



## Leaders' Guide to the Bronze Award

The Bronze Award is the highest award a Girl Scout Junior can earn. It 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!

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### 1 BUILD YOUR GIRL SCOUT JUNIOR TEAM

Encourage the girls to work as a team. The project can be done with the whole troop, smaller groups, or individually. Any way is fine as long as girls are working on an issue that they care about.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:communications@gsep.org). We will share them!

### 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 Program/Events Registration System. Print the order summary and take it to a GSEP 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.

### 8 CELEBRATE

Have a ceremony for the girls to celebrate their accomplishment and receive their Bronze Award pins.

## Tips

Girls must complete a Junior Journey as a prerequisite to earning the Bronze Award.

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. Twenty 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.

