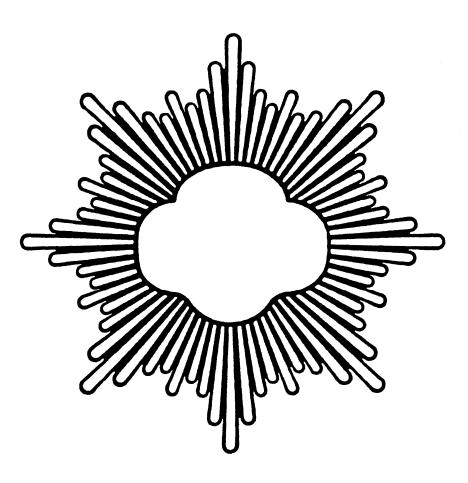


# **"GOING FOR BRONZE"** GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARD GUIDELINES



"Going for Bronze" Guide 02/08 ms/kc



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#### Dear Junior Girl Scout,

Congratulations on your decision to be your best with the Girl Scout Bronze Award!

The Girl Scout Bronze Award is the highest award you can earn as a Junior Girl Scout. By earning this award, you will demonstrate your dedication to the Girl Scout Promise and Law by helping others, improving your community and being the best you can be.

The information needed to complete the Girl Scout Bronze Award is located in the *Junior Girl Scout Handbook*. Girl Scouts–Arizona Cactus-Pine Council, Inc. has put together this packet to assist you. Enclosed you will find:

- Girl Scout Bronze Award Requirements
- Girl Scout Bronze Award FAQ's
- Your Own Action Plan Worksheet
- Leadership Time Log
- Girl Scout Bronze Award Report

Upon completion of the Bronze Award Project, mail or fax a copy of the Bronze Award Report and Leadership Time Log (keep one copy for yourself) to:

#### **Girl Scouts–Arizona Cactus-Pine Council**

Attn: Bronze Award P.O. Box 21776, Phoenix, AZ. 85036-1776 Fax: 602.254.5368

See *Girl Scout Bronze Award Requirements* section of this booklet for full instructions on completing the Bronze Award, receiving congratulatory letter, certificate and pin.

Please contact Karen Cunha at 602.452.7105, or 800.352.6133 ext. 7105, or karencunha@girlscoutsaz.org with questions.

Best Wishes,

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# GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARD REQUIREMENTS GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARD FAQ'S YOUR OWN ACTION PLAN WORKSHEET

#### GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARD® Highest Award for Junior Girl Scouts

The Girl Scout Bronze Award, the highest honor a Junior Girl Scout can earn, requires her to learn the leadership and planning skills necessary to follow through on a project that makes a positive impact on her community. Working towards this award demonstrates her commitment to helping others, improving her community and the world, and becoming the best she can be.

Girls may work on the award individually or in a group. All of the requirements for the Bronze Award must be met before leaving Junior Girl Scouts. However, earning a Bronze Award is not a prerequisite for the Girl Scout Silver Award (for Girl Scouts 11-14) or the Girl Scout Gold Award (for Girl Scouts 14-17).

#### Requirements

The Bronze Award has four requirements. To receive the award, a Junior Girl Scout must complete the first three before undertaking the Bronze Award project.

- 1. Earn two badges related to the Bronze Award project.
- 2. Complete one of the Girl Scout Signs found in the *Junior Girl Scout Handbook*.
- 3. Earn the Junior Aide Award, the Junior Girl Scout Leadership Award, or two of these badges:
  - o Girl Scouting in the USA
  - o Girl Scouting Around the World
  - o Girl Scouting in My Future
  - o Lead On
- 4. Complete a Girl Scout Bronze Award project that demonstrates the leadership skills she has learned as a Junior Girl Scout and a commitment to her community. The project must show she understands and lives by the Girl Scout Promise and Law. The project should:
  - Take about 15 hours to complete (including planning time). Doing the project should take at least seven to eight hours.
  - Follow the Action Plan in the "Adventures in Girl Scouting" chapter of the *Junior Girl Scout Handbook* (2001).
  - Provide community service inside or outside Girl Scouting.

For more information, see the Junior Girl Scout Handbook.

#### Tips

- Read the Bronze Award project requirements before deciding on a project.
- Work closely with a Girl Scout leader or advisor to complete the requirements.
- Follow all national and council guidelines for fund raising.
- Follow all guidelines in Safety-Wise.
- Document personal work and hours put into the project, if done in a group.
- Recruit an advisor with special skills for the project—a leader or the council can help.
- Choose only a new service project to fulfill requirements. Don't use a project already completed.

#### **Completing the Award**

- Leaders/Advisors helping with the Bronze Award decide if the girls have fulfilled the requirements and chosen an appropriate project.
- Girls are not required to have projects approved by the Council or anyone other than a Leaders/Advisors or the person helping with Girl Scout activities.
- Complete and fax or mail the Bronze Award Report to Council office in order to receive Council recognition letter, certificates and listing in Council publications. (see procedures below)

#### • In town process:

Leaders within the valley area will receive girls' letter of congratulations and Bronze Award Certificates. The letter must be presented to a sales associate at the Council Shop to purchase the Bronze Award Pin.

#### • Outer lying area process:

Leaders in outer lying areas will be notified when girls' letter of congratulations and Bronze Award Certificates are available at the shop. Leader must contact the shop to purchase the Bronze Award Pin. All items (pin, letter and certificate) will be mailed together from the Council Shop.

Please allow 2-3 weeks for processing.

- Leaders/Advisors can purchase the Bronze Award for girls upon completion of requirements and receipt of Council letter and Certificate.
- **P**ROOF OF COMPLETION MUST BE PRESENTED BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO PURCHASE PINS. COUNCIL SHOP WILL NOT SELL PINS WITHOUT PROOF OF COMPLETION.

#### GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARD FAQ'S

#### How long do I have to earn my Bronze Award?

As long as you are registered as a Junior Girl Scout, you are eligible to earn your Bronze Award. All of the work must be completed while you are a Junior Girl Scout.



#### Can I do my project with my troop or group?

Yes, however if you are working on a project with a group, each of you must assume enough responsibility within the project to allow you at least fifteen hours per person. You must be able to show exactly what you did in this project. Each girl must complete her own time log with her work on the project.

#### What if I am an IGM and do not have a troop leader to sign my paperwork?

If you are an IGM without a troop leader, ask another adult to help guide you through the Bronze Award process. You may choose a parent, neighborhood volunteer or perhaps an adult friend who is willing to oversee your progress.

#### What if I need money for my Girl Scout Bronze Award Project?

Always refer to Safety-Wise for money-earning guidelines.

If you still have questions, talk to your troop leader, Neighborhood Manager or Member Services Executive.

# Do I have to earn the Girl Scout Bronze Award if I want to go for the Girl Scout Silver or Gold Awards?

No, the Bronze Award is not a prerequisite for the Girl Scout Silver and Gold Awards. PS26 GSACPC/ 02-08/ MS/kc

### GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARD YOUR OWN ACTION PLAN WORKSHEET

Name:	Troop/Group #:
Brainstorm Ideas: What are some ideas yo	ou have for helping others?
Decide: What will your project be?	
Get Information: Briefly describe the who,	what when, where, why and how of your project.
Plan: Project Start Date:	Project Finish Date:
Who will you need to meet with about your	project? On what dates?
Put Your Ideas Into Action: List persons an What are they responsible for?	nd committees involved with your project.
Evaluate: What was good and bad about y change?	your project? Would you do it again? What would you
Share your Success: How was your project	ct a success? How did you celebrate?

#### GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARD LEADERSHIP TIME LOG

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\_\_\_\_\_ Troop/ Group #: \_\_\_\_\_

- ✓ Include all time spent planning
- $\checkmark$  The project itself should take 7-8 hours to complete
- ✓ The project must be at least 15 hours long

✓ Do Not include hours to complete prerequisites (requirements 1-3)

Date	Activity	Hours	Leader Signature
Total H	lours		

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# GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARD REPORT

Please type or write in pen. Make a copy for your Troop Leader and yourself.

<b>Personal I</b> IGM	DATA Troop/Group number:	Neighborhood:	
Name:		Telephone:	
Address:		City:	Zip:
Email:			
Age:	Grade: Name of School: _		
Leader/Adv	isor:	Day/Cell Tel:	

# **REQUIREMENTS 1 THROUGH 4**

Completed Badges	Date	Leader/Advisor Signature

Gi	rl Scout Signs	Date	Leader/Advisor Signature
	The Sign of the Star -OR-		
	The Sign of the Rainbow -OR-		
	The Sign of the Sun – <b>OR-</b>		
	The Sign of the World		

Le	adership Activities:	Date	Leader/Advisor Signature
	Junior Aide Award –OR-		
	Junior Girl Scout Leadership Award –OR-		
	Two leadership badges (please list)		

Girl Scout Bronze Award Project:	Date	Leader/Advisor Signature

GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARD PROJECT REPORT CONT.

Title of Project:	Date Completed:
Briefly describe your project.	
How did your project help others?	
List the skills, talents and abilities you put into action for this	s project.
What did you learn about yourself while completing this pro	ject?
Enclose a copy of the Leadership Project Time Log and Yo this report.	ur Own Action Plan Worksheet with
Your signature	Date
Leader/Advisor Signature	
GSACPC Approval: 🛛 Yes 🗅 No	
Council Rep, Title	Date

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