

## Update Girl Scout Girl Award Requirements

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October 1, 2010

There is a two year transitional period (2008-2010). Beginning summer 2009 and continuing until fall of 2011, girls will have an opportunity to earn awards under the existing requirements or the new requirements. The new requirements will become official October 1, 2011 (Beginning of 2012 membership year). If the majority of work will be done during the 2012 membership year, these guidelines should be used.

In accordance with the new requirements, girls will be required to complete the Journeys in order to earn their respective award. Journeys are the nationally consistent program foundation for earning a Girl Scout Award. Girls will use exciting, relevant and creative resources for earning their awards such as: It's Your World - Change It! and It's Your Planet - Love It! Journeys. The skills girls will gain while working on the journeys will help them develop, plan and implement their award Take Action project. Accordingly, girls will complete the pre-requisites, at the relevant grade levels, for Gold, Silver and Bronze projects and ultimately earn the respective awards.

### **What are the options for the 2010-2011 Membership Year to earn the Girl Scout Gold, Silver, Bronze Awards?**

Girls may earn the Girl Scout Gold, Silver, or Bronze Awards following the existing requirements. Girls will need to complete all projects by September 30, 2011.

**OR**

Girls may earn the Girl Scout Gold, Silver or Bronze Awards following the new requirements utilizing the following age levels for earning the awards:

Bronze Award: Earned by Juniors (4th-5th grade)

Silver Award: Earned by Cadettes (6th-8th grade)

Gold Award: Earned by Seniors or Ambassadors (9th-12th grade)

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