

2017-18 Leadership Program

Updates & Reminders



NEW

PROGRAM AIDE TO-GO

- Volunteers should plan ahead now and provide PA training to their troop by checking out the PA TO-GO box. Don't wait until it's too late... considering checking out the materials this fall. Council-led PA workshops are limited. Please visit the GSGLA website to complete an interest form and reserve your PA TO-GO box.

SILVER AWARD

- Updated Silver Award materials are available on the GSGLA website. These include a new definition for girl participation in council product sales programs (see below).

GOLD AWARD

- Updated Gold Award materials are available on the GSGLA website. The GSGLA Gold Award resources clearly define the process and standards for earning the Gold Award, including how to create a Gold Award Take Action caliber project. Also included is a new definition for girl participation in council product sales programs (see below).
- There is a new policy regarding what can count toward the 80 hour minimum to better honor the work girls put in prior to their proposal. *Girls may now count up to 10 hours prior to project approval toward the 80 hour total.* This policy applies to all girls submitting proposals and any girls currently in progress.
- High School Seniors who finish their award may elect to receive their Gold Award pin prior to the council ceremony so they may have time to enjoy wearing it on their uniform.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Program Aide - the LiA is the prerequisite to earning the Cadette Program Aide Award (pin). Please refer to your Cadette Journey Book for details on how to earn this award.

- Girls interested in being a PA at day camp should consult with the Camp Director for any relevant deadlines (ie. date PA Training must be completed by, application deadline, etc.)
- Although Senior/Ambassador Girl Scouts cannot earn the Program Aide Award, they can still take the Program Aide Training to be qualified to work as a PA at camps/programs/etc.

Silver Award - Cadette Girl Scouts, grades 6-8, may earn the Silver Award. Girls must complete one Cadette Journey (including Take Action Project) prior to beginning work on their 50 hour Silver Award Take Action Project. When complete, each girl submits her own Silver Award Final Report eform:

<https://www.gsglavolunteerapps.org/silverawardfinalreport/>.

Gold Award - Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts, grades 9-12, may earn the Gold Award. Girls must complete either two Senior/Ambassador Journeys (including Take Action Projects) OR one Journey and the Silver Award. Girls must attend a GSGLA Gold Award Workshop, create a proposal on GoGold Online, be interviewed, and approved prior to starting work on a project. Projects must be 80 hours and last a minimum of 3 months.

- Effective immediately: The 80 hours of time may be spent completing all seven steps: identifying an issue, investigating it thoroughly, getting help and building a team, creating a plan, presenting your plan, gathering feedback, taking action, and educating and inspiring others. Please note: Only 10 hours prior to project approval (i.e. prior to the interview) may be counted.

- Incomplete Proposals and Final Reports WILL NOT receive an interview; all attachments must be uploaded at time of submission, no exceptions will be made. Proposal and Final Report Attachments may be found on the Gold Award page of the GSGLA website.

Important Product Program Update!

Beginning with the 2017 Fall Product Program, the participation definition has been updated. In order for a troop to do any additional money-earning projects, the following guidelines apply:

- Troops and girls must participate in both council-sponsored product programs in order to be eligible to do additional money earning projects.
 - Participation is demonstrated by: Girls learning or enhancing the 5 Skills, and contribution towards the support of program activities for Girl Scouts throughout all of the Greater Los Angeles council.
 - Participation is defined by: 50% of the registered girls in the troop earning the Participation patch in both council-sponsored product programs. *



The 2017 Fall Product Program and 2018 Cookie Program Participation patch requirements are defined as:

- Fall Product Program = 10 units per girl (nuts/candy product = 1 unit each; magazine order = 2 units each)
- Cookie Program = 24 boxes of cookies per girl

Senior/Ambassador Gold Award Girls:

- A Senior/Ambassador Girl Scout earning her Gold Award must participate in the council-sponsored product programs and earn the participation patch in both programs in order to do any additional money earning projects needed to support her Gold Award project.



*** NOTE:** For a girl to participate in the fall and cookie product programs, she needs the support of her troop leadership, the troop needs to have a troop chair, and she should have the support of the other girls in the troop. As such, troop participation to support their Gold girl needing to do an additional money-earning event/project is encouraged; however, it is not required that 50% of the registered girls reach the participation