



# *The Girl Scout Bronze Award*

## *Information and Summary Sheet*

### ***What is the Girl Scout Bronze Award?***

The Girl Scout Bronze Award is the highest honor a Girl Scout Junior can earn and demonstrates that she fully understands the goals and values of Girl Scouting. Girls choose a project that will help their community, and then must pick the badges to earn in order to fulfill the requirements.

The first three requirements of the award help build skills and prepare for the fourth requirement, a Girl Scout Bronze Award Project. The girls work closely with their Girl Scout Leader or Advisor to complete these requirements.

### ***How does she earn the award?***

1. Decide on her Girl Scout Bronze Award project. Girls read the requirements for the project, to help her define the project.
2. She may do the first three pre-requisite requirements in any order, but they must be completed before the girl starts her project. She cannot use one activity to apply to more than one requirement.
3. Girls can work together with other girls on the Bronze Award project. If they decide to do a project together, they must be responsible for part of the project. Each girl should be able to show exactly what they did, and what was accomplished.

### ***What are the requirements?***

1. Earn two (2) badges that are 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 Patch, or the Junior Girl Scout Leadership Award, or two of these badges:
  - ◆ Girl Scouting in the USA
  - ◆ Girl Scouting Around the World
  - ◆ Girl Scouting in My Future
  - ◆ Lead On
4. Do a Girl Scout Bronze Award Project. The project shows the leadership skills a Girl Scout Junior has learned and a commitment to her community and to herself. The project shows that she lives by the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

The project should:

- ◆ Take approximately fifteen (15) hours to complete (this should include planning time). Doing the project should take at least seven to eight (7-8) hours.
- ◆ Provide community service, but can be done in or outside of Girl Scouting.

Follow the Action Plan in the “Adventures of Girl Scouting” chapter of the *Junior Girl Scout Handbook* (2001), pg. 39. This should be a new service project for the girl or the group of girls. It should not be something that has already been done.

The Girl Scout Bronze Award information can also be found on pages 202-203 of the *Junior Girl Scout Handbook*.

5. After completing the Bronze Award, each Girl Scout Junior completes the Bronze Award Summary Sheet and mails it to: Girl Scouts of Connecticut, Inc., Attn: Bronze Award, 340 Washington Street, Hartford CT 06106.
6. Girl Scout Bronze Award Pins and Certificates may be purchased at the council shops.

## ***FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS***

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***Q. Can we do a project as a troop or group?***

***A.*** Yes! Each girl needs to make sure that she contributes her part, and puts in a minimum of 15 hours on the project (including planning time). Individual projects are great too, especially if one girl's interest takes a different direction from other troop members.

***Q. Do we need to complete the Girl Scout Bronze Award before we are Cadette Girl Scouts?***

***A.*** Yes and no. You should complete the Girl Scout Bronze Award as a Girl Scout Junior. During the 2008-2009 year of grade level transition, you may complete the Girl Scout Bronze Award as a 6<sup>th</sup> grade Cadette.

***Q. Does that mean we need to complete the Bronze Award before we work on the Girl Scout Silver Award?***

***A.*** Yes, if you are planning on earning both the Bronze and Silver Awards. You must complete the Bronze Award prior to working on any Silver Award steps. You do not need to have earned the Bronze Award in order to earn the Silver Award as a Cadette.

***Q. We really want to help raise money for our local hospital, because someone in our troop is sick. Can we do this?***

***A.*** You need to follow national and council guidelines for fund raising. As a Girl Scout following GSUSA policy, you can not raise money for another organization. However, you can volunteer for that organization. Instead of marching in a walkathon, why not volunteer to help with registration, or make sure everyone has water and snacks along the route? If you need to purchase supplies for your project, you may complete approved Money Earning Activities (MEAs). It is important that you clear any MEAs with your Girl Scout council by submitting a MEA Application as directed on the form. This Form can be found in the form Library section of [www.gsofct.org](http://www.gsofct.org).

# Girl Scout Bronze Award Summary Sheet

Girl Scout \_\_\_\_\_ Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Troop # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

1	<i><b>TWO BADGES RELATED TO PROJECT COMPLETED</b></i>	Badge one:	Badge two:
	How these badges are related to my project:		
	Signature:	Leader's signature:	

2	<i><b>GIRL SCOUT SIGN COMPLETED</b></i>	Name of the Sign:
	By doing this Sign, I learned that I can:	
	Signature:	Leader's signature:

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*JUNIOR AIDE PATCH*  
*OR*  
*JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT*  
*LEADERSHIP AWARD*  
*OR*

**2 OF THESE BADGES:**  
"Girl Scouting in the USA", "Girl Scouting Around the World", "Girl Scouting in My Future", and "Lead On".

Circle One:      **Junior Aide Patch**      **Leadership Award**  
**Or: Badge 1**      **Badge 2**

What I learned:

Signature:

Leader's signature:

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*GIRL SCOUT*  
*BRONZE AWARD*  
*PROJECT*  
*COMPLETED*  
*(15 HOURS)*

Brief description of project:

Total Hours

The most important thing I learned doing my project:

Signature:

Leader's signature:

Purchase award pins at local Girl Scouts of Connecticut Shops or online at [www.gsofct.org](http://www.gsofct.org)

Mail summary to:

Girl Scouts of Connecticut, Inc., Bronze Award, 340 Washington Street, Hartford, CT 06106