

An Update on the New Approach to the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards



The Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards remain the highest awards in Girl Scouting. GSUSA is revising the guidelines to align with the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. For more information on the guidelines and transition period, please refer to the questions and answers below.

1. What is future of the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards?

The Girl Scout Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards will remain the highest awards in Girl Scouting.

2. What is happening to the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards?

The guidelines are being revised.

3. Why are the guidelines being revised?

The guidelines are being revised to align with the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

4. How are the journeys related to the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards?

Girls who complete a journey for the appropriate grade level will find that much of the prerequisite work required to earn a Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award has been completed.

5. What are the new grade levels for earning the awards?

Bronze	Earned by Juniors	4 th -5 th grade
Silver	Earned by Cadettes	6 th -8 th grade
Gold	Earned by Seniors or Ambassadors	9 th -12 th grade

6. Will printed guidelines be available?

There are currently no plans to sell printed copies of the guidelines. Information will be available to download from the OCN and from the GSUSA website.

7. Will there be opportunities for councils, overseas committees, volunteers and girls to learn about these new guidelines?

GSUSA will host webinars for councils and overseas committees. Councils and overseas committees will provide volunteers and girls with learning opportunities.

8. What is the schedule for releasing the guidelines?

- End June GSUSA will release the girl, adult, and council guidelines to councils and overseas committees.
- July & August GSUSA will host webinars for councils and overseas committees.
- Late August GSUSA will release the girl and adult guidelines on the GSUSA website.

9. What happens to girls who are using the old guidelines?

Nothing at all. Girls currently working on a Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award can complete their projects using the current guidelines.

10. When will the new guidelines officially take effect?

The new guidelines take effect October 1, 2011, though a council could decide to transition to the new guidelines sooner.

11. What if girls who are using the current guidelines cannot finish their projects by the time the new guidelines take effect?

Because of the lengthy transition period, it is unlikely a project will not be finished before October 1, 2011. If this does happen, however, it will be up to the council to review the status of each project and decide what to do.

12. How much time will girls have to transition?

Girls will have from 2009, when the new guidelines are released, through September 30, 2011, to transition to the new guidelines.

13. During the transition, who decides if girls can move up to the next grade level while still working on one of the awards?

Councils make this decision. For example, a Junior who is working on her Girl Scout Bronze Award could move up to Cadette, but she must finish her Girl Scout Bronze Award by the end of 6th grade; a Cadette working on her Girl Scout Silver Award could move up to Senior, but she must complete her Girl Scout Silver Award by the end of 9th grade.

14. Can girls work on two awards at the same time?

No. One award must be completed before work begins on a new one.

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