

## **BRONZE AWARD, SILVER AND GOLD AWARD**

### **BRONZE AWARD**

The Girl Scout Bronze Award is the highest award that a Junior Girl Scout can earn. It shows that girls have made a promise to help others and improve their community and to be the best that they can be.

To develop skills, girls must first earn two badges that are related to their project topic, complete a Girl Scout Sign, and learn about leadership by earning the leadership award or leadership related badges. Requirements can be found in the Junior Handbook.

Then girls may work individually or with their troop to complete a service project that will benefit the community. Each girl must contribute fifteen hours towards the completion of the project.

Once the project is complete, each girl will fill out a Bronze Award report form describing her unique contribution to the project. The Troop Volunteer signs off on the project. Forms must be submitted no later than September 30 of the completion of sixth grade. Allow three weeks for processing. Project forms should be mailed to the Program Department at GSEM, 265 Beaver Street., Waltham, MA 02452. The Troop Volunteer will receive back a certificate congratulating each girl. Troop Volunteers do not need special authorization to purchase the Bronze Award Pins.

### **SILVER AWARD**

The Girl Scout Silver Award is the highest award that a girl may earn between the ages of 11-14 or grades 6-9. This award is symbolic of her accomplishments in Girl Scouting and community activities as she grows and works to better her life and the lives of others.

To earn this award, several pre-requisites must be done to help each girl sharpen her skills and explore her community. She must earn the Girl Scout Leadership Award, which includes earning three Interest Project Awards, and spending fifteen hours demonstrating leadership. In addition she explores careers through the Girl Scout Silver Career Award. She will become her best self by working on the Girl Scout Silver 4B Challenge. The 4B Challenge will also help her to identify issues in her community that need to be addressed. Requirements can be found in the Go For It! Silver Award Book.

Once all this is accomplished, girls work individually or together as a troop to develop a community service project. Each girl must assume a leadership role and contribute forty hours towards the project. The project may be done in or out of Girl Scouting, but must reflect some aspect of community service. If a project is solely for Girl Scouts, then a girl must reach out to the community in some way.

The Troop Volunteer approves the girls' projects and sign off on them. Each girl should complete a Silver Award Project Report form, describing the issue she addressed and her unique leadership role. Forms need to be submitted to the council office no later than September 30 of the completion of ninth grade. A certificate, letter of congratulations, and authorization to purchase a pin for each will be mailed to the troop advisor. Allow three weeks for processing. Mail forms to: Silver Award, GSEM, 111 East Grove Street, Middleboro, MA 02346.

### **GOLD AWARD**

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest achievement in Girl Scouting. It symbolizes outstanding accomplishment in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. A plan for fulfilling the requirements of the award is created by the Girl Scout herself. The plan must conform to guidelines established by Girl Scouts of the USA and be approved by both the girl and by the Gold Award Committee of Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts. It is strongly recommend that girls attend a Going for the Gold Orientation.

A Girl Scout must have successfully completed specific requirements before she may begin working on the Girl Scout Gold Award project. This special project is an extension and a compilation of all that she has

learned in Girl Scouting. Requirements can be found in the Go For It! Gold Award Book. The Troop Volunteer signs off on steps 1 - 4.

Girls will then submit a Project Proposal to the Gold Award Committee for review by one of the published deadline dates. They will then be invited to a meeting with the committee to discuss their ideas and to make sure their projects are Gold worthy. A Gold Award Committee member will then be assigned to see each girl through the completion of her project.

Each girl designs and implements her own Gold Award project. Gold Award projects must address a community issue beyond Girl Scouting. They need to demonstrate leadership, and have a lasting affect on the community. They are more than community service.

Final Project Report forms need to be submitted no later than September 30 of the completion of twelfth grade. Girls will be invited back to a committee meeting to present their projects.

Project proposals and report forms should be sent to: Gold Award, GSEM, 111 East Grove St., Middleboro, MA 0234

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts will provide each girl who has completed the Gold, with a Gold Award pin, and certificates of congratulations from state and government agencies.