

Girl Scouts Heart of Central California
GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD OVERVIEW

YOU CAN DO STEPS 1-4 WHEN YOU ARE 11-14 OR IN GRADES 6-9

STEP 1: ORGANIZE- Get Ready.

- o Purchase the focus insert, *Girl Scout Silver Award Go for It!* available at the Rancho Cordova council shop or at our online shop at www.girlscoutshcc.org. Read it!
- o Find an advisor and develop an agreement with your advisor.
- o Attend the Go for It- Silver council training; class dates are listed in your event calendar on the older girl side under Trainings. (Optional but strongly advised.)

STEPS 2-4 CAN BE EARNED IN ANY ORDER

STEP 2: LEAD- Earn the Girl Scout Silver Leadership Award.

- o *Earn It:* Choose three Interest Projects that relate to the Girl Scout Law.
- o *Believe It:* Earn the charm for the focus book *uniquely ME! The Real Deal*.
- o *Lead It:* Spend fifteen hours in one or more leadership roles and journal it.

STEP 3: NETWORK- Earn the Girl Scout Silver Career Award.

- o *What's out there?* Investigate various career options and answer questions.
- o *Who's out there?* Interview a college student and working adults and answer questions.
- o *Be your own boss.* Earn the *Your Own Business* Interest Project Award.
- o *Keep a Journal.*

STEP 4: CREATE- Earn the Girl Scout Silver 4B Challenge.

- o *Become.* Use the chart on pg 20 of focus insert for guidance.
- o *Belong.* Earn the charm for the focus book *Looking In, Reaching Out*.
- o *Believe.* Identify an issue you feel strongly about and use your voice to make a difference.
- o *Build.* Think about your issue from all angles and brainstorm solutions.

YOU CAN BEGIN STEPS 5-6 WHEN YOU ARE 12-14 OR IN GRADES 7-9

STEP 5: ACT- Earn the Girl Scout Silver Award.

- o *Plan It.* Figure out what the community problem is and what you want to do about it. Now is a great time to attend the Soaring for Silver: Brainstorming class.
- o *Know more about it.* Research and collect information about your community issue.
- o *Choose It.* Choose what you specifically want to do about your project. Brainstorm.
- o *Map It.* Make a timeline for your project and a list of resources you will need.
- o *Do It.* Be flexible. Use your resources and volunteers. Contact the council with any questions.

You must get approval of you final project proposal before beginning. There are now two options to obtain approval. You must turn in a copy of your proposal packet to the Main Office, Rancho Cordova with either approval method.

Option 1- If the advisor has completed the *Go for It: Advisor* class **and** the Girl Scout has taken the *Go for it: Girl Scout Silver Award* class after 10/01/07 the advisor can approve the Project Proposal.

Option 2- Submit a proposal packet to the Rancho Cordova council office at least six to eight weeks before you wish to begin your project. Once reviewed, council will contact you about your proposal and give final approval.

STEP 6: REFLECT- Think About It.

- o Submit the Girl Scout Silver Award Final Report, Timeline/log within eight weeks of completing your project. An official letter will be mailed, congratulating the achievement. The council has an annual ceremony in May honoring all Girl Scout Silver Award recipients. Girls are encouraged to join the planning committee.