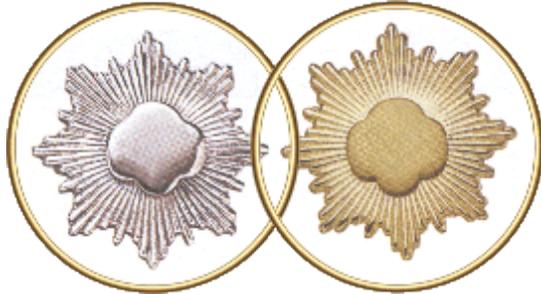


# The Circle of Girl Scouting Bronze, Silver and Gold Award Ceremony



Opening: Flag ceremony with the Promise and Law.

Welcome and thank for coming today to honor our Silver and Gold Award recipients as well as our 10 year pin recipients and graduating seniors. This year we have \_\_ Gold Award recipients, \_\_ Silver Award recipients, \_\_ Bronze Award recipients, \_\_ Ten Year pin recipients and \_\_ graduating seniors to honor. First we have a brief video presentation to share with you that shows who our award recipients are and what they have done to earn the highest awards in Girl Scouting. *(Show video presentation, dim the lights)*

*OPTIONAL*

*(Lights on)*

Today we gather to celebrate the circle of Girl Scouting. We honor those that have earned our highest award, as well as those that have reached milestones along the way. Before you is a circle of balloons that represent the circle of Girl Scouting. Girl Scouting is a circle because it is never ending. There is no beginning and no end,

it is a continuous loop. Each level leads into the next, and supports the one before it. As one becomes an adult Girl Scout the cycle simply begins again. One may join the circle at any point in the cycle. It does not matter if a girl joined as a Daisy Girl Scout, Cadette Girl Scout, or even as an adult Girl Scout, the strength of each of the individual parts is what makes the circle strong. Remove any part of the cycle and the circle weakens. Each of us here today is part of this circle or has helped support a part of the circle.

In the center of the circle you see 4 symbols which represent the goals of the Girl Scout program. The Star represents a girl's own potential, self worth, sense of responsibility and personal growth. Every girl is a star. The interlocking circles represent a girl's ability to relate to, understand and respect the people around her, despite their many differences. The triangle represents the values that each girl brings with her and develops as she travels the circle. Girl Scouting helps keep each girl pointed in the right direction. The heart represents the core of the Girl Scouting program, service to others. Each girl learns to give back to society through her own unique skills and abilities.

We will now light a candle for each of the parts of the circle of Girl Scouting, pausing

to honor those who have earned the awards along the way.

1. We light a yellow candle for the youngest level of scouting the Daisy Girl Scouts. This is the very first level that introduces girls to the fun and friendship of Girl Scouting.
2. We light a brown candle for Brownie Girl Scouts. In this level of Girl Scouting girls begin to reach out beyond their family to explore new horizons, try new things and meet new people. |
3. We light a green candle for Junior Girl Scouts. At this level of Girl Scouting, the girls seek opportunities to demonstrate their skills and gain recognition. They learn to plan, give service to others and take on more responsibility.
4. We light a bronze candle for the Bronze Award. This new award is the highest level to be achieved by a Junior Girl Scouts. To receive this award a girl must earn two badges, complete the Girl Scout signs, Earn the Junior Aide Patch or Leadership award, and plan and carry out a Bronze Award project of at least 15 hours.

We will pause to honor those that have earned this award. We will give each girl a certificate tied with

a bronze ring to represent their accomplishment, and a silver ring, to represent our hope that they will continue in the circle and reach for the Silver Award.

As your troop number is called, please come forward with your leader to receive the Bronze Award.

*Call each troop forward while telling about their project(s). Girl receives pin and certificate, leader receives corsage.*

Congratulations to all our Bronze Award Recipients

5. We light a light blue candle for Cadette Girl Scouts. As they enter this older girl level, girls begin to make their own decisions, explore careers, travel, plan their own activities and try out their new leadership skills, while helping younger Girl Scouts and giving back to their communities.
  
6. We light a silver candle for the Silver Award. This award is the highest award that can be earned by a Cadette Girl Scout. It is a symbol of accomplishments in Girl Scouting and the community. These girls have earned 3 Interest Project Awards that relate to their project and have earned the Dreams to Reality Award, which is all about

careers. They earned the Cadette Leadership Award which requires 25 hours of leadership and the completed the five parts of the Cadette Challenge Pin. Each girl was then required to design, plan and carry out a minimum of 30 hour Silver Award project. We will give each girl a certificate tied with a silver ring to represent their accomplishment, and a golden ring, to represent our hope that they will continue in the circle and reach for the Gold Award. We will pause to honor those that have earned this award.

As your name is called, please come forward with your leader and parents to receive the  
Silver Award.

*Call each girl forward individually while telling about her project. Girl receives pin and certificate, girl pins mother/father, leader receives corsage.*

Congratulations to all our Silver Award Recipients

7. We light a white candle for those who have earned the 10 Year Pin. For those who started as Daisy Girl Scouts, they may have completed 10 years before they begin the next level. Some girls joined Girl Scouts later, or progressed further before

earning this pin, but all of these girls have given a decade of their time, a majority of their young lives, to the Girl Scouting program.

Will the following girls please come forward to receive the 10 Year Pin:

*(call up each girl alone and give each a pin, and certificate)*

8. We light a dark blue candle as we move up to Senior Girl Scouts. These girls have entered the final level of Girl Scouting on the girl level. Adventure, travel, and meeting new people, and exploring places they have never been have been balanced with expanded leadership skills, new levels of responsibility and a deep interest in community service. These girls have accepted the challenge to look wider still. By the time these girls complete Senior Girl Scouting they are ready to take on leadership roles, and be contributing members of the adult community.
  
9. We now light a gold candle for the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award that a Girl Scout may earn. Each of our Gold Award recipients tonight has earned 4 Interest Project Awards that related to her Gold Award Project. Each has earned the Career Exploration Pin and the Senior Leadership Award

which requires 30 hours of leadership. She has completed the five parts of the Senior Girl Scout Challenge. Finally each girl was required to design, plan and implement a 50 or more hour Gold Award Project that meets an expressed need in the community, and will have a lasting impact on society. *(Read letter from president, if received)*. We will give each girl a certificate tied with a gold ring to represent their accomplishment and a green ring to represent our hope that they will continue in the circle and become adult Girl Scouts. All of our girls have all done a wonderful job and we are proud to present our Gold Award recipients of \_\_\_\_\_ (year)

As your name is called please come forward with your leader and parents.

*Call each girl forward individually to receive the award while giving a description of their project. Girls receive pins and certificates and pin their mothers/fathers. Leaders receive a floral corsage and pin.*

*Parents and leader are seated and each girl may give a brief 2 minute speech.*

*After all girls have been presented their awards:*

Will all the Gold Award recipients please come to the front of the room to accept the Gold Award Challenge.

*(all girls line up across the front of the room)*

CHALLENGE:

We challenge each of our girls tonight to accept this award in the spirit in which it is given. Know that with this award comes responsibility. You each enter a covenant of esteemed women who are regarded with honor and respect. We challenge you to live worthy of this honor by living by the Girl Scout Promise and Law in all you do. Receiving the Gold Award is not just one celebratory moment, but a lifetime commitment. Girls please give the Girl Scout sign and repeat after me: *(read one part at a time and have all girls repeat together)*

I affirm my dedication, to live by the Girl Scout Promise and Law. I understand my obligation, to live with honor, and to lead by example, because the highest award of Girl Scouting, has been entrusted to me. I will do my best, to support other Girl Scouts, on their road to

Gold, and to give back to Girl Scouting, what is has been given to me. I will respect others, and live worthy of respect, as one forever bound, to the ideals of Girl Scouting.

*Girls May be seated.*

Congratulations to all our Gold Award Recipients

10. Last, but not least we light a dark green candle for the Adult Girl Scouts. These are the volunteers that hold the Girl Scouting program together. Many were never Girl Scouts as a girl, but have chosen to give their time to this worthwhile program. Many others came up the ranks as young girls and have made the choice to continue the circle of Girl Scouting for another generation of girls. We have\_\_ girls who are graduating from high school this year and will have the choice to continue the circle and give back to Girl Scouts what has been given to them. We hope each one will decide to continue on as an adult Girl Scout. Will the following girls please come forward.

*Read the names, high school, and plans for college. Give a graduation certificate as they come. They should remain at the front after receiving their awards.*

Will *all* our award recipients please come forward now. Let's please have a round of applause for the award recipients for \_\_\_\_\_ (YEAR). Congratulations!

Thank you for coming and please join us for refreshments.

2002- Kathy Little

Music "The Circle of Life" From Disney's  
The Lion King sung by Elton John

### *The Circle of Girl Scouting*

*One that never ends.  
A circle of laughter  
and a circle of friends.  
From Brownies to Juniors,  
From beanies to greens  
From little girl smiles  
To bigger girl dreams.  
As the growing continues,  
She becomes a Cadette  
Her knowledge grows,  
Her goals become set.  
As the years fly by,  
Her mind and body grow,  
She is now a Senior  
Less to learn: more to know.  
Here you might think,  
The circle ends,  
But in actuality,  
It begins again.  
Because a Senior gave  
Her love and lost her heart,  
To the little Daisies,  
She helped to start.  
The circle continues  
Through the little ones,  
Through their laughter  
And their fun.*

*Girl Scouting is a circle  
Full of love and strife.  
Girl Scouting is a circle,  
A circle of life.  
by Daphne Spiers*

## *Circle Of Life*

*Music by Elton John, Lyrics by Tim Rice  
Available on the soundtrack The Lion King*

*From the day we arrive on the planet  
And blinking, step into the sun  
There's more to be seen than can ever be seen  
More to do than can ever be done*

*Some say eat or be eaten  
Some say live and let live  
But all are agreed as they join the stampede  
You should never take more than you give*

*In the circle of life  
It's the wheel of fortune  
It's the leap of faith  
It's the band of hope  
Till we find our place  
On the path unwinding  
In the circle, the circle of life*

*Some of us fall by the wayside  
And some of us soar to the stars  
And some of us sail through our troubles  
And some have to live with the scars*

*There's far too much to take in here  
More to find than can ever be found  
But the sun rolling high through the sapphire sky  
Keeps great and small on the endless round*

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