

Bronze Award Ceremony

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Junior Girl Scout Bronze Award Ceremony

The Girl Scout Bronze Award is the highest award for Junior Girl Scouts. This sample ceremony gives each girl the opportunity to describe her project and to identify what she learned in the process.

Supplies: Three tall white or green candles. These candles are surrounded by one candle for each girl receiving her Girl Scout Bronze Award. The tall candles should be lit before the ceremony begins. Candles can be arranged in a candle log on a table at the head of a horseshoe formation.

Procedure: This ceremony can begin with a flag ceremony, the pledge of allegiance, the girl Scout Promise, and a song.

Sample Script:

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Leader: Today we are honoring _____ (names of girls to receive award) for earning the highest award in Junior Girl Scouting, the Girl Scout Bronze Award. Each of these girls has achieved the high ideals and goals expressed by Juliette Gordon Low, who founded the Girl Scout movement in 1912.

Speaker #2: The three tall candles symbolize the threefold purpose of Girl Scouting as expressed in our Promise.

Speaker #3: "On my honor, I will try: To serve God and my country..."

Speaker #4: "...To help people at all times..."

Speaker #5: "...And to live by the Girl Scout Law."

Leader: _____ (names of girls) have served their country, community, and God with their hard work and skills. Each will speak about her Girl Scout Bronze Award project and receive her award. (Call the first girl by name.)

Award Recipient #1: (Stepping forward) My Girl Scout Bronze Award project was _____ I learned _____.

(She walks to the leader who gives her the Girl Scout Bronze Award. Then she goes to the table, picks up a candle, lights it from one of the tall candles, and puts it back down.)

Leader: _____ (Calls the next girl by name).

Award Recipient #2: (Stepping forward) My Girl Scout Bronze Award project was _____ I learned _____.

(She walks to the leader who gives her the Girl Scout Bronze Award. Then she goes to the table, picks up a candle, lights it from one of the tall candles, and puts it back down. This continues until each girl has spoken, received her award, and lit her candle.)

Leader: An award is a symbol of achievement. It means that you have learned something and provided service to others. With each new award, a Girl Scout takes on new responsibilities. More is expected at home, in Girl Scouting, and in your

community. Strive always to be worthy of the symbols you wear, and wear them with pride. Best wishes to each of you!

Closing: Retire colors, sing a song of your choice, form a friendship circle.