



Junior Guide to Going Bronze



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Welcome to the Girl Scout Bronze Award, a leadership adventure for you and more than half a million other Girl Scout Juniors across the country and around the world. Imagine what you can accomplish when you team up with others and use your special skills and interests to take action and make a difference in the world!

Seven Steps To Bronze

Step 1



Build your Girl Scout Junior team

Your team is you and other Girl Scout Juniors who are on this adventure together, plus your troop/group volunteers.

Step 5



Put your plan in motion

Now that you have an overall plan, it's time to make a list of tasks and figure out who will be doing what. Remember, you're a team, so one or more girls can volunteer for each task.

Step 2



Explore your community

Take a close look at what's going on right around you. Start by exploring your community: your block, your neighborhood, or your school. Keep your eyes open for ways you can make a positive change.

Step 6



Spread the word

Think about what you did, why it mattered, and what you learned. Put your story together so that you can share it with others!

Step 3



Choose your Bronze Award project

Research your team's top community issues, discover root causes, and decide which issue interests you the most.

Step 7



Celebrate

Be sure to celebrate what you've done. Not only have you had a great adventure, but you've helped create a better world!

Step 4



Make a plan

Now that you've chosen an idea, it's time to make a plan. Work out your budget, goals, and who else you might need to help with your project.

Congrats!



Congratulations!

You've done it Girl Scout! Thank your team, volunteers who have helped you along the way, and anyone who helped track all that you've accomplished!



Reach out to your High Awards team for additional support on your path to achieving a Bronze Highest Award with your Girl Scout Team!

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Get Ready For A Big Adventure

Get ready, Girl Scout Juniors— this one's for you!

As you can tell, this Girl Scout Bronze Award adventure is big—in fact, this award is the highest honor a Girl Scout Junior can achieve. As you and your team plan and complete your project, you'll develop more confidence, meet new people, and have the kind of fun that happens when you work with other Girl Scouts to make a difference.

When you go for the Bronze Award, you represent what Girl Scouts can achieve in their communities. And, of course, you want to do that in a way that's fun for you—and for everyone else involved, too!

Earning the Girl Scout Bronze Award involves the time to complete a Leadership Award, and then a suggested minimum of 20 hours building your team, exploring your community, choosing your project, planning it, putting your plan in motion, and spreading the word about your project. The suggested hours help you think about your commitment to doing your very best with each step. That's different for every Girl Scout, so these hours aren't a rule, just a friendly reminder. You're a Girl Scout, which means you will earn your award with courage, confidence, and character and make a difference in the world around you!

Troop 101 and their project, "Shelter Helpers" took a look at our furry friends who could use a hand in animal rescue shelters. Volunteering their time and effort, these girls made a big impact!

Troop 584 and their project, "Calming Marble Mazes for Children with Anxiety or ADHD" created a solution for kids in school struggling with different learning disabilities, giving kids a way to navigate through their challenges!

Troop 184 and their project, "Mental Health Awareness" successfully addressed and drove awareness to big concerns on mental health! Way to go, Girl Scouts!



About The Bronze Award Project



How To Get Started!

Girls earn the Girl Scout Bronze Award by completing a Leadership Award. As the girls pursue their project, they put the Girl Scout Promise and Law into action. They also develop an understanding of sustainability and gain an understanding of the wider world by discussing how others may experience the same problem that their project helped resolve.

You Know You're Ready When...

- ❑ Are in fourth or fifth grade.
- ❑ Are a registered Girl Scout Junior.
- ❑ Have completed a Junior Leadership Award or Junior Journey.
- ❑ Are ready to make a difference in your community!



On The Horizon!

Journeys will officially be retired on October 1, 2026, and in their place, Girl Scouts is launching fresh Leadership Awards for Juniors through Ambassadors! These new awards, called Leadership Awards, celebrate all the ways girls lead—their teams, and their communities. With flexible options, real-world skill-building, and no pressure to lead a certain way, these awards help Girl Scouts grow confidence, explore their leadership style, and make an impact on their own terms.

So, what does the transition from Journeys to Leadership Awards mean for the Highest Awards? It means that Girl Scouts now have more ways than ever to get started on earning their Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award—it's as easy as 1, 2, or 3:

1. Level up. Already earned the Bronze Award or Silver Award? They count—each award now leads to the next Highest Award.
2. Lead your way. Complete one of the new Leadership Awards—and check the prerequisite box. Win-win!
3. Keep it going. Only one Journey is needed to meet the prerequisite (it used to be two for the Gold Award!), and any completed Journey will still count, even after Journeys are retired.

Leadership Awards



Practice all the ways you can lead yourself, your team, and your community.

The Leadership Awards are about building real skills for real impact and having the confidence to turn your ideas into action. Whether you're figuring out what leadership means to you, working with a team, leading a group, or stepping up to a challenge, these awards are designed to help you explore what leadership means to you—no pressure, just room to grow.



Start with you—build confidence and courage to lead your way.

The True North award is about discovering what matters to you and staying true to yourself. It's your chance to follow your values and take meaningful action, even when it feels hard or a little scary. Whether you're finding the courage to speak up for what you believe in, taking on challenges, or advocating for positive change, this award helps you build the confidence and clarity to chart your own course and take courageous steps toward what truly matters to you.



Share your skills and inspire younger kids with hands-on leadership.

The path from helper to role model starts here! Level by level, you'll grow the confidence and planning skills to lead younger kids through activities, program events, and more. The Junior Aide award enables you to discover your leadership style by planning and leading a fun, inclusive activity for younger kids. Build your confidence as you learn what it means to guide and inspire others.



Turn your passions into action by making change locally or globally.

The Take Action award and Global Action award are available to Junior Girl Scouts who want to turn their passion into action! Pick your favorite badge and use it as inspiration to create meaningful impact in your community. Many issues affect your world, both close to home and far away—focus on one that matters most to you.

Take Action award: Team up to identify a local issue, understand what's behind it and who's already working on it, and create a lasting solution.

Global Action award: Explore how communities worldwide experience similar issues, then make a global connection by applying what you learn to your project.

Reflect!

Once you've completed your Leadership Award, reflect! Your answers may help you tackle your Girl Scout Bronze Award.

What made you feel proud of yourself?

Who did you connect with?

How did you use the Girl Scout Law during your Leadership Award?

In what ways do you feel more like a leader?

How will you keep feeling confident and true to yourself?

Step 1: Build Your Team



Earning a Bronze Award is a team project. You and other Girl Scout Juniors will go on this adventure together.

Your whole troop or a group of girls from your troop can be a team.

Don't know any other Girl Scout Juniors? Friends can be on your team—as long as they are in fourth or fifth grade.

After you've built your team, hold a meeting to get to know each other. Even if you've been in a troop together or friends for years, see if you can discover something you didn't know! Play a game or two to get the ball rolling. Try "ROLL WITH IT".



Roll With It

What you'll need:

- Dice

What to do:

- Sit in a circle
- Each person has a chance to roll the dice and answer a question based on the number rolled



What is your favorite Girl Scout experience and why?



What is one thing you would change in the world and why?



Where is your favorite place to be and why?



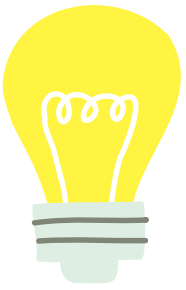
What is one of your strengths? When did you use it?



Who do you most admire and why?



WILD CARD
You can answer any question you like!



Then, think about the things you love to do!

Do you love spending time with friends? Whipping up a treat or two in the kitchen? Being outdoors? Building a robot in your room? Does a good book or a zipline make you happy? List it all. Then share your list with your team. You'll learn about the interests and talents of your teammates. Some of these may be useful to know for your Bronze Award project. And some will just be fun!

In my free
time, I like to:

These make
me happy:

My best
memory is:

I'm interested
in:

These are my
talents:

I've always
wanted to:

Step 2: Explore Your Community



Earning the Bronze Award is an adventure. Start by exploring.

Take a look at what's going on around you. That's the best way to come up with project ideas that will make a difference.

Take a fresh look at your community: your block, your neighborhood, your school. As you walk, bike, or ride, keep your eyes open for ways you and your team can make a positive change. Look for problems that could be fixed or improved.

Use the chart on page 11 to keep track of your ideas. Follow the example if you need help getting started.



You can use these ideas to help you observe:

Keep an open mind. Ideas can come from anywhere!

- Are students wasting paper in school?
- Would your neighborhood be improved with a wall mural?
- Is there a missing sidewalk that makes walking difficult?

Observations like these may be a Bronze Award project. Make it a team activity. Get together as a group to walk your school or block. Discuss what you see.

If You're Stuck:

Think about something that would make your own life better. Chances are good that others have the same need.

Here's an example: Maybe you feel like you should get more exercise so that you'd be healthier. But you don't know how to get started. Other people probably feel the same way. You could create a "Let's Move It" club that meets a few days a week after school. You could learn jump rope techniques, run races, organize games—anything that keeps you and others active to meet your goal!

My Observation Chart:

What I See:

Example:

I see many cars screeching in front of school. Drivers go too fast. Drivers on phones. Crosswalk not visible, paint is faded.

Our Team Could:

Example:

We could talk to the city about painting the crosswalk. We could learn about crosswalk safety and start a program at school to teach students. We could hang flyers to remind parents to practice safe driving.

Step 3: Choose Your Bronze Award Project



How will you choose?

Starting is the hardest part, but once you get the ball moving you and your Girl Scout team will be surprised at how much momentum you can get going!

Follow this action plan to start making movement towards your path to a Bronze Award Project!



1

Meet with your team.
Share your observations. Choose the ones you're most excited about!

2

Make a list.
Jot down your top observations!

3

Brainstorm!
Write down how your team can make a difference!

Observations



Brainstorm Ideas

4

Work together to pick your top three ideas.

Work with your team to narrow down the topics that interests your group the most!

Topic 1	
Topic 2	
Topic 3	

5

Get Information!

Research to understand the root causes of the three topics/issues to find solutions.

**Where to research?**

Before you can find and develop the start of a solution to your identified topic, your team will need to research more about it! Luckily, Girl Scouts know to connect with local resources to sharpen their know-how. Below are a few spots where you can start your research:

- Your local library!
- Online scholarly sources
 - Make sure you read the Internet Safety Pledge online at [girlscoutsnv.org](https://www.girlscoutsnv.org).
- Local experts! You can speak to adults in the community, like your teachers or neighbors, to connect you with others who might know more about your project.

6

Take notes.

Use the project idea sheets provided on the next few pages to keep track of what you learn!

My Notes:

Project Idea #1:

Observation: _____

What I read or who I talked to: _____

What I learned: _____

What we could do: _____

My Notes:

Project Idea #1:

Observation: _____

What I read or who I talked to: _____

What I learned: _____

What we could do: _____

My Notes:

Project Idea #2:

Observation: _____

What I read or who I talked to: _____

What I learned: _____

What we could do: _____

My Notes:

Project Idea #3:

Observation: _____

What I read or who I talked to: _____

What I learned: _____

What we could do: _____

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Share your project idea charts with your team.

8

Pick one project topic together with your team!

If you're having trouble deciding, use the questions below to help narrow down your picks.

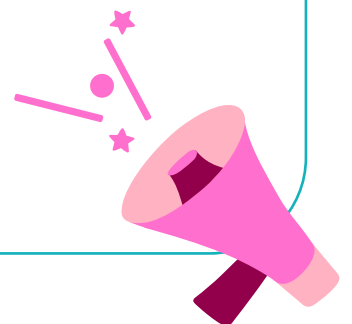
Why does
this idea
matter?

Are
our ideas
realistic?

Who will
this help?

What can we do to make a difference?

What project topic did you choose?



Step 4: Make A Plan



Great job!

By now, you've already learned some things about your community. And you've picked a topic for your Bronze Award project. Give yourself and your team a pat on the back! Ready to move forward? Start by making a plan. It's a surefire way to get off to a good start. Think your plan through by answering these questions:

What is the goal of your project?

What special talents does the team have to make this project a success?

How can we get other people involved?

What steps does the team need to take to reach our goal?

Supplies Needed:	Cost:

Ask Yourself:

Can we change the project so that it doesn't cost money?

Yes!

No...

How will your group fund the project?



Girl Scout Product Program Funds

Money Earning Project(s)

Can you make your project last?

Making your project last even after you're done is called **sustainability**. Girl Scout Silver and Gold Awards are sustainable. So thinking about sustainability can help you prepare for these Highest Awards. Read below to see how one team made their Bronze Award project sustainable.

Sustainability: Here's what one team did...

One Bronze Award Girl Scout wanted to have more dietary options at her school. Having many dietary restrictions herself, she researched and found budget and allergen friendly items that the school cafeterias could adapt district wide. Her design provided appetizing and tasty meals to those with special dietary needs and allowed the schools to serve ALL their students. The new allergen friendly meals for all has been adapted district wide and the food services department continue to evolve their menu.

How can we make our project sustainable?

Ready to ROCK
your plan?

Answer this question as a team and you'll be
ready to roll in step 5.

We will know we made a
difference when...

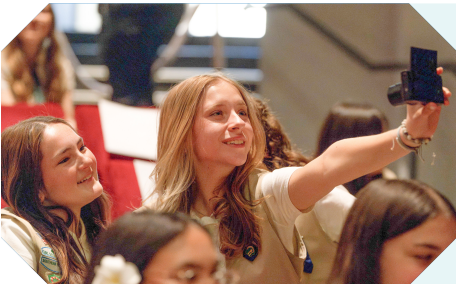
Step 5: Put Your Plan in Motion



Time to put the plan in action!

Use the Take Action Chart on this page to assign tasks and due dates. Use the log on the next page to keep track of the time YOU spend on your Bronze Award project. Make copies of these pages if you need more space.

Action To Take	How We'll Do it	Due Date	Who Will Do It?



DON'T FORGET! Take photos or shoot videos to document your Bronze Award project as you work on it. Use these items to tell your Bronze Award story in **Step 6: Spread the Word.**

My Time Log

Use this log to track the time you spend on your Bronze Award project.

Date	What We Did	Time Spent

Total:

Step 6: Spread The Word



How will your team tell your Bronze Award Story?

Each Bronze Award project tells a story of inspiration and teamwork. It's also a story of change for the better. Before you submit your final report, tell your story! When you tell your story, be creative and have fun. After all, your story celebrates all you have accomplished.

How your team does it is up to you, of course! You can:

- Create a presentation
- Make a photo collage
- Put together a scrapbook
- Create a short video

However your team decides to tell your story, you can use the questions below as a guide to mark down key moments you want to celebrate!

How did you decide what was needed in your community?

How did you live out the Girl Scout Promise and Law?

How did you solve problems that came up?

How did your team make the world a better place?

How did your team work together?

What did you discover about yourself?

Once you've put your story together, find ways to share it so that you can inspire others. Share your story with another Girl Scout troop, your service unit, or students at your school. You can post your story online with the help of your troop leader or another troop volunteer. Present your project at a community meeting. Or, display your project at a local library for others to see.

Did you know?

As a Girl Scout, you're a member of a worldwide community.

There are Girl Scouts and Girl Guides in 150 countries! Take time to think about how people in other parts of the world might address the issue that you've chosen to work on. Are there ways to tell your story to people in other places so that they can learn about what you did?

Step 7: Celebrate!



You've made it to the last step!

Girl Scouts of Southern Nevada is excited to learn about all you've accomplished, and we hope you're able to plan a celebration and attend our Highest Award Ceremony, where we recognize all our highest award recipients!

Girls and their families are encouraged to invite mentors, volunteers, community partners, local dignitaries, and many others to celebrate in the successful completion of your project and the ways in which it helped the community.

Don't Forget!

Submit a final report about your Bronze Award project. You can submit your report online via the Smartsheet! Typed reports are preferred.

Be sure to celebrate what you've done. Not only have you had a great adventure, but you've helped create a better world!

What's next?

**Set your sights on Silver and Gold Awards.
Imagine all you can do!**

The Girl Scout Silver Award

- Earn the Girl Scout Silver Award when you're in grades 6-8.
- Be registered as a Girl Scout Cadette.
- Complete a Girl Scout Cadette Journey or Leadership Award Pin before you begin.
- Get started on your Silver Award with this activity.

The Girl Scout Gold Award

- Earn the Girl Scout Gold award when you're in grades 9-12.
- Be registered as a Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador.
- Complete one Senior or Ambassador Journeys or one Leadership Award Pin before you begin.





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