

Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council

Transitioning to the New Guidelines for the **Bronze**, **Silver** and **Gold** Awards

New guidelines for earning the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards were released from Girl Scouts of the USA in July 2009. Nationally, there is a two-year transition period to the new guidelines. If the majority of the work on a girl's Bronze, Silver or Gold Award project will happen within the next two years, that girl has the option to earn her award under the current guidelines or under the new Journey-centric guidelines. The transition period to the new guidelines ends on September 30, 2011.

The following charts are designed to help troop leaders and prospective candidates for the three leadership awards evaluate their current progress towards their award and make an informed decision about which set of guidelines to follow during the transition period. Rest assured, any girls currently working towards their awards will not lose any of the work they have done thus far.

Girl Scout Bronze Award

Grade in 2009-2010	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
4 th Grade	Begin work on the prerequisites under the current guidelines. OR... As new Girl Scout Juniors, begin work towards one Junior Journey.	Wrap up the prerequisites under the current guidelines and execute the Bronze Award project. Submit final report. OR... Complete the Junior Journey, and execute a group Bronze Award project. Submit final report.	
5 th Grade	Continue wrapping up prerequisites under the current guidelines, and execute the Bronze Award project. Submit final report. OR... If you have not started the current Bronze prerequisites, consider doing a Junior Journey and the group Bronze Award project this year. Submit final report.		

Girl Scout Silver Award

Grade in 2009-2010	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
6 th Grade	As a new Girl Scout Cadette, begin work towards one Cadette Journey.	Complete the Journey, or, if you have not already done so, do a Cadette Journey.	Plan and execute your group or solo Silver Award project, and submit the final report.
7 th Grade	If you have started the prerequisites under the current guidelines, continue doing so. OR... If you have not started the current Silver prerequisites, consider doing a Cadette Journey this year.	Complete any prerequisites under the current guidelines and execute your Silver Award project. Submit the final report. OR... Complete the Cadette Journey, then plan and execute your group or solo Silver Award project. Submit the final report.	
8 th Grade	Continue wrapping up any prerequisites under the current guidelines, and execute the Silver Award project. Submit final report.		

Girl Scout Gold Award

Grade in 2009-2010	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
9 th Grade	As a new Girl Scout Senior, begin work towards one Senior Journey. If you did not earn your Silver Award, you will need to complete two Journeys.	Complete a second Senior Journey, if you did not complete your Silver Award. Attend Gold Award Orientation.	Submit Gold Award project application. After approval, begin your Gold Award project.	Complete your Gold Award project and submit the Final Report.
10 th Grade	If you have started the prerequisites under the current guidelines, continue doing so. OR... If you have not started the current Gold prerequisites, consider doing a Senior Journey this year. Remember, if you did not earn your Silver Award, you will need to complete two Journeys.	Complete any prerequisites under the current guidelines. Attend Gold Award Orientation. Submit Gold Award project application. After approval, begin your Gold Award project. OR... Complete an Ambassador Journey. Attend Gold Award Orientation. Submit Gold Award project application. After approval, begin your Gold Award project.	Complete your Gold Award project and submit the Final Report.	
11 th Grade	If you have started the prerequisites under the current guidelines, continue doing so. Attend Gold Award Orientation. Submit Gold Award project application. After approval, begin your Gold Award project. OR... If you have not started the current Gold prerequisites, consider doing an Ambassador Journey this year. If you did not earn your Silver Award, you will need to complete two Journeys.	Complete any prerequisites under the current guidelines. Submit Gold Award project application. After approval, begin and complete your Gold Award project. Submit the Final Report. OR... Complete work on the Ambassador Journey(s). Attend Gold Award Orientation. Submit project application. After approval, begin and complete your Gold Award project. Submit the Final Report.		
12 th Grade	Complete any remaining prerequisites under the current guidelines. Attend Gold Award Orientation. Submit Gold Award project application. After approval, begin and complete your Gold Award project. Submit the Final Report.			