

Bronze Award Ideas:

Submitted by Lynn

Animal Shelter - One girl is distributing flyers and picking up donations of toys and old blankets for the animal shelter. She also baked several batches of dog cookies and donated them to the shelter where they were given to the animals, and sold by the auxiliary to earn money for toys for the animals. She earned badges on nutrition and animal care for the badge requirement.

Daisy Troop - One girl enjoys working with Daisy Troops. She has created a program for her Junior troop to put on a Daisy meeting where the Girl Scout Program is explained thru games and fun. She visited different Daisy troops and then put on a final 4 hour "Pajama Party". (Daisies come to the meeting and lay out their sleeping bags and included story telling and indoor s'mores!)

Brownie Troop - Provide weekly assistance to a Brownie Troop by leading games, songs, etc. or just be another pair of hands. Babysit or entertain leaders' younger children to free up their time for the troop. Present a Try-it workshop and visit several Brownie Troops.

Junior Troop - Two girls like to present badgework to their troop-mates. They have earned several badges and have been putting on programs for the rest of the girls. The Talk Badge, Math Whiz, Puzzler, Eco-Action, Looking your Best, Safety Sense, and some patch work including Girls are Great! Have all been presented by these girls to the girls in her troop. One presented Girls are Great! to girls who attended a leader meeting with their moms. We just had them in a separate room earning the patches! Just as easy as "baby sitting!". This girl's costs are all covered by the troop as supply expenses. They clear the expenses with the treasurer (girl) and myself (leader).

Girl Power Workshops - A nice program offered to all the levels of Girl Scouting. Booklets and patches are available at the Girl Scout council. Focuses on self esteem and has lots of fun activities in the program. Can also adapt some of the activities and add your own to make it a real lot of fun!

Family Fun Night - Three girls together ran a Family Fun Night for Girl Scouts and their families. They did a lot of games, crafts, songs, etc.

Collections/Donations - Collected pairs of socks for a homeless shelter; the project was called Sock It To Me. Collect food to make Thanksgiving baskets for needy families. Collect mittens & hats to donate to homeless or battered women's shelter. One girl did a project called "Covering Your Head from the Bottom of My Heart". She sewed comfort caps for cancer patients and donated her hair for wigs

Workshops - Me & My Pal Campout, Bridge to Brownie Girl Scout (or Junior Girl Scout) event for troops in their service unit, Dance Badge, Sweet Shoppe Workshop (multi-level - is a badge from another council involving candy making). Try-it Badge workshop by choosing a try-it or two from the Brownie Books and presenting it to the girls in stations. Health Workshop: anti-smoking, eating right, exercise, hygiene, etc.

Looking Your Best Night: Taught skin care and made facial scrubs, nail painting session, made glitter gel and cosmetics (could do hair, etc. ... a fashion show ... There are TONS of places to find cosmetics recipes and hair braiding, etc. They could include making friendship jewelry out of embroidery floss.

The following is from Allison and Angela Owens (Yes, I have their mom's permission to use their names. Actually, they insisted!)

Outdoor Skills - Allison is doing an overnight outdoor skills session for our troop. She's earned Outdoor Cook and Your Outdoor Surroundings and has started collecting games and things to do. She's going to teach pocket knife safety and skills, how to cook a 1 pot meal (breakfast) and some other cooking, how to pitch a tent, and plan and lead a campfire program. She is hoping to have the girls earn Your Outdoor Surroundings and part of Outdoor Cook in the process, but she is also looking into the Outdoor Skills patches from the San Fernando Valley GSC(?). She will have to purchase some food, but her costs will be minimal. She'll easily be able to program in enough hours by having the girls come for dinner and not leave until after breakfast. (She realized she can not count sleeping time as part of her project)

Cooking Workshop - Angela is going to earn the Junior Cooking Badge and a nutrition-related badge. She loves to cook and wants to teach them how to make "those little tiny sandwiches and treats" -- meaning appetizers I think. So, she'll be doing something food related for her Bronze Award project.

Girl Scout Traditions - Hosting a Girl Scout Traditions Day for younger girls or for new troops. They noticed that a lot of the girls at Day Camp didn't have very good "group" skills and hadn't had a lot of outdoor camping experiences. For Daisies and Brownies, girls could be taught to build a fire using the edible fire snack made with candies, marshmallow fire circle, pretzel stick logs, etc. Then they could be taken out to find tinder and kindling, etc. Teach some traditional songs, play Promise and Law games are all good and manageable activities for an older Junior to teach other girls.

Library Sessions - Could hold several weekly (or monthly) workshops for small children - read to them, do a small craft, serve snack, etc.

Newsletter - Create and maintain a newsletter and resource guide for your service unit (town). Could do interviews with other leaders (by phone, email or in person) to find out what their troop has been doing and some of the things they have planned. Can interview the service unit Manager about what things are coming up in council. Can include other fun stuff like "Game of the Month", "Song of the Month", "Ceremony of the Month", etc.

Variety of Projects - Doesn't have to be one huge project, can be a series of small ones until the hours are done.

Senior Citizens - Can visit nursing homes, senior center, etc. Project could focus on the senior citizens in your community. Help serve at dinners, lunches, help out at a fair or other events, perform a craft with them, plant a garden with them, visit, read, sing, distribute cards/crafts/gifts.

Clean-up project - adopt a road and keep it clean until your hours are complete. Go to several different places to pick up trash, participate or organize a community clean-up day - advertise in newspaper, on cable access, etc. (Remember safety issues).

Peace Pole - erect a "Peace Pole" as described in your Junior Handbook - perhaps at your town common, Girl Scout Camp or other Girl Scout property. Contact your council for ideas.

Place of worship Help - Could help out in your religious education classes or with the children during special events. Many places of worship have Thrift shops, food banks, or other programs they host throughout the year. Could volunteer to help with one or more of these many projects.

2 are going to build a picnic table for our GS House Property. 2 are going to put on a reading program/puppet show at the Library. 1 is going to design a web page for a local non profit. 5 are banding together to work with the Animal Shelter for Mobile Adoptions (wash and prepare dogs and work the booth). 1 is doing a food drive at her place of worship (designing fliers and talking to each classroom plus the whole congregation).

Saving and organizing pop tops for Ronald McDonald House and other projects to donate \$ to RMcDonald House

Collect, wash, repair and donate used school uniforms to the most impoverished school in the district. Badges earned were Art in the Home and Family Living Skills.

Taught Camp Songs and Pledge of Allegiance to girls at camp. Twins in our troop who are deaf earned Communication Arts and Troop Camper and went to 8 day/7 night resident camp to teach songs to the rest of the unit. They created a booklet of American Sign Language alphabet and basic words to go with the training.

Baby baskets for indigent mothers to the first 5 baby girls born at the general hospital on Founder's Day. Baskets include GS information, receiving blankets, formula, onesies, pacifiers, teething rings, booties, etc. Various families, troops and clubs could sponsor a basket for \$20. She earned Family Living Skills and Caring for Children.

Doggie baskets for the first 5 dogs adopted during National Adopt an Animal Week. Baskets include home made chews, blankets, free shots and neutering/spaying from a local vet, and a pet care and training booklet she made. She earned Wildlife and Pet Care badges.

Kitty care for Cats-in-Need at the local PetsMart. Earned Pet Care and Wildlife and donated 3 Saturday afternoons taking care of unwanted cats and helping them find homes.

Jr. Teacher for K through 2nd grades. Earned Books and Caring for Children. Donated over 40 hours on month off (we're year-round schooling) to tutoring Kindergartners through 2nd graders how to read and do math. Had to write an essay, get approvals and be interviewed to be accepted to the program.

Plan and carry out a service unit event like Ice Skating. Earn Doing Hobbies or Sports and Active Citizen

Donate your time and artistic skill to the local Senior Center for one of their luncheons or dinners (a girl in another troop set up a spaghetti dinner and made the Halloween Centerpieces which will be raffled off at the dinner). Earn a cooking and Across Generations badges.

Submitted by Kim

Our troop put on the annual Cookie Rally for their Bronze Award project. I have 17 girls. Each pair of girls did a piece of the work. One pair taught advertising, one pair did a craft, one pair did site sale teaching, one did safety, one did the cookie dance, one pair taught cookie songs, one did goal setting, one group did check in and introduction, one girl was our emcee. It worked out great. They put about 6 hours into planning the event and another 8 carrying it out and cleaning up. We had each troop that participated give us a feedback sheet with how they liked the event. It went great - kind of loud - but great. It was held in a school gym - that is why it was loud. We had 273 Girl Scouts show up!

Collected and made board games and collected books for the new Integrated Care Facility. Held a "Game and Story" day to kick off the new library room. The seniors held an impromptu Checkers Match and the girls took turns reading a book out loud (one chapter for each girl - 17 girls). It was covered in the local paper. (Games, and Books badges)

Picked a local trail and each girl worked 2 hours a day for 8 weekends widening it and lining it with stones to make it more passable. They improved over 2 miles of the 3 mile path in a year. One of the fathers even made 1/2 mile markers and set them in concrete on short posts because he was so proud of their work. The trail is now on the "annual hikes" list of the Trail Seekers Group in town. (Hiking, and Walking for Fitness badges)

Held a "Community Clean Up Day" and had over 50 people show up with trash bags, pickup trucks, shovels, etc. The group covered the entire "old town" section and removed 10 appliances and over 100 bags of trash from vacant lots. (Family Living Skills, and Local Lore badges)

Made 50 cards per holiday (5 cards each with 10 girls) for 8 holidays (400 cards total) and gave them to Loma Linda Children Hospital's Cards-4-Kidz program. Loma Linda needs 10,000 cards each year for sick and recovering kids. (Family Living Skills, and Communication Arts badges)

Held a one day "Kids Health Day" at a pre-school. Invited dentists, doctors, nurses, EMT, police, and firefighters to do safety presentations to the kids in 1 hour intervals. The speakers spoke about bike safety, fire safety, teeth, shots, sickness, and home safety at the 4-5 year old level. The girls were mini-PA's and after each presentation (with freebie handouts) they led the children in a craft dealing with that aspect of safety. The pre-schoolers went home with TONS of samples and information. (Family Living Skills, and Safety First badges)

For my Service Project I decided to let our soldiers know that they were appreciated and let their families know that others care. I gathered up supplies (both fun and useful) to ship overseas and to Fort Campbell. I got my troop (all first year Girl Scouts) some Brownies and some Juniors to help. I didn't even have to go out to seek donations for some of the things: a very nice lady who runs her own business in Gatlinburg gave me tons of things to send to the troops overseas and the families on the base. I also asked those who didn't purchase for themselves in the fall sale and cookie sale if they wanted to send something over to the troops. It was fun and I

believe a great opportunity for not only myself, but for others to show our support and appreciation to our troops overseas and their families here at home.

For our Bronze Award project, our troop is going to set up a butterfly garden at our local library to honor a friend who passed away a couple years ago.

I organized a Holiday Concert for a local nursing home during December. I had 10 girls and 1 boy play Christmas songs on their instruments (pianos, clarinets, flutes, saxophones, violas and violins). We had several practices before the big day. I used my computer to make a program of who and what was played for the residents. The concert was performed in their dining hall during their lunchtime meal. Many residents complimented us and asked us to come back again next year.

My Troop just completed our Bronze Award. We wanted to help children that did not have a Christmas. With the help of our community, we were able to fill 60+ shoe boxes with toys, books, toiletries and kid stuff. The boxes were wrapped in Christmas paper and then we filled them according to an age group for boys and girls. We delivered the boxes to a church in the Appalachian area and gave them to the families that needed a gift for their children. I learned that we can make a difference in someone's life who is less fortunate than we are. It was very rewarding.

I painted benches at parks that had benches that were in really bad shape. I took me a while to plan it. It really does require a lot of effort and hard work. Once you are finished, you will love how much you helped the community and environment around you!

I planted and took care of the garden at a local nursing home. I started in the Spring and cared for the garden all Summer and Fall. The residents and staff commented on how nice it was to have color on the patio. I am going to put up a small Christmas tree for the residents to enjoy! I wrote to local stores for donations of plants and mulch. I got such a good response that I had lots of materials to work with.

I am picking up trash and planting a garden where the trashy-covered ground was!

My troop earned their Bronze Award by putting on a Daisy Birthday Party for 50 girls. We taught them the Girl Scout Promise, which earned them the center of their Daisy Petals. We also taught them the friendship squeeze and some Girl Scout songs. They did a service project and ate cupcakes. It was a lot of fun.

I did my Bronze Award with a friend. Together, we cooked soups for a local organization for families in need. Everyone there loved the soups, so we will be working with the same organization for our Silver Award. I would highly recommend the Bronze Award to any and all Junior Girl Scouts who have an interest in working in the community outside of Girl Scouting.

Last year, a few members of my troop and I raised food items in preparation to help an organization which supplies breakfast meals for elderly shut-ins, called AID for FRIENDS. We got together a few Brownie troops, and raised a lot of food items.

When I was a Junior, what I did was to make a booklet about cooperative games. I made lots of copies and shared them with all the troops in town. I worked with one Brownie troop for over three months leading their pre-activity and post-activity by doing lots of games with them. They were a lot of fun. It was great to be able to try out my game ideas with them and it helped when I picked out which ones I wanted to put in my booklet. Their favorite was HEDGEHOG: Girls skip, run, jump, walk etc. around until the leader calls HEDGEHOG! At this they all crouch on the ground with their heads covered with arms so they can't see. When all eyes are covered the leader places a blanket over one girl and when she is fully covered says HEDGEHOG!. This is the cue for everyone

but the covered girl to stand up and guess who the hedgehog (covered girl) is.

I worked with four other girls and we made wooden Trefoil-shaped candle holders with a place for three candles. We went to a wood shop and got help cutting out the shapes, then we sanded them, and stained them, and screwed in candle cups. We made one for each of the 13 troops in town, and even wood-burned their troop numbers onto them as well. We also made up a flyer about candle lighting ceremonies, safety and some sample ceremonies. We went to each of the troops and did a presentation on how to use them and taught the girls about safety. It was a lot of fun and it was a good project for all of us, because we were all able to each do our 15 hours... and then some!

I helped clean up my local playground/park and then took all recyclable materials to my local recycler. Then I donated the proceeds of my aluminum cans to a local church for gifting to a needy family. I felt good about cleaning up the park and trying to help a family out.

Hi! I wanted to serve single moms --because my sister is a single mom. First, I hosted a "Mom's Day Out" babysitting day. Kids came to my house (where I was supervised by my Mom) and we did lots of fun stuff together. Then, I had my Dad and some of his friends to help with yardwork. We trimmed trees and carted off the yard debris to a recycle center (the trailer and recycling fees were donated)! Boy, did I work hard!

For my Bronze Award me and two of my friends had a book drive for our service project. First we created flyers on the computer that told everyone about what we were doing. It asked them to donate any books that they did not need to us. We spent an entire day handing out flyers and visiting garage sales to see if they had any books. We then donated the books to the clinic at our local hospital for children who are visiting the hospital to be able to take home with them. All of this took us at least 25 hours, but we had a blast doing it.

To do the Bronze Award, we had narrowed it down to two different choices for a service project. (ASPCA or a boarding kennel.) We chose to work at a boarding kennel and investigated different kennels. Then we chose one. We went into the kennel office and explained to the owner what we had to do for the award. She said we could come whenever we wanted and help out. The hours just flew by, it was so fun. We changed water, fed, and let out the dogs and cats. Sometimes, we even got to play with the animals. We also had the chance to groom some dogs. We had a great time doing this project, and you would, too.

Last year, my group held a leader dinner for the leaders in our service unit and provided childcare if it was needed. The girls in my troop who weren't earning it were offered to help and earn their Leadership Award or the Junior Aide patch.

Last year, my second year in Juniors, five girls in our troop earned the Bronze Award. We wanted to do something around Earth Day. We earned Eco-Action and Earth Connections; Junior Aide; all four Signs. We set up our project during Earth Week and it focused on kindergarten through fifth grades. We each took a grade and read age-appropriate environmental books to each class (*The Lorax*, *The Giving Tree*, etc); painted an Earth Day mural in the school lobby; set up information displays in the lobby; held an essay contest for grades 4-5 and a drawing contest for K-3 with an environmental theme. There was one winner per grade and they won an Earth Day T-shirt. We each made presentations to the class on a theme we chose. Kindergarten - Endangered animals; 1st and 2nd grade - Water pollution; 3rd grade - Tree deforestation; 4th grade - Recycling; 5th grade - Air Pollution. After our class presentations. We displayed everything in the cafeteria. We also had posters up throughout the elementary building. It was fun and we enjoyed the project!

My troop hand-sewed stuffed bears and gave them to the fire department to give out to children who needed them.

I earned my Bronze Award by baking about 1,00 cookies and collecting home-made greeting cards and sending them to one of the Navy ships out at sea because the sailors wouldn't be with their families during Christmas. They each got a cookie and shared the greeting cards.

My troop worked together and at all of our different schools we collected food and took it to the Ronald McDonald house and while we were there we cooked a meal for the guests. The reason we did this is because one of the 6th graders in our troop had some medical problems and she really wanted to give something back to the place because they had given her family so much.

Tricia, Trixie, Falanne and I made 20 curtains for the Girl Scout cabins at our camp in East Palestine, Ohio, totaling 42 hours of work to complete our Bronze Award Project. Upon completion of the curtains, the council provided us with curtain rods to put them up in the cabins. I am very proud to see them hanging there when we go to camp.

For my Bronze Award this year I collected sunscreen for outdoor sports teams and everyone LOVED it. I handed it out to girls softball teams since they get sunburned a lot. I got the idea from my Uncle Andy. He got Skin Cancer and died from it.

I tutored girls in grades 1-4 in math.

I was 11 and finishing up 6th grade when my troop of eight completed our Bronze Award. We "adopted" the toddler day care center at the Salvation Army in Nashville, TN. We painted up an old room, and turned another old room into "centers." We purchased and collected items for a music center, dress-up center, reading center and books on tape center. We threw a ribbon cutting party and played with the kids at each of the centers. We also write them letters and make activity sheets for them once a month.

Hi. For our Bronze Award my troop held an all day babysitting service Called Santa's Sitters. We called it that because it was near Christmastime and the parents could go Christmas Shopping. We did this with another troop. The kids were in groups with two scouts and rotated around to different stations. Some of those stations were movies, crafts, and board games. It was a lot of fun. We had a lot of kids show up. The money that we made we used to go on a trip at the end of the year to an indoor water park called Splash Lagoon. It was awesome.

To earn the Bronze Award we did some community service for our school and planted an American Heroines Garden. We painted tiles with their pictures and names on them, and set them around the garden.

Although our troop continually does service projects the girls gave this one more thought. As a leader I encouraged the girls to do a project to help the entire community. They chose to design and sew puppets and perform a puppet show at the public library. The girls handled the entire project including advertising with the local newspaper, library newsletter, and putting up signs around the elementary school. After their performance we held a special candlelight ceremony and dinner to celebrate the girls accomplishment. I am proud of them and look forward to their next service project; they've already begun to discuss their Silver Award.

We helped out at our local Animal Rescue League. We helped with all the animals, walked the dogs and brushed them and gave attention and love to the other animals. We collected towels and sheets, made dog and cat baskets for new owners, made posters about adopting pets and how to protect from Lyme disease. It was a lot of fun too, and we will keep going back to help and give love to the animals.



My Bronze Award Project is all about recycling. I live around many Senior Citizens who have a hard time doing many chores. My family has always recycled but my neighbors couldn't. For my project, I collect their recyclables

every Saturday and take them to the recycle center. I have already worked 30 hours on my project but will continue throughout this school year. I have already helped recycle more than 400 bags of newspaper, 300 bags of cans and 150 bags of plastic. Besides knowing I am helping preserve our natural resources, the best part about my project is that all of my neighbors now know my name and tell me hi when they see me.

For the Bronze Award we are cleaning up our environment for two hours every day. It looks really nice now. I think now we are going to plant flowers near the side of the road.

My troop and I organized a Pinewood Derby for Girl Scouts in our council. Most of us had brothers that had gotten to do Cub Scout Pinewood Derbies and we thought that it wasn't fair that the GS didn't get to have one, so we organized our own! We just bridged to Cadettes and I enjoy that I earned my Bronze. I also would like to earn my Silver Award.

Our Troop planted a perennial butterfly garden at Kittatiny State Park. We worked with the naturalist there. First we had to research butterflies and flowers that were native to the park. We then visited a nursery and selected some of the plants and also got as donations from our yards. We each put together a book about the flowers and butterflies for Kittatiny Park which will be on display when their new office opens. We spent many hours clearing our garden from weeds, we then planted and mulched and made name tags to identify the plants that we had planted. The project took a lot of time but we had a great time. The other girls in my troop are Dana, Allison, Katie, Kristine, Emily, and Kathryn (who has now moved to Texas). It was a great experience and our garden still looks beautiful today and attracts a lot of butterflies.

I did a book drive for an organization that gives books to families that can't afford them. It was at my school and I created flyers and handed them out and I decorated a collection box. I got my literature teacher to give a bonus point for every book a person brought for my drive (up to 5 books). I collected 785 books total and the organization was very grateful. I got some adult books in my drive and the organization only collects children's books, so I donated the adult ones to the public library.

My name is Caitlin and I just finished my Bronze Award a month ago. I did a service project at the library. I earned the badges, Books and Write All About It. I volunteered at the library for 12 hours in three days shelving books, picking apart rubber bands and cutting out sharks and fish for the summer reading program. It was great. I suggest to any other GS who wants to do their Bronze Award to do it at the library!!!!

Our troop shot a video and blazed a trail at a local environmental center. Although we are done with our Bronze Award we are planning to build a bridge at the environmental center.

For our Bronze Award Project my friend Cami and I are doing a Try-It workshop for Brownies. They are going to be earning their Animals Try-It. To come to the meeting they have to bring a donation for the Humane Shelter, such as animal food, toys etc.

My troop and I earned our Bronze Award a few months ago, just before we bridged to Cadettes. For our Bronze Award Project, our troop made decorations for every season and for most holidays. Then, we delivered the decorations to a local hospital's cancer unit. It made us all feel really great and all the hard work and time paid off.

During the summer instead of being bored I was my 4th grade teacher's assistant in summer school. I had a lot of fun with the kids too.

I donated toiletry articles to a shelter. I made some posters and flyers to advertise the donations needed. I worked with a graphic artist to make an electronic graphic design. I sent e-mails to my mom's office and they

donated hotel soap, shampoo and conditioners. I asked the local dentists to donate toothbrushes and/or toothpaste. I made approximately 200 individual packages for the shelter.