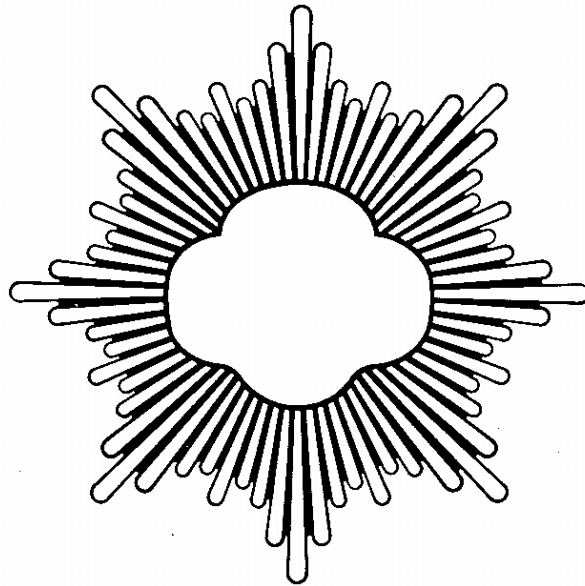


Girl Scout Council of Hawaii



Girl Scout Bronze Award Program Planner

THE GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARD

The Bronze Award is the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can earn. It shows you have made a promise to help others, improve your community and world, and become the best you can be.

The Bronze Award is open to any registered Junior Girl Scout. All steps must be completed and approved by your Girl Scout Troop Leader or Project Advisor before September 30th (end of the Girl Scout membership year) of the year you bridge out of Juniors.

This information booklet is designed to be used with the *Junior Girl Scout Handbook* which is the primary source of information for the Girl Scout Bronze Award. Each girl working toward her Bronze Award will also need to have access to the *Junior Girl Scout Badge Book*. The form on page 203 of the *Junior Girl Scout Handbook* should be used by girls and their Girl Scout Troop Leaders to help each girl track her progress. Girls may share a handbook and each record information in her own journal or on page two of this information packet.

For more information

GSUSA web site:

http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gscentral/insignia/highest_awards

Project Guidelines

- You can begin your Bronze Award Project after you have completed the first three requirements. See page 203 in the *Junior Girl Scout Handbook*
- Projects should take approximately 15 hours to complete. This includes planning time. Doing the actual project should take at least seven to eight hours.
- Girls may work individually or in a group. Each girl must put in 15 hours on their own. Each girl should also make a unique contribution to the project.
- A Bronze Award Project will:
 - Address a need that requires a plan of action to meet that need. Not just casual community service hours.
 - Not be something that you have done before. Expand on skills, knowledge, experiences, and leadership abilities learned during previous year(s) as a Junior Girl Scout.
 - Reflect YOUR interests and abilities. Make sure you choose a project that will be fun, challenging and interesting.
- Projects can take more than 15 hours and involve Girl Scouts not earning the Bronze Award or other members of the community.
- You are encouraged to use community resource people whose knowledge or careers can help make your Bronze Award Project the best that it can be.
- A notebook for tracking information may be useful. Keep a list a people and organizations who supported you in your project. Remember to thank them when you are done.

Keep all this information in mind as you plan your project. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email the Girl Scout Council of Hawaii, www.girlscouts-hawaii.org or 595-8400

GOOD LUCK and congratulations on taking up the challenge for earning your Bronze Award.

JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARD CHECKLIST

This checklist has been developed to help girls successfully complete the Girl Scout Bronze Award.

Checklist:

- Think about ideas for several different Junior Girl Scout Bronze Award Projects that interest you.
- Choose one idea that you would really enjoy working on as your Bronze Award Project.

Keeping in mind your goals do project prerequisites. The three prerequisites may be done in any order and must be completed before you start your project. Each requirement must have a separate activity. (Earning "A Healthier You" for Sign of the Star cannot also be used as one of the two badges.)

- 1. Choose two different badges related to the project and earn them both.
a. _____ b. _____

- 2. Choose one Girl Scout sign and earn it.
a. _____

- 3. Earn the Junior Aide Patch OR the Junior Girl Scout Leadership Award.
OR

- Earn two of the following badges: Girl Scouting in the USA, Girl Scouting Around the World, Girl Scouting In My Future, or Lead On
a. _____ b. _____

- Follow the Action Plan on page 39 of the *Junior Girl Scout Handbook* when developing the steps to complete the service project.

- Follow all safety rules, check with your Girl Scout Troop Leader or Project Advisor about which *Safety-Wise* rules apply to your project.

- Complete your project.

Girl Scout Leaders decide if the girls have fulfilled the requirements and chosen an appropriate project. Girls are not required to have projects approved by their Girl Scout council office. Once the prerequisites and the project are completed the Girl Scout Leader may purchase the Bronze Award for girls and present it at a Girl Scout Troop or Service Unit event

The Log of Hours page 5 and the Bronze Award Self Evaluation page 6 are optional tools that Girl Scout Troop leaders and Junior Girl Scouts may choose to use. They are **not** a required part of the Girl Scout Bronze Award

MONEY EARNING INFORMATION

One of the challenges facing many girls doing service projects is financial.

What you **CAN** and **CAN'T** do on the following 7 topics:

1. Asking for **donations** from businesses or organizations – materials or services (called “gifts in kind”) or money.
 - ♦ **CAN'T** Do – Because of certain regulations, a *girl* can't ask for a donation from a business or organization. Such asking is considered fund raising by the IRS and for a lot of legal reasons only adults are allowed to fund raise.
 - ♦ **CAN** Do – Work in partnership with an adult. The girl can make a presentation to a business or organization and have the adult do the actual “ask”. Girl Scouts - Columbia River Council has put together some form letters to help you with this.
 - ♦ **CAN'T** Do – Have an adult approach a business or organization to ask for a donation without first checking with the Girl Scout Council office.
 - ♦ **CAN** Do – Contact the Fund Development Director at the Girl Scout Council office to get information on businesses that should and should not be contacted.
2. **You cannot raise money for another organization or cause as a Girl Scout.**
 - ♦ **CAN'T** Do – Have a bake sale and give the proceeds to a shelter.
 - ♦ **CAN'T** Do – put up a collection barrel for food with a sign that says “proceeds go to The Salvation Army”.
 - ♦ **CAN** Do – put up a collection barrel for food with a sign that says “proceeds go to Girls Scout Service project that will help feed hungry families”.
3. **Asking friends and neighbors for help**
 - ♦ **CAN** Do – Ask for donations of time and items like clothing for clothing drive or left over paint, etc.
 - ♦ **CAN'T** Do – Ask for money.
4. **Charging a fee for an event** that is a Service Project
 - ♦ **CAN** Do – Collect a fee to cover the cost of materials or site fees.
 - ♦ **CAN'T** Do – Collect a fee *above* the cost of materials. If you do this, the project ceases to be a service project.
5. Seek **help from other service organizations** (Lions, Rotary, etc)
 - ♦ **CAN** Do – Ask for time, but remember, if you ask for money or gifts in kind, you must contact the Fund Development Director at the Girl Scout Council office and an adult must do the actual “ask”.
6. Apply for a community improvement **grant**
 - ♦ **CAN** Do – Contact your local government or other organizations to see if any are available. Remember that you must contact the Fund Development Director at the Girl Scout Council office and that an adult must to the actual “ask”.
7. **Money Earning Project**
 - ♦ **CAN'T** Do – A girl may not do a Money Earning Project as an individual.
 - ♦ **CAN** Do – A Girl Scout Troop can, as part of their budgeting process, choose to use their funds to support a troop member's individual service project.
 - ♦ **CAN** Do – A Girl Scout Troop can decide to do a money-earning project with the entire proceeds going to a specific service project. The troop must follow normal Money Earning Project guidelines and work with their Neighborhood's Membership Manager to get it approved.

BRONZE AWARD REPORT AND SELF-EVALUATION

This form is a tool that may be used by Girl Scouts and their Leaders. Filling out this form is not a required part of the Bronze Award. Girls may fill out this form individually or it may be used as a tool for a verbal evaluation of a report.

Part One

Name _____

Age _____ Grade _____ Girl Scout Troop Number _____ Service Unit Number _____

Name of School _____

Troop Leader/Project Advisor Name _____

Phone _____

Title of Project _____

Briefly describe your project _____

Part Two

Who was helped by your project? _____

What did you learn? _____

What would you do differently? _____

What skills or talents did you use to complete your project? _____

List those people who worked with you on your project and the resources you found most helpful _____

What did you learn about yourself while working on this award? _____

Is there anything else that you would like to include about your project? _____
