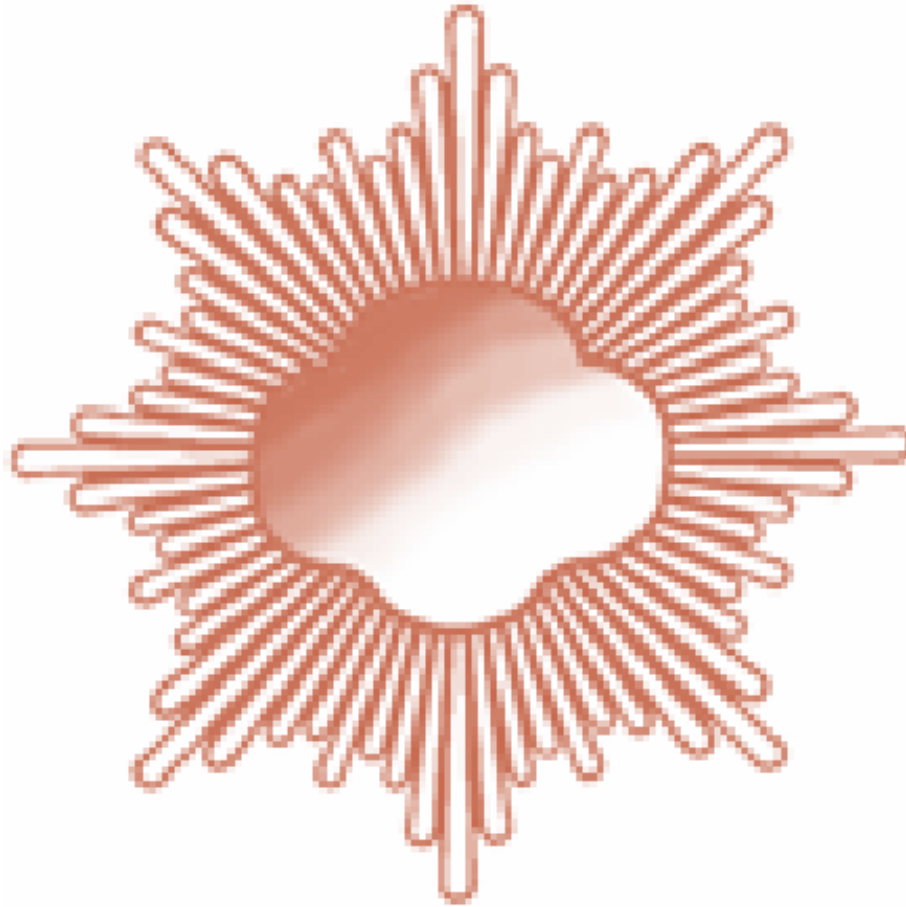


Girl Scouts of West Central Florida



Girl Scout Bronze Award

A Workbook for Junior Girl Scouts

Program Services Department 2007

This workbook has been designed as a guide to help Junior Girl Scouts plan Girl Scout Bronze Award service projects. Girls decide whether they want to complete the Girl Scout Bronze Award. Adults provide assistance to Junior Girl Scouts as they plan and complete Bronze Award service projects.

Guidelines for Adults:

1. There are four requirements for the Girl Scout Bronze Award. The first three requirements may be completed in any order. All three requirements must be completed before girls begin the Bronze Award service project. (Page 202, *Junior Girl Scout Handbook*).
2. Girls may complete “Do You Know?,” and Bronze Award “True/False Challenge” in this booklet to learn more about the Girl Scout Bronze Award. Answer Keys for “Do You Know?” and the “Bronze Award True/False Challenge” are included.
3. Activities completed for one requirement (activity, badge or sign) may not be applied to another requirement (activity, badge or sign).
4. Projects should not be casual community service. They should address a need that requires a plan of action to meet that need.
5. Projects require about 15 hours of work to complete. Eight (8) hours should be spent on project activities and a maximum of seven (7) hours may be spent on planning and organizing the project. Each girl must complete 15 hours and have made her own unique contribution, whether the project is completed as a troop/group or individually.
6. Fund raising/collecting money may not be Bronze Award service projects. Girls may collect tangible items for donation. (See *Safe-Money* and *Safety-Wise* for more information about Girl Scouts handling money.)
7. Help Girl Scouts choose projects that reflect their interests and abilities and are fun, challenging, and interesting to them.
8. Each girl should complete the Bronze Award Project Report Form, in her own words whether the project is completed as a troop/group, or individually (pages 10-11 in this booklet).
9. Submit copies of the Bronze Award Project Report Form to the Program Pathways Manager at the Girl Scout Service Center, once the girl(s) have completed all requirements.
10. Complimentary Bronze Award Certificates will be sent to the Leader/Advisor. Leaders/Advisors are authorized to purchase Girl Scout Bronze Awards in the Girl Scout store. Certificates and pins should be presented to the girls during a ceremony of their choosing (or the “Junior Girl Scout Bronze Award Ceremony,” pages 20-21, *Junior Girl Scout Leader Guidebook*).

The Program Pathways Manager is available to assist as Junior Girl Scouts plan Bronze Award service projects, at 800-881-4475 ext. 213.

The Girl Scout Bronze Award is just for Juniors!

Hi Junior Girl Scout!

Congratulations! You have chosen to complete the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can earn! Girls all over the country – just like you – have made a promise to help others and improve their communities and world, and become the best they can be. They are showing everyone the true meaning of GIRL POWER, and making their troops/groups, Service Units, and communities better places to live.

Helpful hints to keep in mind as you plan your Bronze Award Service Project:

- ◆ The first three requirements of the award help you build skills and will prepare you for the fourth requirement, a Girl Scout Bronze Award Service Project.
- ◆ Only Junior Girl Scouts may work on and earn the Girl Scout Bronze Award.
- ◆ Adults are available to help! Work closely with your Girl Scout Leader/Advisor in completing these requirements.
- ◆ Choose a project that makes a positive difference in your community.
- ◆ Spend 7 hours (or less) planning and organizing your project.
- ◆ Spend 8 hours (or more) on your service project.
- ◆ Use the Bronze Award Planning Form in this booklet to help you organize your project.
- ◆ Work on the Bronze Award by yourself, with a few fellow Juniors or as part of a troop/group.
- ◆ Once you've completed the Service Project, complete the Bronze Award Project Report Form in this booklet. Your Leader/Advisor is available to help with this.
- ◆ Your Leader/Advisor decides if you have completed the requirements and Service Project.
- ◆ Think of ways you would like to be recognized, once you've completed the Bronze Award.
- ◆ Use pages 202-203 in the *Junior Girl Scout Handbook*, *Safety-Wise*, *Safe Money* and the Girl Scout Central Section of the GSUSA website www.girlscouts.org/program/gsc_central

If you have any questions, please contact the Program Pathways Manager
at 800-881-4475, ext. 213.

But, most of all – HAVE FUN!

Ideas for My Project...

Do You Know?

Find the answers to the following questions in your *Junior Girl Scout Handbook* and *Junior Girl Scout Badge Book*.

1. How many Junior Girl Scout badges are there? _____
2. A. How many Girl Scout signs are there? _____
B. How many activities are required to complete each sign? _____
3. How many badges can you find that relate to:
 - A. Sports: _____
 - B. First Aid: _____
 - C. Nature: _____
 - D. Animals: _____
4. How does the cookie badge help Junior Girl Scouts learn about managing money?

5. Name 3 badges that involve using computers:
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
6. Why would a Junior Girl Scout earn the Junior Aide patch?

7. If you are doing a Bronze Award project that will involve collecting items for homeless children, what are at least 2 badges that would relate to that project?
Badge 1: _____
Badge 2: _____
How do these badges relate to the Bronze Award project?

8. If a Junior Girl Scout has been volunteering at a facility where elderly people are cared for, what are two badges that would help her prepare for a Bronze Award project that builds on her experience at that facility?
Badge 1: _____
Badge 2: _____
9. A Junior Girl Scout is trying to think of a good Bronze Award project. She is most interested in animals and is very good at sewing. Can you think of a good project idea to help her?

Do You Know? Answer Key

1. How many Junior Girl Scout badges are there? Over 100 (in *Junior Badge Book*, GSUSA websites and council websites)

2. A. How many Girl Scout signs are there? 4 signs

B. How many activities are required to complete each sign? 5 activities

3. How many badges can you find that relate to:

A. Sports: _____

B. First Aid: _____

C. Nature: _____

D. Animals: _____

Girls may think of different answers depending on how they view a badge or other recognition. Have them list the badges and discuss how they apply. There is no right or wrong answer.

4. How does the cookie badge help Junior Girl Scouts learn about managing money?

Allow girls to come up with their own answers. Include budgeting (creating one and sticking to it), setting goals and responsible spending in the discussion.

5. Name 3 badges that involve using computers:

Girls may think of different answers depending on how they view a badge. List the badges and discuss how they apply.

6. Why would a Junior Girl Scout earn the Junior Aide patch?

Allow girls to research and give you their answers. Have girls explain their choices. Make sure to include leadership and what it means to be a leader in your discussion. Use pages 198 and 199 of the *Junior Girl Scout Handbook*.

7. If you are doing a Bronze Award project that will involve collecting items for homeless children, what are at least 2 badges that would relate to that project?

How do these badges relate to the Bronze Award project?

Allow girls to research and give you their answers. Have girls explain their choices and brainstorm possible organizations that would benefit from this service. See the sample projects on page 202 of the *Junior Girl Scout Handbook*.

8. If a Junior Girl Scout has been volunteering at a facility where elderly people are cared for, what are two badges that would help her prepare for a Bronze Award project that builds on her experience at that facility?

Allow girls to research and give you their answers. Have girls explain their choices and brainstorm possible organizations that would benefit from this service. See the sample projects on page 202 of the *Junior Girl Scout Handbook*.

9. A Junior Girl Scout is trying to think of a good Bronze Award project. She is most interested in animals and is very good at sewing. Can you think of a good project idea to help her?

Allow girls to research and give you their answers. Have girls explain their choices and brainstorm possible organizations that would benefit from this service. See the sample projects on page 202 of the *Junior Girl Scout Handbook*.

Resources: *Junior Girl Scout Handbook* and *Junior Girl Scout Badge Book*

Bronze Award True/False Challenge

Circle T for True or F for False.

1. You can begin the Bronze Award project at any time, even if you have not completed the first three requirements in your *Junior Girl Scout Handbook*. T F
2. If you earn two badges doing the “Sign of the Sun,” you can also apply those badges to other requirements before doing your Bronze Award Project. T F
3. The “Pet Care” badge would be a good badge to apply to a project that deals with helping the elderly at a care facility. T F
4. If you earn the Junior Aide patch while doing the “Sign of the Rainbow,” you will have to earn:
The Junior Leadership Award
or
Two of the following badges: “Girl Scouting in the USA,” “Girl Scouting Around the World,” “Girl Scouting in My Future,” or “Lead On.”
to complete Requirement 3 of the Bronze Award. T F
5. Each Junior Girl Scout working on a Bronze Award should spend at least 15 hours on it. T F
6. The “Eco-Action” badge would be a good badge to apply to a project that involves cleaning up a park or a stream. T F
7. If you do not complete your Bronze Award as a Junior, you can finish it as a Cadette/STUDIO 2B Girl Scout. T F
8. You can do the first three requirements for the Bronze Award in any order you choose. T F
9. You should depend on your Leader/Advisor to do most of the work for you when you are working on your Bronze Award. T F
10. When a group of girls works together on a Bronze Award project, all of their hours can be added to come up with the required 15 hours. T F

Bronze Award True/False Challenge – Answer Key

1. You can begin your Bronze Award project at any time, even if you have not completed the first three requirements in your *Junior Girl Scout Handbook*.
False See #2 of “How to Earn the Award,” page 202 of the *Junior Girl Scout Handbook*, “Do the first three requirements in any order, but they must be completed before you start your project.” Help girls think of badges and signs that will help them learn more about the place/organization where they want to give service, before they plan their Service Project.
2. If you earn two badges doing the “Sign of the Sun,” you can also apply those badges to other requirements before doing your Bronze Award project.
False See # 4 on page 203 of the *Junior Girl Scout Handbook*; “Follow the Action Plan” in the Adventures in Girl Scouting chapter of the *Junior Girl Scout Handbook*. This should be a new service project that you or you and your troop/group have decided to do to earn this award. It should not be something you have already done.” This requirement focuses on the progression of learning new things as girls work toward their Service Project.
3. The “Pet Care” badge would be a good badge to apply to a project that deals with helping the elderly at a care facility.
False The “Pet Care” badge would be a good badge to apply to a project that deals with groups and/or places that care for animals/pets, like an animal shelter, zoo mentorship program, bird rehabilitation clinic, etc. (pages 56 and 57 of the *Junior Girl Scout Badge Book*). The “Across Generations” badge would be a good badge to apply to a project that deals with helping the elderly at a care facility (pages 40 and 41 of the *Junior Girl Scout Badge Book*).
4. If you earn the Junior Aide patch while doing the “Sign of the Rainbow,” you will have to earn: the Junior Leadership Award or two of the following badges: “Girl Scouting in the USA,” “Girl Scouting Around the World,” “Girl Scouting in My Future,” or “Lead On” to complete Requirement 3 of the Bronze Award. **True**
5. Each Junior Girl Scout working on a Bronze Award should spend at least 15 hours on it. **True**
6. The “Eco-Action” badge would be a good badge to apply to a project that involves cleaning up a park or a stream. **True**
7. If you do not complete your Bronze Award as a Junior, you can finish it as a Cadette/STUDIO 2B girl.
False The Girl Scout Bronze Award is the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can earn (page 202, *Junior Girl Scout Handbook*). Only Junior Girl Scouts may work on the Bronze Award. Cadette Girl Scouts/STUDIO 2B girls may work on the Girl Scout Silver Award.
8. You can do the first three requirements for the Bronze Award in any order you choose. **True**
9. You should depend on your leader to do most of the work for you when you are working on your Bronze Award.
False The Girl Scout Bronze Award is the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can earn (page 202, *Junior Girl Scout Handbook*). Only Junior Girl Scouts may work on the Bronze Award. Leaders/Advisors are available to assist girls as they plan and complete the Bronze Award Service Project.
10. When a group of girls work together on a Bronze Award project all of their hours can be added to come up with the required 15 hours.
False See #3 of “How to Earn the Award,” page 202 of the *Junior Girl Scout Handbook*, “You can work with other girls on Girl Scout Bronze Award Project. If you and a group of girls decide to do the project together, each girl must be responsible for a part of the project. She must be able to show exactly what she did and what she accomplished.

Bronze Award Planning Form

This form is based on "Your Own Action Plan" (page 39, *Junior Girl Scout Handbook*). Use the information on that page to help you in your planning.

Before You Start and As You Work on the Project...

1. *Brainstorm and List Ideas.*

- a. What can you do to help others?

- b. What needs do you see in your community?

- c. Create a list of ideas in a brainstorming session.

2. *Decide.*

- a. Write down the final idea you choose.

- b. Describe your chosen project and give it a name.

3. *Get information - Always ask who, what, when, where, why and how.*

- a. Why are you doing this project?
- b. To whom will you need to talk for any necessary permission and arrangements?
- c. What equipment will you need?
- d. Who do you need to help you?
- e. What new skills or information do you need to learn?
- f. When will you start?
- g. When will you plan to finish?
- h. How much will your project cost, if anything?
- i. How will you pay for it?
- j. Where will you do your project, and where will you have meetings, if necessary?
- k. How will you get there?

4. *Plan.*

- a. Make a list of everyone you need to meet with.
- b. Write down the dates and places of your meetings next to their names.
- c. Give yourself a start and finish date for the project.

5. *Put your ideas into action.*

- a. Write down the name of every person or committee who is working on the project and what she/he is responsible for.

When the project is finished...

6. *Evaluate what was done.*

- a. What did you like about the project?
- b. What would you do differently?
- c. Would you do this project again? Why or why not?

7. *Share your success.*

- a. Make a list of everyone you need to send a "Thank You" note to, and then do it.
- b. Make a plan to celebrate your success.
- c. Send your report form to the Girl Scout Service Center. Include a few of the pictures you might have from your project. Are there any other groups or people you should tell?

Girl Scout Bronze Award Project Report Form

Complete both side of this form.

Name _____ Troop/Group # _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Age _____ Grade in school _____

Date you completed your project _____

Leader/Advisor's Name _____

Directions: Please fill in the spaces below as you complete each requirement. Begin your Service Project once Requirements 1-3 are completed. Then submit this report to the Girl Scout Service Center to receive your complimentary Bronze Award certificate.

Requirements:

1. Complete two badges that are related to your Bronze Award project. (You cannot count any badges earned to complete other requirements.)

Badge One: _____

Badge Two: _____

These badges are related to my project because:

Leader/Advisor's Signature: _____

2. Complete one of the Girl Scout signs. Remember any of the activities that you complete to earn the sign cannot be counted again for other requirements.

Name of sign completed: _____

By doing this sign, I learned that I could:

Leader/Advisor's Signature: _____

3. Earn the Junior Aide patch OR the Junior Girl Scout Leadership Award OR two of the following badges: "Girl Scouting in the USA," "Girl Scouting Around the World," "Girl Scouting In My Future," and "Lead On."

Please check the activity you completed:

Junior Aide Patch

Junior Girl Scout Leadership Award

Two Badges (List the badges you completed): _____

and _____

By doing this activity I learned _____

Leader/Advisor's Signature: _____

4. Bronze Award Project:

Name of your project: _____

I chose this project because...

Describe your project. Include what you did; who helped you (including non-Girl Scout community members or organizations), where you did your project, and how the project was successful (attach additional paper if necessary):

What I learned from my project is...

What I would like to share this about my project is...

Please include any pictures or other items that we can include for writing articles, etc.

Leader/Advisor's Signature

Date

Your Signature

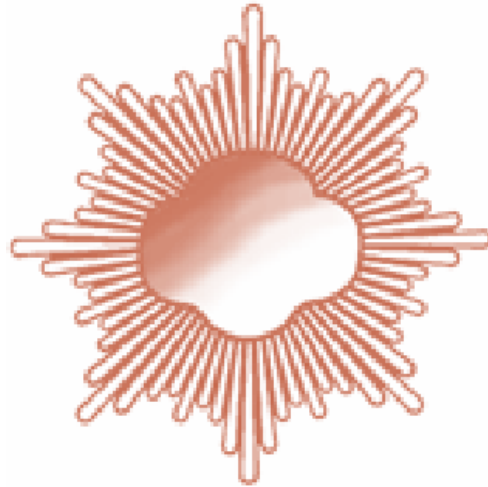
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Please mail completed form to:

Program Pathways Manager
Girl Scouts of West Central Florida
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Tampa, FL 33679-8066

What I Want to Share About My Project...

My Notes...



Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.

Girl Scouting ayuda a las niñas a desarrollar la confianza en sí mismas, el valor y los principios para hacer del mundo un mejor lugar.

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