

BRONZE AWARD TRAINING

How to Take Action



OVERVIEW

- Bronze Award Basics
- Project Planning Process
- Tips and Tools

BRONZE AWARD REQUIREMENTS

- Grade Requirement – 4th & 5th Grades
- Bronze Award Deadline – September 30th AFTER the girl's 5th grade year.
- Prerequisite – One Junior Journey
- Suggested Minimum Hours – 20 hours (per girl)
- What sort of skills are learned through the Bronze Award?

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- Follow the guidelines in the GSUSA Bronze Award Packet.
- Guidelines include:
 - 7 steps to the Bronze Award
 - Tools and Journaling pages for the girls to use

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Bronze Award Steps

1. Go on a Girl Scout Junior Journey	DISCOVER
2. Build Your Girl Scout Junior Team.	CONNECT
3. Explore Your Community.	
4. Choose Your Girl Scout Bronze Award Project.	TAKE ACTION
5. Make a Plan.	
6. Put Your Plan In Motion.	
7. Spread the Word.	

STEP 2: BUILD YOUR GIRL SCOUT JUNIOR TEAM

- No limit on the number of team members.
- Team members can be troop mates or friends from other troops.
- If you don't have a troop, you can find some friends to work with.

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STEP 2: BUILD YOUR GIRL SCOUT JUNIOR TEAM

- What are the girls interested in?
- What are their favorite things to do?
- What are some issues that they care about?
- Were they interested in learning more about something during the Journey?

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STEP 3: EXPLORE YOUR COMMUNITY

- Make observations of your community.
- Visit with experts.
- Have girls prepare questions to ask experts or community members.

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- What issues do the girls see around them?
- For example, if they have an interest in animals...the issues may include stray animals, animal cruelty, overpopulation, poaching.

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STEP 4: CHOOSE YOUR GS BRONZE AWARD PROJECT

- Take a look at the list of issues/problems.
- Can you think of any solutions to those problems?
- Are those solutions within your reach?

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TAKE ACTION V. COMMUNITY SERVICE

What is the difference between community service and Take Action?

How do Girl Scouts Take Action?

How do girls make their project sustainable?



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How do girls make their project sustainable?

- Make the solution permanent.
- Educate and inspire other people so they'll help make the change happen.
- Change a law or regulation.

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STEP 5: MAKE A PLAN

Once the girls have come up with a solution....

- Finish researching it.
- Create a plan of action.



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STEP 6: PUT YOUR PLAN INTO MOTION

- Enact the Plan.
- Share Responsibilities.
- Encourage girls to problem solve.

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STEP 7: SPREAD THE WORD

- Thank Everyone That Helped
- Put Your Story Together

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STEP 7: SPREAD THE WORD

- Bronze Award Final Report – one per project
- Share at Service Unit Meetings – Be an inspiration for younger girls.

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TIPS AND TOOLS: BRONZE AWARD CEREMONY

- Troop or Community Led
- May be combined with a bridging event
- Provides a chance for the girls to share their project and/or what they learned.
- Pinning & Pins
- Certificates

You can Pinterest many ideas for ceremonies.

TIPS AND TOOLS: WHAT IS A “GOOD” PROJECT?

- It is Girl Led – the girls choose it!
- Projects must solve a problem in a long term way.
- Projects teach new skills or stretch their abilities.

FURTHER...

- The troop leader approves Bronze Award projects.
- Girls must have finished the Journey prerequisite before choosing a Bronze Award project.

TIPS AND TOOLS: MORE INSPIRATION

- Check out videos of past projects on GSCCC social media pages. #GirlScoutsCCC
- Map It! <http://www.girlscouts.org/en/for-girls/girls-changing-the-world.html>



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