

Junior Guide to Going Bronze

Guide to earning your Girl Scout
Bronze Award.



Troop 7250 Bronze Award Project



How to Get Started

The Bronze Award is the highest honor a Girl Scout Junior can earn. It's more than just a project—it's a chance for them to take the lead, use their unique talents, and explore their passions while making a lasting impact in their community.

By earning the Bronze Award, your troop members will grow their leadership skills, learn problem-solving, and see how their actions can make a real difference. It's the first step in the Girl Scout Highest Awards journey—leading toward the Silver and Gold Awards in the future.

Before your troop begins the Bronze Award:

Girl Scouts will need to complete three key steps on their to-do list to prepare for success. These steps help them gain the skills, teamwork, and confidence they'll need to take on their big project.

You're Ready When...

- ✓ You are in fourth or fifth grade
- ✓ You are a registered Girl Scout Junior
- ✓ You've completed a Junior Leadership Award

Before beginning their Bronze Award, Girl Scout Juniors must complete a Junior Leadership Award. There are five different options available, giving Girl Scouts the opportunity to choose the path that best fits their interests and goals.

See the table below for the Leadership Award options currently available.

	Highest Awards	Personal Leadership	Peer Leadership	Teaching Leadership	Community Advocacy	Journeys
Bronze Award		True North 		Junior Aide 	Take Action  Global Action 	One Junior Journey

Please note: Girl Scout Journeys will retire in October 2026 and will no longer count as a Bronze Award prerequisite starting in October 2027.

What is different about Bronze Award?

Unlike regular service projects, the Bronze Award challenges Girl Scouts to:

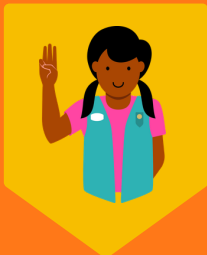
- Identify a community need and research it.
- Work together as a team to plan and carry out their project.
- Create something sustainable that goes beyond a one-time event.





7 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 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 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 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.

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 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 7

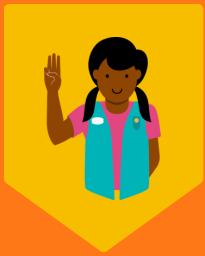


Celebrate

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

Bronze Award Training is available for Girl Scout Volunteers on GS Learn.

This course offers guidance, tips, and resources to help leaders confidently mentor their troop through the Bronze Award process.



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".



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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 do you use it?



Who do you most admire and why?



WILD CARD
You can answer any question you like!



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? 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 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 learn:

Before you end your first team meeting, decide on team rules.

HINT: Use the Girl Scout Law as your guide.



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 a 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 6 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.



Troop 7237 Bronze Award Project

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.

My Observation Chart

What I See

(list your observations)

Example:

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

Our Team Could:

(ideas for making a difference)

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

1

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

2

Make a list of team's top
observations.

3

Brainstorm how your team
might make a difference.

Observations

Brainstorms

Use a separate piece of paper if you need more room!

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Work Together to choose the top three topics/issues that interest the team.

Topic 1	
Topic 2	
Topic 3	

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Get Information! Research to understand the root cause of the three topics/issues and to find solutions.



Troop 7280 Research for their Bronze Award Project at Tulsa Animal Welfare

You can research at the library (books, magazines, newspapers) and online. Read the Internet Safety Pledge.

It's also a good idea to talk to experts. You might find it hard to talk to adults about your project, especially if you don't already know them. Start with people you know first, like your teachers and neighbors. Speaking with adults like these first can help boost your confidence. When you do talk with others, go as a team. You'll find it helpful to be in a group.

Take Notes. Use the project idea sheets to keep track of what you learn when you research.

Project Idea Example

Observation:

Lots of cars are screeching in front of our school.

What I read or who I talked to:

Crossing guards and kids at school.

What I learned:

Drivers drive too fast. Crosswalk isn't very visible, paint is faded. Drivers are on their phones.

Maybe we could:

Talk to the city about painting the crosswalk. Post signs or hand out flyers reminding drivers not to text and drive.

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Project Idea 1

Observation:

What I read or who I talked to:

What I learned:

Maybe we could:

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Take Notes. Use the project idea sheets to keep track of what you learn when you research.

Project Idea 2

Observation:

What I read or who I talked to:

What I learned:

Maybe we could:

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Share your project idea charts with your team.

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Together, pick one project topic. If you're having trouble deciding, ask the questions below about each topic/issue. Your answers may help you.

**Why does
this idea
matter?**

**Are our
ideas
realistic?**

**Who will
this help?**

**How can
we 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? 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 team project?

What skills can each girl use to make the project successful?

How can you get other people involved?

Team steps needed to reach the project goal?

What supplies will you need?	What will it cost?

Can you change the project so that it doesn't cost anything?



If not, how will your team earn the money it needs?

☐ 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.

How could your team
make your project
sustainable?

We will know we have
made a difference
when....



Step 5: Put Your Plan in Motion

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?



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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

You can use this log to track the time you spend on your Girl Scout Bronze Award Project.

Date	What We Did	Time Spent

Total:



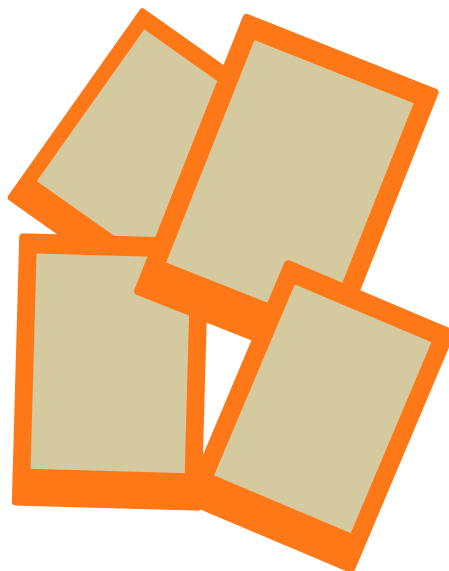
Step 6: Spread the Word

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 will your team tell their Bronze Award story?

It's up to you, of course! You can:

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



Think about these questions as a team.

Your answers can help you put your Bronze Award story together.

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 has your team made 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.



Step 7: Celebrate!

You've made it to the last step! Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma is excited to learn about all you've accomplished, and we want to make sure you are included in the program for Girl Scout Shine!

Ways to Celebrate

Troops or Service Units may hold local pinning ceremonies. Girl Scouts and their families are encouraged to invite mentors, volunteers, community partners, and many others to celebrate in the successful completion of your project and the ways in which it helped the community.

Final Step

Submit a final report about your Bronze Award project. This way, the council knows you have completed the steps. You can scan the QR code to get the form.



What Comes Next?

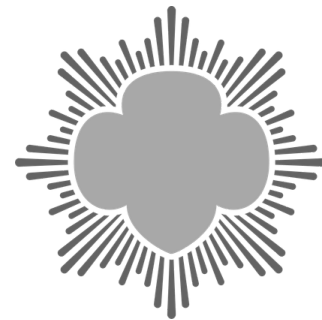
Set your sights on Silver and Gold Awards. Imagine all you can do!

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 Leadership Award (your Bronze Award counts)

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
- Earn a Leadership Award



Did you
know?

The Gold Award is the highest achievement in Girl Scouts. Earning the Girl Scout Gold Award can help you stand out when you apply to college. And, some scholarships are just for Gold Award Girl Scouts. Gold Award Girl Scouts are recognized as leaders who make the world a better place!