

# Bring On The Bronze

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# *Planning for the Bronze Award Worksheet*

*Name* \_\_\_\_\_

What do you like to do? List three things.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

For each item listed, how can that become a community or Girl Scout service project?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

What two badges correspond to each of your choices?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Where will each of the projects be located?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

How will you organize each project?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

How long do you think each project will take?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

What supplies will you need for each project?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Will you need money for each project?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

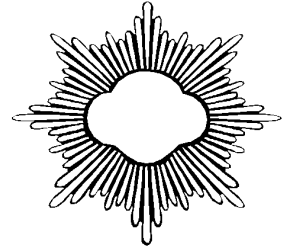
For each project, will you work on it alone or with others?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

# Girl Scout Bronze Award



Name \_\_\_\_\_

## How to Earn the Girl Scout Bronze Award:

1. Decide on your Girl Scout Bronze Award service project. Read the requirements for the project to help you decide.
2. Do the first three requirements in any order, but they must be completed before you start your project. You may not use one activity to apply to more than one requirement.
3. You can work with other girls on the 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.

## Requirements for the Girl Scout Bronze Award:

1. Earn two badges that are related to the project you will do for your Bronze Award. For example, if you choose a project that improves the environment, earn the “Eco-Action” and “Earth Connections” badges. If you are doing a project that helps senior citizens, you could earn “Across Generations” and “My Community”.

Badge One: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Badge Two: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Completed \_\_\_\_\_

How these badges are related to my project: \_\_\_\_\_

Leader’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_

2. Complete one of the Girl Scout Signs.

Name of Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

I learned that I can: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Leader’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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” and “Lead On”.

Patch, Award or Badge earned: \_\_\_\_\_

What I learned: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Leader’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Do a Girl Scout Bronze Award project.** This project shows the leadership skills you have learned as a Junior Girl Scout, and your commitment to your community and to yourself. To earn this award, you will do a project that shows that you understand and live by the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

**Project Requirements:**

- Take approximately 15 hours to complete (including planning time). Doing the project should take at least 7 to 8 hours
- Provide community service, but can be done in or outside of Girl Scouting
- Follow the Action Plan in the “Adventures in Girl Scouting” Chapter 2 of Handbook. This should be a new service project that you or you and your troop have decided to do to earn this award. It should not be something you have already done.
- Follow the safety rules that apply to your project.

Project Description: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Leader’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# *Girl Scout Bronze Award Resources and Tips*

## **Things to remember:**

- ❖ Girls must complete the Bronze Award by Sept. 30 of the year they finish 6th grade, whether they are registered as Junior Girl Scouts or Girl Scouts 11-17.
- ❖ Girls who are registered as Girl Scouts 11-17 may not work on the Bronze Award at the same time that they are working on the Silver Award.
- ❖ Earning the Bronze Award is not a prerequisite for earning the Girl Scout Silver Award.
- ❖ This is the GIRL'S project! Stepping back and letting her decide on what to do, organize, implement and make mistakes along the way can be very difficult for the adult. You are there to help and support her, not do the project for her.
- ❖ The Bronze Award is a pin that goes on the front of the sash/vest. Girl Scouts should wear the largest of the three top awards she has earned (Bronze, Silver or Gold) to the left of her GS pin. Once she has earned a higher award, the one preceding will migrate down to the mid right hand side of the vest or mid-way down on the sash with the other pin awards. That means a girl who has earned a Bronze Award will continue to wear that award to the left of her GS pin until she has earned the Silver or Gold award, regardless of her level (Junior, Girl Scouts 11-17).
- ❖ There is also a Bronze Award Patch. This is a “fun” patch and should not be put on the front of the sash/vest.
- ❖ Please note that while STUDIO 2B focus books/charms are requirements for both the Silver and Gold Awards, they can not be used toward the Bronze Award.

## **Bronze Award Web Sites:**

[http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gs\\_central/insignia/highest\\_awards/bronze\\_award.asp](http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gs_central/insignia/highest_awards/bronze_award.asp)  
<http://www.gssgc.org/Forms/BronzePacket.pdf> - Bronze Award Project Packet  
[http://www.gssp.org/leaders\\_JuniorBronze.htm](http://www.gssp.org/leaders_JuniorBronze.htm)  
<http://www.girlscoutshvpsc.org/silverandgold.html>  
<http://www.gpgirlscouts.org/girls/bronze/default.htm>  
<http://www.girlscoutsgulfcoastfl.org/THE%20GIRL%20SCOUT%20BRONZE%20AWARD.pdf>  
[http://www.cvgirlscouts.org/girls/bronze\\_award/](http://www.cvgirlscouts.org/girls/bronze_award/)  
<http://www.tarheeltriad.org/forms%20for%20download/Becoming%20a%20Bronze.pdf>  
<http://www.girlscoutstotem.org/Program/BronzeAwardPacket.pdf>

## **Money Earning**

Money earning activities raise money by involving the girls and adults working together in partnership to raise money. Girls do not fund raise, they participate in money earning activities.

Troop leaders must obtain written approval from their council before starting a troop money-earning activity (Money Earning Application can be downloaded from our council's website <http://www.gsllc.org>). Girl Scouts are NOT allowed to earn money for other organizations, nor are they allowed to earn money through games of chance, asking for donations or by selling a commercial product.

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Pointe/9385/fundrais.htm> - Money Earning Ideas  
<http://www.fundraising-ideas.org/DIY/index.html> - Money Earning Ideas

## **Bronze Award Project Ideas:**

The following ideas are from the special Junior Issue of the Scouting Links Newsletter:

Submitted by Lynn

**Animal Shelter** - One girl is distributing flyers and picking up donations of toys and old blankets for the animal shelter. She also baked several batches of dog cookies and donated them to the shelter where they were given to the animals, and sold by the auxiliary to earn money for toys for the animals. She earned badges on nutrition and animal care for the badge requirement.

**Daisy Troop** - One girl enjoys working with Daisy Troops. She has created a program for her Junior troop to put on a Daisy meeting where the Girl Scout Program is explained thru games and fun. She visited different Daisy troops and then put on a final 4 hour "Pajama Party". (Daisies come to the meeting and lay out their sleeping bags and included story telling and indoor s'mores!)

**Brownie Troop** - Provide weekly assistance to a Brownie Troop by leading games, songs, etc. or just be another pair of hands. Baby sit or entertain leaders' younger children to free up their time for the troop. Present a Try-it workshop and visit several Brownie Troops.

**Junior Troop** - Two girls like to present badge work to their troop-mates. They have earned several badges and have been putting on programs for the rest of the girls. The Talk Badge, Math Whiz, Puzzler, Eco-Action, Looking your Best, Safety Sense, and some patch work including Girls are Great! Have all been presented by these girls to the girls in her troop. One presented Girls are Great! to girls who attended a leader meeting with their moms. We just had them in a separate room earning the patches! Just as easy as "baby sitting!". This girl's costs are all covered by the troop as supply expenses. They clear the expenses with the treasurer (girl) and myself (leader).

**Girl Power Workshops** - A nice program offered to all the levels of Girl Scouting. Booklets and patches are available at the Girl Scout council. Focuses on self esteem and has lots of fun activities in the program. Can also adapt some of the activities and add your own to make it a real lot of fun!

**Family Fun Night** - Three girls together ran a Family Fun Night for Girl Scouts and their families. They did a lot of games, crafts, songs, etc.

**Collections/Donations** - Collected pairs of socks for a homeless shelter; the project was called Sock It To Me. Collect food to make Thanksgiving baskets for needy families. Collect mittens & hats to donate to homeless or battered women's shelter. One girl did a project called "Covering Your Head from the Bottom of My Heart". She sewed comfort caps for cancer patients and donated her hair for wigs

**Workshops** - Me & My Pal Campout, Bridge to Brownie Girl Scout (or Junior Girl Scout) event for troops in their service unit, Dance Badge, Sweet Shoppe Workshop (multi-level - is a badge from another council involving candy making). Try-it Badge workshop by choosing a try-it or two from the Brownie Books and presenting it to the girls in stations. Health Workshop: anti-smoking, eating right, exercise, hygiene, etc.

**Looking Your Best Night:** Taught skin care and made facial scrubs, nail painting session, made glitter gel and cosmetics (could do hair, etc. ... a fashion show ...There are TONS of places to find cosmetics recipes and hair braiding, etc. They could include making friendship jewelry out of embroidery floss.



The following is from Allison and Angela Owens (Yes, I have their mom's permission to use their names. Actually, they insisted!)

**Outdoor Skills** - Allison is doing an overnight outdoor skills session for our troop. She's earned Outdoor Cook and Your Outdoor Surroundings and has started collecting games and things to do. She's going to teach pocketknife safety and skills, how to cook a 1 pot meal (breakfast) and some other cooking, how to pitch a tent, and plan and lead a campfire program. She is hoping to have the girls earn Your Outdoor Surroundings and part of Outdoor Cook in the process, but she is also looking into the Outdoor Skills patches from the San Fernando Valley GSC(?). She will have to purchase some food, but her costs will be minimal. She'll easily be able to program in enough hours by having the girls come for dinner and not leave until after breakfast. (She realized she can not count sleeping time as part of her project)

**Cooking Workshop** - Angela is going to earn the new Junior Cooking Badge and a nutrition-related badge. She loves to cook and wants to teach them how to make "those little tiny sandwiches and treats" -- meaning appetizers I think. So, she'll be doing something food related for her Bronze Award project.

**Girl Scout Traditions** - Hosting a Girl Scout Traditions Day for younger girls or for new troops. They noticed that a lot of the girls at Day Camp didn't have very good "group" skills and hadn't had a lot of outdoor camping experiences. For Daisies and Brownies, girls could be taught to build a fire using the edible fire snack made with candies, marshmallow fire circle, pretzel stick logs, etc. Then they could be taken out to find tinder and kindling, etc. Teach some traditional songs, play Promise and Law games are all good and manageable activities for an older Junior to teach other girls.

**Library Sessions** - Could hold several weekly (or monthly) workshops for small children - read to them, do a small craft, serve snack, etc.

**Newsletter** - Create and maintain a newsletter and resource guide for your service unit (town). Could do interviews with other leaders (by phone, email or in person) to find out what their troop has been doing and some of the things they have planned. Can interview the service unit Manager about what things are coming up in council. Can include other fun stuff like "Game of the Month", "Song of the Month", "Ceremony of the Month", etc.

**Variety of Projects** - Doesn't have to be one huge project, can be a series of small ones until the hours are done.

**Senior Citizens** - Can visit nursing homes, senior center, etc. Project could focus on the senior citizens in your community. Help serve at dinners, lunches, help out at a fair or other events, perform a craft with them, plant a garden with them, visit, read, sing, distribute cards/crafts/gifts.

**Clean-up project** - adopt a road and keep it clean until your hours are complete. Go to several different places to pick up trash, participate or organize a community clean-up day - advertise in newspaper, on cable access, etc. (Remember safety issues).

**Peace Pole** - erect a "Peace Pole" as described in your Junior Handbook - perhaps at your town common, Girl Scout Camp or other Girl Scout property. Contact your council for ideas.

Place of worship Help - Could help out in your religious education classes or with the children during special events. Many places of worship have Thrift shops, food banks, or other programs they host throughout the year. Could volunteer to help with one or more of these many projects.

2 are going to build a picnic table for our GS House Property. 2 are going to put on a reading program/puppet show at the Library. 1 is going to design a web page for a local non profit. 5 are banding together to work with the Animal Shelter for Mobile Adoptions (wash and prepare dogs and work the booth). 1 is doing a food drive at her place of worship (designing fliers and talking to each classroom plus the whole congregation).

Saving and organizing pop tops for Ronald McDonald House and other projects to donate money to Ronald McDonald House

Collect, wash, repair and donate used school uniforms to the most impoverished school in the district. Badges earned were Art in the Home and Family Living Skills.

Wrote a troop web site of 20 + pages. Two girls paired up for this one and earned Computer Fun and CyberTechnology.

Taught Camp Songs and Pledge of Allegiance to girls at camp. Twins in our troop who are deaf earned Communication Arts and Troop Camper and went to 8 day/7 night resident camp to teach songs to the rest of the unit. They created a booklet of ASL alphabet and basic words to go with the training.

Baby baskets for indigent mothers to the first 5 baby girls born at the general hospital on Founder's Day 2002. Baskets include GS information, receiving blankets, formula, onesies, pacifiers, teething rings, booties, etc. Various families, troops and clubs could sponsor a basket for \$20. She earned Family Living Skills and Caring for Children.

Doggie baskets for the first 5 dogs adopted during National Adopt an Animal Week 2002. Baskets include home made chews, blankets, free shots and neutering/spaying from a local vet, and a pet care and training booklet she made. She earned Wildlife and Pet Care badges.

Kitty care for Cats-in-Need at the local PetsMart. Earned Pet Care and Wildlife and donated 3 Saturday afternoons taking care of unwanted cats and helping them find homes.

Jr. Teacher for K through 2nd grades. Earned Books and Caring for Children. Donated over 40 hours on month off (we're year-round schooling) to tutoring Kindergartners through 2nd graders how to read and do math. Had to write an essay, get approvals and be interviewed to be accepted to the program.

Make 9 different bookmarks for one of each month in the Title 1 Reading Program Year. Make 50 copies and get them laminated. Give them to a Title 1 Reading Director to use as bonus or award points. Earn Books and possibly Drawing and Painting or Visual Arts badges

Plan and carry out a badge workshop for Bridging Brownies like Horse Lover or First Aid. Earn that badge plus Jr. or Active Citizen

Plan and carry out a service unit event like Ice Skating. Earn Doing Hobbies or Sports and Active Citizen

Donate your time and artistic skill to the local Senior Center for one of their luncheons or dinners (a girl in another troop set up a spaghetti dinner and made the Halloween Centerpieces which will be raffled off at the dinner). Earn a cooking and Across Generations badges.

Submitted by Kim

Our troop put on the annual Cookie Rally for their Bronze Award project. I have 17 girls. Each pair of girls did a piece of the work. One pair taught advertising, one pair did a craft, one pair did site sale teaching, one did safety, one did the cookie dance, one pair taught cookie songs, one did goal setting, one group did check in and introduction, one girl was our emcee. It worked out great. They put about 6 hours into planning the event and another 8 carrying it out and cleaning up. We had each troop that participated give us a feedback sheet with how they liked the event. It went great - kind of loud - but great. It was held in a school gym - that is why it was loud. We had 273 Girl Scouts show up!

Submitted by Diane

I don't have any 'fabulous' ideas, but I can tell you what I've seen girls do. Here's a list from troops in my area:

Collected and made board games and collected books for the new Integrated Care Facility. Held a "Game and Story" day to kick off the new library room. The seniors held an impromptu Checkers Match and the girls took turns reading a book out loud (one chapter for each girl - 17 girls). It was covered in the local paper. (Games and Books badges)

Picked a local trail and each girl worked 2 hours a day for 8 weekends widening it and lining it with stones to make it more passable. They improved over 2 miles of the 3 mile path in a year. One of the fathers even made 1/2 mile markers and set them in concrete on short posts because he was so proud of their work. The trail is now on the "annual hikes" list of the Trail Seekers Group in town. (Hiking and Walking for Fitness badges)

Held a "Community Clean Up Day" and had over 50 people show up with trash bags, pickup trucks, shovels, etc. The group covered the entire "old town" section and removed 10 appliances and over 100 bags of trash from vacant lots. (Family Living Skills and Local Lore badges)

Made 50 cards per holiday (5 cards each with 10 girls) for 8 holidays (400 cards total) and gave them to Loma Linda Children Hospital's Cards-4-Kidz program. Loma Linda needs 10,000 cards each year for sick and recovering kids. (Family Living Skills and Communication Arts badges)

Held a one day "Kids Health Day" at a pre-school. Invited dentists, doctors, nurses, EMT, police, and firefighters to do safety presentations to the kids in 1 hour intervals. The speakers spoke about bike safety, fire safety, teeth, shots, sickness, and home safety at the 4-5 year old level. The girls were mini-PA's and after each presentation (with freebie handouts) they led the children in a craft dealing with that aspect of safety. The pre-schoolers went home with TONS of samples and information. (Family Living Skills and Safety First badges)

## **Service Project Web Sites:**

<http://www.colorasmile.org/> - Color A Smile <http://www.kidscare.org/kidscare/index.htm> -

Service project ideas for kids

<http://coy.ne.client2.attbi.com/ServiceProjects.html> - 350 Service Project Ideas for Kids

<http://www.PocketFlagProject.com/> - Pocket Flag Project

<http://bottlesofhope.org/> - Bottles of Hope, a service project to support cancer patients

<http://www.volunteermatch.org/> - Find out who needs volunteers in your area

<http://www.volunteering.org.uk/> - Find out how you can volunteer in the UK

<http://www.losaltosgirlscouts.org/service.htm> - Service Project ideas for Brownies & Juniors

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Pointe/9385/service.htm> - Service Project Ideas

The Points of Light Foundation & Volunteer Center National Network -

<http://www.1800volunteer.org>

Servenet - <http://www.servenet.org>

Locks of love - <http://www.locksoflove.org>

Kids and teen-givespot.com - <http://www.givespot.com/resources/kidsteens.htm>

Youth corps for animals - <http://www.youthforanimals.org/>

Youth volunteer corps of America - <http://www.yvca.org/>

Performing hearts - <http://www.performinghearts.com/>

The Humane Society of the of the US - <http://www.humaneteen.org/>

Are you into it? - <http://www.areyouintoit.com>

<http://www.forgirlsandtheirdreams.org/difference.htm>

<http://www.readtofeed.org/> - Read to Feed, an international service project designed for kids