

# Go For It: the Girl Scout Silver Award

**CELEBRATE!!!** Don't forget to plan a celebration with your troop or Service Unit, you've done an amazing amount of work!

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Your Girl Scout Silver Award project **MUST** be done outside of Girl Scouting. If your project is done within Girl Scouting, you must reach out to the community in some way.

You must complete Steps 5 & 6 by Sept. 30 after the completion of 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Before you Bridge to Seniors.

## STEP 6 Develop Your Project

Projects should be Safety check-point appropriate. Project length varies – minimum 50 hours – includes planning time. Identify your goals. Make them SMART. Create a timeline! Go for it!

### Step 5: Pick Your Take Action Project

- Review your Issues Chart, community map, and interview notes.
- Choose a project based on what matters most to you or where you think you can create some positive change
- Is someone else already addressing the problem? Can you partner with them? Be careful, that it's still your plan!
- Leader approves project.

### Step 4: Explore Your Community – Map It.

Communities are groups of people who have something in common. You belong to many communities: Your school is a community, for example. So is your math class or your debate team. Even kids who ride the same bus every day are a community. Other communities include your neighborhood, your place of worship, your town, and so on. How can you explore your community? Get out an interview people. Who knows about your issues? What are other issues that might out there. Newspapers, magazines, internet, TV.

### STEP 2: What do you care about?

- Ask yourself what you care about most, what are your interests/passions.
- Interview at least 3 people in your community and discover some of the issues they care about.

### STEP 3: Build Your Team

- **Small team model:** 2-3 girls at most, you must take on a project that will allow each team member to take an active leadership role. Your team will still partner with people in the community to complete your project.
- **Solo model:** You can create and implement a project on your own. You will still want to partner with others in your community (friends, neighbors, and business owners) in order to earn your award.

### STEP 1 The Journey

- Complete a Journey: AMAZE! OR Breathe! OR Media!
- If possible, attend a council sponsored Girl Scout Silver Award workshop

- Accomplishments prior to going into 6<sup>th</sup> grade can not be used toward the Girl Scout Silver Award.
  - A girl must be in grades 6-8 to begin work Steps 1-4 of the Girl Scout Silver Award.
- The first four steps must be completed before the Girl Scout Silver Award project is undertaken.