should address a “need” that requires a plan of action to meet that need. Projects should not just be casual community service hours.
4. If the project is done as a group, each girl must complete 15 hours and have her own unique contribution. For example, a group of three girls must complete a total of 45 hours.
5. Projects cannot raise or collect funds (money), but can collect items for donation. Items needed can be donated by close friends, families, and/or classmates who also have a close tie to your project’s needs.
6. Projects should reflect YOUR interests and abilities. Make sure you choose a project that will be fun, challenging and interesting.
7. The signed original of your **Girl Scout Bronze Award Report Form** (found at the end of this booklet) must be handed in to your Membership Associate or nearest council office. You can purchase your Girl Scout Bronze Award pin(s) at our online store without paperwork.
8. A congratulatory letter and certificate for each Girl Scout Bronze Award recipient will be mailed to the troop leader for presentation to the Girl Scout Bronze Award recipient(s).



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REQUIREMENTS

The Girl Scout Bronze Award has four requirements. To receive the award, a Junior Girl Scout must complete the first three requirements before undertaking the Girl Scout Bronze Award project.

1. Earn two badges related to the Girl Scout Bronze Award project.
2. Complete one of the Girl Scout Signs found in the Junior Girl Scout Handbook.
3. Earn the Junior Aide Award, or the Junior Girl Scout Leadership Award, or two of these badges:

Girl Scouting in the USA	Girl Scouting in My Future Lead On
Girl Scouting Around the World	
4. Complete a Girl Scout Bronze Award project that demonstrates the leadership skills she has learned as a Junior Girl Scout and a commitment to her community. The project must show she understands and lives by the Girl Scout Promise and Law. The project should:
 - ❖ Take about 15 hours to complete (including planning time). Doing the project should take at least seven to eight of the 15 hours.
 - ❖ Follow the Action Plan in the *Adventures in Girl Scouting* chapter of the Junior Girl Scout Handbook (2001).
 - ❖ Provide community service inside or outside Girl Scouting.

For more information, see the Junior Girl Scout Handbook.

TIPS:

- ❖ Read the Girl Scout Bronze Award project requirements before deciding on a project.
- ❖ Work closely with a Girl Scout leader or advisor to complete the requirements.
- ❖ Follow all national and council guidelines for fund raising.
- ❖ Follow all guidelines in Safety-Wise.
- ❖ Document personal work and hours put into the project, if done in a group.
- ❖ Recruit an advisor with special skills for the project – a leader or the council can help.
- ❖ Choose only a new service project to fulfill requirements. Do not use a project already completed.

EXAMPLES OF RESOURCES TO CONTACT TO DETERMINE THE NEED FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES			
Animal Shelter	Girl Scout Service Unit	Library	School
Church	Health Care Service Organization	Local Legislator	Senior Services
Day Care Center	Homeless Shelter	Nursing Organizations	Veterans Services
Girl Scout Camp	Hospital	Park (State or County)	Women's Shelter



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TRUE OR FALSE CHALLENGE

Answer the following questions **TRUE** or **FALSE**:

1. You can begin our Girl Scout Bronze Award any time, even if you haven't completed the required activities. True False
2. If you earn two badges doing the *Sign of the Sun*, you can also apply those badges to other requirements before doing your Girl Scout Bronze Award project. True False
3. The *Pet Care* badge would be a good badge to apply to a project that deals with helping the elderly at a care facility. True False
4. If you earn the Junior Aide patch while doing the *Sign of the Rainbow*, you will have to earn either the Junior Leadership Award or two of the following badges:

Girl Scouting in the USA	Girl Scouting Around the World
Lead On	Girl Scouting in My Future

 True False
5. A Girl Scout Bronze Award project requires each girl doing the project to take 15 hours to complete a project. True False
6. The *Eco-Action* badge would be a good badge to apply to a project that involves cleaning up part of a stream. True False
7. If you do not complete your Girl Scout Bronze Award as a Junior, you can finish it as a Cadette. True False
8. You can do the first three requirements for the Girl Scout Bronze Award in any order you choose. True False
9. You should depend on your leader to do most of the work for you when you are working on your Girl Scout Bronze Award. True False
10. When a group of girls works together on a Girl Scout Bronze Award project, all of their hours can be added to total the required 15 hours. True False

Answers: (1) False; (2) True; (3) True; (4) False; (5) True; (6) True; (7) True; (8) True; (9) True; (10) False



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PLANNING IDEAS WORKSHEET

NAME _____

What do you like to do? List three things:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

For each item listed, how can that become a community or Girl Scout service project?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What two badges correspond to each of your choices?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Where will each of the projects be located?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

How will you organize each project? Will you work on it alone or as a group?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



THE GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARD REPORT FORM

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Use this form to report the work you did for the Girl Scout Silver Award.
Type or neatly print in black ink - do not use pencil.
- Your troop/group leader is responsible for approving your project.
Make a copy for your leader and one for yourself.
- Your leader must send or bring the original form to the nearest council office or give to the Membership Associate responsible for the area.
- Leaders can purchase the Girl Scout Bronze Award pin from the council on-linestore.
- Please allow 4-6 weeks to receive your letter and certificate.
They will be mailed to the Troop Leader.

FOR GSHPA USE ONLY	
Date Received	
Pin Purchased	
Letter & Certificate Mailed	

PART I: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City _____

State & Zip Code _____ County _____

Name of school you attend _____ Grade _____ Email _____

Troop Leader's Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City _____

State & Zip Code _____ County _____

Email _____ Troop # _____ Service Unit # _____

PART II: REQUIREMENTS 1, 2 AND 3

1. BADGES EARNED:	DATE COMPLETED	LEADER'S SIGNATURE
2. CHECK WHICH ONE YOU COMPLETED:		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Sign of the Star		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Sign of the Rainbow		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Sign of the Sun		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Sign of the World		
3. CHECK WHICH ONE YOU COMPLETED:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior Aide Patch		
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior Scout Leadership Award		
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Badges (<i>indicate which badge by writing the date in the Date Completed column</i>):		
Girl Scouting in the USA		
Girl Scouting Around the World		
Girl Scouting in My Future		
Lead On		

Please continue on back with
Part III , Requirement 4 – The Girl Scout Bronze Award Project.



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PART III: REQUIREMENT 4 - THE GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARD PROJECT

Name of your project: _____

Date started: _____ Date completed: _____

Describe what you did for your project: _____

Why did you choose this project? _____

What did you learn from doing this project? _____

Tell us about your project. Was it what you thought it would be? Did you like doing the project? How do you feel about the project? _____

Your signature: _____

Date: _____

Your Leader's signature: _____

Date: _____



Congratulations . . . Well Done!