



Leaders Guide to the Bronze Award

The Bronze Award is a girl-led leader-approved Take Action Project for girls in 4th and 5th grade. To earn the Bronze Award, Junior Girl Scouts take an active role in determining what, where, when, why, and how they will Take Action. A troop leader's role is to provide guidance, resources and support while ensuring that girls lead as much as possible in the planning and implementation. The girl-adult partnership strengthens and supports girls' empowerment and decision-making roles throughout the project to truly develop her leadership skills. Troop leaders approve the project and collect Bronze Award Reflections from the girls. Girls and leaders work together in planning a ceremony to receive their Bronze Award pins and honor their accomplishment!

8 Steps to the Bronze Award

STAY CURRENT:
gsep.org/girls/for-girls.php

RECEIVE SUPPORT:
girlprogram@gsep.org

SHARE YOUR STORY:
communications@gsep.org

Tips

Recruit a parent or two to help specifically with the Bronze Award.

Set specific times in troop meetings or throughout the year to work on it.

Keep track of the girls' time spent working on steps 1–7. 20 hours is the recommended time. Have each girl complete a timeline to help prepare them for the Silver Award.

Keep it simple and fun!

The Bronze Award is the only Highest Award that can benefit Girl Scouts—go ahead and help sister Girl Scouts or the council for this Award.

1. BUILD YOUR GIRL SCOUT JUNIOR TEAM. Encourage the girls to work as a team. The project can be done with the whole troop or smaller groups. Either way is fine as long as girls are working on an issue that they care about.

3. Choose your Girl Scout Bronze Award project.

Vote on a project idea. It is important to pick a project that allows each girl to lead a part of the project based on her special skill or interest.

4. Make a plan.

Work together to plan how you will help your community. Who will do what? When will it get done? What is the goal of the project?

5. PUT YOUR PLAN IN MOTION.

Take Action—do what you planned!

6. Spread the word.

Share what your team did! Send pictures and videos to communications@gsep.org. We will post them on the GSEP YouTube channel and the Bronze Award section of our website.

7. Reflect. Have each girl complete the Bronze Award Reflection and think about how she made a difference in the world. Each girl needs to submit it to her leader, along with her Bronze Award Project Timeline.

Register your girls for 'Bronze Award Completion'. In order to receive council recognition, troop leaders must register girls through GSEP's Online Registration System. Print the order summary and take it to a retail shop to purchase Bronze Award pins and GSUSA Bronze Award Certificates. Each girl will receive an email confirmation that can be used to purchase a pin as well.

2. Explore your community.

The Bronze Award project can benefit other Girl Scouts, their school, meeting place, neighborhood, etc. Have the girls brainstorm how they can help make something better and figure out who they could talk to get the project going.

Do they know of any groups that could use some help?

Ask them what they have seen or heard that they have wanted to change, make better, or help.

Take a field trip! One of the best parts about this project is letting the girls talk with someone at an organization. They get to hear about what the organization does and what they can do to help.

