

Ceremonies

Gold, Silver & Bronze



Creative Ideas
for
Troops and Service Units

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The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest achievement in Girl Scouting earned only by Senior Girl Scouts. The Gold Award is a great accomplishment so the ceremony should reflect the significance of this award.

Gold Award recipients are recognized at the Annual Council Meeting in April. This event is open to all Gold Award recipients, their families, and troops.

Gold Award recipients may also choose to be recognized for their achievement in their own communities or Girl Scout troop/service unit. The following ceremonies are suggestions that can be used or adapted to fit the needs of the girls or Service Units.

Council Support

(Or "Who Does What?")

Bronze Award:

- Bronze Award Pins and Ceremonies are the responsibility of the troop and/or service unit.
- Please submit the following information to the council for listing on the council website and/or other publication: Troop #, Leader's Name, Service Unit #, City, State, and girls' names. Forward this info to Jennie Marang, Web Mistress, at jmarang@cbsc.org or 302-456-7150 ext. 7172.

Silver Award:

- The GSCB will provide all recipients with the Silver Award Pin.
After your final paperwork is completed and on file in the Newark office, you may pick up your Silver Award pin (s) at the Bay Shop in Newark or Salisbury. If you prefer, your pins may be mailed, but you are responsible for the cost of postage. Arrangements for pick-up or mail delivery of pins are made through Mary Russel at mrussel@cbgsc.org or 302-456-7176. Please note: GSCB will pay for only the first Silver Award Pin. Replacement of lost or broken pins are the responsibility of the girl's family.
- Ceremonies are the responsibility of the troop and/or service unit.
- The following information will be published on the council website and/or other publication: Troop #, Leader's Name, Service Unit #, City, State, and girls' names. It is not necessary to forward this information on to the web mistress, it will be taken from your final report form.

The GSCB will provide all **Gold Award** recipients with the following:

- The Gold Award Pin
- Recognition at the Annual Council Meeting in April.
- Dinner for each awardee and 2 guests at the Annual Council Meeting.
- A Gold Award presentation folder in which are accumulated the congratulatory messages, certificate, etc., which the council secures.

- The following information will be published on the council website and/or other publication: Troop #, Leader's Name, Service Unit #, City, State, and girls' names. It is not necessary to forward this information on to the web mistress, it will be taken from your final report form.
- Media releases will be done through the council's Director of Communications. Ann van den Hurk at avandenhurk@cbgsc.org or 302-456-7150 ext. 7170. See the attached Gold Award Promotion Packet.

The girl's responsibilities include:

- Notify council where the Gold Award will be received - at council's recognition event, community event, or at both the community and council event.
- Notify the council regarding her completion date of the Gold Award. To participate in the council's Annual Meeting, the council must be notified by March 1 to obtain the necessary certificates. If the award is to be presented in the girl's community, **eight weeks** notice must be given.

****The Service Unit or Troop is responsible:***

- Scheduling of the presentation.
- Selection and confirmation of the award ceremony site.
- Preparation of the guest list for the ceremony.
- When space and other considerations permit, serious consideration should be given to inviting local troop leaders, at all program levels, and girl representatives of their troops. Each Gold Award presentation is a cause for celebration by all Girl Scouts. Each Gold Awardee is a sign of Girl Scouting's progression to greater and greater challenges.
- Sending date, time and place of ceremony to the Program Department.
- Addressing and mailing of invitations.
- Arrangements for any desired decorations, flowers, special music, reception after the ceremony, etc.
- Development of the actual ceremony, securing of guest speakers, if any, etc.

If further information is needed, please contact the Program Department at 302-456-7150 or bfallat@cbgsc.org.

Sample Girl Scout Award Ceremony

This ceremony can be adapted for girls who are receiving the Girl Scout Silver Award or their Girl Scout Bronze Award.

Opening: A flag ceremony done by members of her troop or service unit. A poem or reading done by the honoree that has a special meaning to her.

Musical Interlude: A song or instrumental solo.

Profile of the Honoree's Years as a Girl Scout: By an adult volunteer or staff person.

Overview of Her Girl Scout Gold Award Project: By the adult(s) with whom she worked on the project.

Reading or Poem: This may be one that expresses service as its theme, followed by any personal statements the adult may want to make about the honoree. This can be done by the troop leader or by an adult Girl Scout.

Presentation of the Following:

- Certificates
- Letter from GSUSA Girl Scout Gold Award (by Council CEO/President)
- Parent pin (miniature of Girl Scout Gold Award), if desired

Presentation of Gifts: From the troop, service unit, or person she worked with.

Closing: The retiring of the flag; a song, poem, or favorite quotation presented by members of the honoree's troop or service unit.

Refreshments: Hosted by members of the troop or service unit (parents, girls, adult leader).

GOLD AWARD CEREMONY

by Linda G. -Senior/Cadette Troop 2001

Patriots' Trail GSC

***** Ceremony Outline *****

Welcome

Opening Flag Ceremony

Levels of Girl Scouting (see below)

Promise (candle ceremony)

What does it take to earn the Gold Award? (see below)

(included are the specific ways this girl completed the requirements - the 15 hr service

project, the leadership projects, etc, the last part of this is to describe the girl's project.

Usually the girl's content adviser shares remarks at this point.

Presentation of Awards (to GA recipient & parents)

Parent Remarks

Acknowledgements

(we present the special letter, certificates, etc). The local dignitaries have been able to attend and do this (so far!).

Acknowledgements from the

President, U.S. Senators, Capitol Flag Presentation, U.S. Congressman, Federal Agencies

State Governor, State Senate, House of Representatives, Board of Selectmen

Closing Remarks (my 'inspirational little speech', supposed to be similar to the Eagle

Charge from the Boy Scout Eagle ceremony).

Closing Flag Ceremony

****Levels of Girl Scouting**

To explain the levels of Girl Scouting, we now have Girl Scouts of every level light a candle. (each girl lights her candle from the ceremony candle and places it in the candle holder; then she says her speech. She remains standing at the ceremony table behind her candle)

Daisy: I am a Daisy Girl Scout. I am learning about the fun and adventures of Girl Scouting.

Brownie: I am a Brownie Girl Scout. When I looked into the magic pool and saw myself, I wondered how I could help other people. The Brownie try-its are the answer. They help me learn more about myself and the world.

Junior: I am a Junior Girl Scout. I continue to learn more through the five worlds of Girl Scouting. I can follow the sign of the rainbow in many directions, with the sign of the sun to guide me to the sign of the world and the satellite.

Cadette: I am a Cadette Girl Scout. I have more opportunities for new achievements and adventures. I can take part in a wider opportunity and work towards my Silver Award.

Senior: I am a Senior Girl Scout. I have a chance to explore career opportunities, improve my leadership skills and challenge myself as I strive towards my Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting today.

****What does it take to earn the Gold Award?**

I would now like to introduce to you [name(s)-speaker]. [brief introduction]

[name(s)] will explain to us what it takes to earn the Gold Award.

(flowers-5 sets)

(Brownies & Juniors give flowers at each point [5 needed])

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest achievement in Girl Scouting. It expresses a special commitment of each girl to herself, her community, her world and her future. There are 5 requirements to receiving the Gold Award.

The first is to earn 4 interest project patches.

[Name] earned: [list the IP's]

The second requirement is to earn the Career Exploration Pin. [Name] prepared her resume and helped organize the From Dreams To Reality Career Fair held right here at the **** Church in April, 1999. She also got a job as a life guard and swimming instructor at **** Pond.

(give flowers)

The third requirement is to earn the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award. This award involved working at least 30 hours in at least 2 positions of leadership. [Name] was/did_____.

(give flowers)

The fourth requirement in earning the Gold Award is to earn the Senior Girl Scout Challenge. The challenge asks each girl to put the Promise and the Law into action. It involves sections on Developing Your Potential, Relating to Others, Developing Values for Living, Contributing to Society with a service project of at least 15 hours, and Helping Others Know about Girl Scouting.

[Name] created a self-development plan, examined her skills in relating to others and discussed values and reasons for those values. [Name] did the following_____ for her 15 hour project. For the fifth challenge, with her troop, [Name] did the following_____.

(give flowers)

The final requirement for earning the Girl Scout Gold Award is to do a Gold Award project. This project is an extension and combination of all that she has learned in her previous Girl Scout work. The first four requirements helped her to develop skills, practice leadership, explore

career possibilities and discover more about herself. All of this comes together in the *Gold Award* project. To decide on a project [Name] first identified her personal talents and strengths that could be put into action through a *Gold Award* project. She then decided on a project which would demonstrate her commitment to her community. The project is required to take a minimum of 50 leadership hours.

[Date] [Name] completed her *Gold Award* Project, [Title of Project]. Describe her project and what she did to complete it.

(give flowers)

Through the eyes of Girl Scouting Bronze, Silver and Gold Award Ceremony

Adapted from a ceremony by Kathy Little - 2005

Music "Through My Eyes" from Disney's Brother Bear by Phil Collins

Please stand for the presentation of the colors - Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome and thank for coming today to honor our Bronze, Silver and Gold Award recipients as well as our 10 year pin recipients and graduating seniors. This year we have _____ Gold Award recipients,

_____ Silver Award recipients, _____ Bronze Award recipients, _____ Ten Year pin recipients and _____ graduating seniors to honor.

As we look through the eyes of Girl Scouting, we honor those that have earned our highest award, the Gold, as well as those that have reached milestones along the way. The journey through Girl Scouting is a progression. From the first eye opening experience of the Daisy Girl Scout to inspired visions of the Teen Girl Scout, it is a journey that is full of challenges, dreams and opportunities. At each level of Girl Scouting these young ladies have the opportunity to see things a little differently and expand their sight a little more allowing them an increasingly better view of world around them and their part in it. Girl Scouts allows them to Become their very best, Belong to something bigger than themselves, Believe in themselves and others and Build a better world.

We will now light a candle for each of the levels of Girl Scouting, pausing to honor those who have earned the awards along the way.

1. We light a candle for the youngest level of scouting the Daisy Girl Scouts. This is the very first level that introduces girls to the fun and friendship of Girl Scouting. Here girls first open their eyes and take a peek outside of their familiar surroundings of home and family. So much to see, so much to learn.
2. We light a candle for the Brownie Girl Scouts. In this level of Girl Scouting girls begin to reach out beyond their family to explore new horizons, try new things and meet new people. Here they begin to see things in their own way,

their line of vision moving out and away from home and family to explore as a group their community and world.

3. We light a candle for Junior Girl Scouts and the Bronze Award. At this level of Girl Scouting, the girls seek opportunities to demonstrate their skills and gain recognition. They learn to plan, give service to others and take on more responsibility. These girls are finally beginning to see there is a great big world out there. While most will generally still observe the world in a group setting, many will begin to look towards a view of life that is all their own. Their vision of the world is beginning to expand and change. There are new opportunities and friendships to be found as they look out and around them. They are beginning to see themselves and others in a whole new way.

4. The girls of this age level with the greatest vision earned the Bronze Award. This is the highest award to be achieved by Junior Girl Scouts. To receive this award a girl must earn two badges, complete the Girl Scout signs, Earn the Junior Aide Patch or Leadership award, and plan and carry out a Bronze Award project of at least 15 hours. Most of these girls have completed their projects as a group effort and in doing so have learned a little more about themselves, the world around them, and the impact they can have on others.

Read troop projects and present Bronze Awards to girls.

Congratulations to our Bronze Award Recipients.

5. We light a candle for Teen Girl Scouts, ages 11-14 and the Silver Award. As they enter this level, they are preteens, as they leave they are full fledged teenagers. Their social circle is constantly enlarging. These girls begin to make their own decisions, explore careers, travel, plan their own activities and try out their new leadership skills, while helping younger Girl Scouts and giving back to their communities. Not only are they looking farther, and wider, but they begin to see younger scouts trying to follow them. They are slowly becoming leaders. Their confidence is beginning to blossom, as they look out farther beyond themselves, they begin to imagine their own place in this world.

6. The girls whose vision and outlook were greater than the rest, earned the Girl Scout Silver Award. This award is the highest award that can be earned

by a Teen Girl Scout 11-14. It is a symbol of accomplishments in Girl Scouting and the community. Girls that receive this award have earned three Interest Project Awards related to parts of the Girl Scout Promise and Law, the STUDIO 2B Focus: *uniquely me! The Real Deal* charm, put leadership into action by spending 15 hours in a leadership role, earned "Your Own Business" Interest Project Award as they discovered careers, and the Girl Scout Silver 4Bs Challenge Charm as they learned to Become, Belong, Believe, and Build. After they completed all of that, then came the Silver Award project requiring a minimum of 40 hours.

As your name is called, please come forward with your leader and parents to receive the Silver Award.

Call each girl forward individually while telling about her project. Girl receives pin and certificate. Parents put pin on girl.

Congratulations to all our Silver Award Recipients.

7. We would now like to honor those who have earned the 10 Year Pin. For those who started as Daisy Girl Scouts, they may have completed 10 years before they begin the next level of Teen Girl Scouts. Some girls joined Girl Scouts later, or progressed further before earning this pin, but all of these girls have given a decade of their time, a majority of their young lives to seeing the world through the eyes of Girl Scouting.

Will the following girls please come forward to receive the 10 Year Pin:

(call up each girl alone and give each her pin, and certificate)

8. We light a candle for the Teen Girl Scouts, ages 15-18 and the Gold Award. These girls have entered the final level of Girl Scouting on the girl level. Adventure, travel, and meeting new people, and exploring places they have never been, have been balanced with expanded leadership skills, new levels of responsibility and a deep interest in community service. By seeking new visions, perceiving things in a new way, these girls have accepted the challenge to look wider still. By the time these girls complete Girl Scouting they are ready to take on full leadership roles, and be contributing members of the adult community. They

are no longer spectators, but full participants. They are spreading their vision to younger girls by setting an example for all to see. These girls gaze upon the world in new ways and with their own special and unique vision of what that world should be. Their outlook has taken them to the top, where the view is breathtaking, and their numbers are few.

Those very special few that have glimpsed the top and whose imaginations have allowed them to perceive things above and beyond the rest, have earned the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award that a Girl Scout may earn. Each of our Gold Award recipients tonight has earned 4 Interest Project Awards that related to her Gold Award Project. Each has earned the Career Exploration Pin and the Senior Leadership Award that requires 30 hours of leadership. She has completed the five parts of the Senior Girl Scout Challenge. Finally each girl was required to design, plan and implement a minimum of 50 hour Gold Award Project that meets an expressed need in the community, and will have a lasting impact on society. *(If girls are working under the new requirements: Each of our Gold Award recipients has earned 3 Interest Project Awards related to the Promise and Law. Each has done 30 hours in a leadership role and earned the Girl Scout Gold Career Award Charm by doing 40 hours of career exploration. She has completed the 4 parts of the Girl Scout Gold 4'Bs Challenge Award Charm. Finally each girl was required to design, plan, and implement a minimum of a 65 hour project that meets and expressed need in the community and will have a lasting impact on society.)* These girls have not only seen the world in a whole new way through the eyes of Girl Scouting, but have left their mark in Girl Scouting and in their communities for all those that come to gaze upon it after them.

The vision of Girl Scouting will be forever changed, as they have been part of it and added their own special style to it. They have made the vision their own, and expanded their sight to see far beyond themselves to those in need around them. They are able to handle any challenge that comes their way as they leave childhood and enter adulthood where everything will look different. These young women look towards something greater as they speed towards the future. There are no limits for them as they have viewed the world through the eyes of Girl Scouting. We honor these girls' accomplishments in earning the Gold Award while hoping that each one will continue to help others see the world through the eyes of Girl Scouting and become Adult Girl Scouts. All of our girls have all done an outstanding job and we salute them. We are proud to now present our Gold Award recipients.

As your name is called please come forward with your leader and your parents.

Call each girl forward individually to receive the award while giving a description of their project. Girls receive pins, and certificates and pin their mother/father (optional). Read Individual Profiles.

Parents and leader are seated and girl may give a brief 2 minute speech if she chooses.

After all girls have been presented their awards and spoken:

We will now give the Gold Award Challenge.

CHALLENGE: We challenge you to accept this award in the spirit in which it is given. Know that with this award comes responsibility. You each enter a covenant of esteemed women who are regarded with honor and respect. We challenge you to live worthy of this honor by living by the Girl Scout Promise and Law in all you do. Receiving the Gold Award is not just one celebratory moment, but a lifetime commitment. Please give the Girl Scout sign and repeat after me: *(read one part at a time and have all girls repeat together)*

I affirm my dedication, to live by the Girl Scout Promise and Law. I understand my obligation, to live with honor, and to lead by example, because the highest award of Girl Scouting, has been entrusted to me. I will do my best, to support other Girl Scouts, on their road to Gold, and to give back to Girl Scouting, what is has been given to me. I will respect others, and live worthy of respect, as one forever bound, to the ideals of Girl Scouting.

Girls May be seated.

9. Last, but not least we light a candle for the Adult Girl Scouts. These are the volunteers that hold the Girl Scouting program together. Many were never Girl Scouts as a girl, but have chosen to give their time to this worthwhile program. Many others came up the ranks as young girls and have made the choice to show the world to a new generation of girls through the eyes of Girl Scouting. We have _____ girls who are graduating from high school this year and will have the choice to continue the vision and give back to Girl Scouts what has been given to them. We hope each one will decide to continue on as an adult Girl Scout in some capacity. These girls are about to enter a whole new world with the opportunity to expand their vision, and view and achieve unlimited success as they begin their new lives. With the

skills they have learned and images they have seen through the eyes of Girl Scouting, we know they will be successful on any path they choose. We hope these girls will always continue to look wide, and when they think they are looking wide, look wider still.

Will the following girls please come forward.

Read the names, high school, and plans for college. Give a graduation certificate as they come up. They can also receive the bridge to adult Girl Scouts if they have earned it.

Please stand for the retiring of the colors.

Will *all* our award recipients please come forward now. Let's please have a round of applause for all our award recipients. Congratulations!

Thank you for coming. Will our award recipients please stay up front for some photos. Please feel free to look at the presentations the girls have prepared on their projects that have been placed around the room.

*Photos of entire group and each group of award recipients
(bronze/silver/gold/10yr/Grads)*

Look Through My Eyes

Phil Collins, Walt Disney Music 2003
from the Movie "Brother Bear"

There are things in life you learn
And oh in time you'll see
It's out there somewhere
It's all waiting
If you keep believing
So don't run
Don't hide
It will be alright
You'll see
Trust me
I'll be there watching over you

Just take a look through my eyes
There's a better place somewhere out there
Just take a look through my eyes
Everything changes
You'll be amazed what you'll find
(There's a better place)
If you look through my eyes

There will be times on this journey
All you'll see is darkness
But out there somewhere
Daylight finds you
If you keep believing
So don't run
Don't hide
It will be alright
You'll see
Trust me

I'll be there watching over you

Just take a look through my eyes
There's better place somewhere out there
Just take a look through my eyes
Everything changes
You'll be amazed what you'll find
(There's a better place)
If you look through my eyes

All the things that you can change
There's a meaning in everything
And you will find all you need
There's so much to understand
Take a look (take a look) through my eyes
There's a better place somewhere out there
Just take a look (take a look) through my eyes
Everything changes
You'll be amazed what you'll find
(You'll be amazed if you just take a look)
Look through my eyes there's a better place
somewhere out there
Just take a look through my eyes
Everything changes
You'll be amazed what you'll find
If you look through my eyes
Just take a look through my eyes
If you look through my eyes
Take a look through my eyes

The Circle of Girl Scouting Bronze, Silver and Gold Award Ceremony

Adapted from ceremony by *Kathy Little, 2002*

Music "*The Circle of Life*" From Disney's *The Lion King* sung by *Elton John*

Opening: Flag ceremony with the Promise and Law.

Welcome and thank for coming today to honor our Silver and Gold Award recipients as well as our 10 year pin recipients and graduating seniors. This year we have ___ Gold Award recipients, ___ Silver Award recipients, ___ Bronze Award recipients, ___ Ten Year pin recipients and ___ graduating seniors to honor.

Today we gather to celebrate the circle of Girl Scouting. We honor those that have earned our highest award, as well as those that have reached milestones along the way. Before you is a circle of balloons that represent the circle of Girl Scouting. Girl Scouting is a circle because it is never ending. There is no beginning and no end, it is a continuous loop. Each levels leads into the next, and supports the one before it. As one becomes an adult Girl Scout the cycle simply begins again. One may join the circle at any point in the cycle. It does not matter if a girl joined as a Daisy Girl Scout, Cadette Girl Scout, or even as an adult Girl Scout, the strength of each of the individual parts is what makes the circle strong. Remove any part of the cycle and circle weakens. Each of us here today is part of this circle or has helped support a part of the circle.

In the center of the circle you see 4 symbols which represent the goals of the Girl Scout program. The Star represents a girl's own potential, self worth, sense of responsibility and personal growth. Every girl is a star. The interlocking circles represent a girl's ability to relate to, understand and respect the people around her, despite their many differences. The triangle represents the values that each girl brings with her and develops as she travels the circle. Girl Scouting helps keep each girl pointed in the right direction. The heart represents the core of the Girl Scouting program, service to others. Each girl learns to give back to society through her own unique skills and abilities.

We will now light a candle for each of the parts of the circle of Girl Scouting, pausing to honor those who have earned the awards along the way.

1. We light a yellow candle for the youngest level of scouting the Daisy Girl Scouts. This is the very first level that introduces girls to the fun and friendship of Girl Scouting.
2. We light a brown candle for Brownie Girl Scouts. In this level of Girl Scouting girls begin to reach out beyond their family to explore new horizons, try new things and meet new people.
3. We light a green candle for Junior Girl Scouts. At this level of Girl Scouting, the girls seek opportunities to demonstrate their skills and gain recognition. They learn to plan, give service to others and take on more responsibility.
4. We light a bronze candle for the Bronze Award. This new award is the highest level to be achieved by a Junior Girl Scouts. To receive this award a girl must earn two badges, complete the Girl Scout signs, Earn the Junior Aide Patch or Leadership award, and plan and carry out a Bronze Award project of at least 15 hours.

We will pause to honor those that have earned this award. We will give each girl a certificate tied with a bronze ring to represent their accomplishment, and a silver ring, to represent our hope that they will continue in the circle and reach for the Silver Award.

As your troop number is called, please come forward with your leader to receive the Bronze Award.

Call each troop forward while telling about their project(s). Girl receives pin and certificate.

Congratulations to all our Bronze Award Recipients

5. We light a light blue candle for Teen Girl Scouts 11-14. As they enter this older girl level, girls begin to make their own decisions, explore careers, travel, plan their own activities and try out their new leadership skills, while helping younger Girl Scouts and giving back to their communities.

6. We light a silver candle for the Silver Award. This award is the highest award that can be earned by a Teen Girl Scout 11-14. It is a symbol of accomplishments in Girl Scouting and the community. These girls have earned 3 Interest Project Awards that relate to parts of the Girl Scout Promise and Law, the STUDIO 2B Focus: *uniquely me! The Real Deal* charm, put leadership into action by spending 15 hours in a leadership role, earned "Your Own Business" Interest Project Award as they discovered careers, and the Girl Scout Silver 4Bs Challenge Charm as they learned to Become, Belong, Believe, and Build. After they completed all of that, then came the Silver Award project requiring a minimum of 40 hours. We will give each girl a certificate tied with a silver ring to represent their accomplishment, and a golden ring, to represent our hope that they will continue in the circle and reach for the Gold Award. We will pause to honor those who have earned this award.

As your name is called, please come forward with your leader and parents to receive the Silver Award.

Call each girl forward individually while telling about her project. Girl receives pin and certificate.

Congratulations to all our Silver Award Recipients

7. We light a white candle for those who have earned the 10 Year Pin. For those who started as Daisy Girl Scouts, they may have completed 10 years before they begin the next level. Some girls joined Girl Scouts later, or progressed further before earning this pin, but all of these girls have given a decade of their time, a majority of their young lives, to the Girl Scouting program.

Will the following girls please come forward to receive the 10 Year Pin:

(call up each girl alone and give each a pin, and certificate)

8. We light a dark blue candle as we move up to Teen Girl Scouts 15-18. These girls have entered the final level of Girl Scouting for girls. Adventure, travel, and meeting new people, and exploring places they have never been have been balanced with expanded leadership skills, new levels of responsibility and a deep interest in community service. These girls have

accepted the challenge to look wider still. By the time these girls complete Girl Scouting they are ready to take on leadership roles, and be contributing members of the adult community.

9. We now light a gold candle for the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award that a Girl Scout may earn. Each of our Gold Award recipients tonight has earned 4 Interest Project Awards that related to her Gold Award Project. Each has earned the Career Exploration Pin and the Senior Leadership Award that requires 30 hours of leadership. She has completed the five parts of the Senior Girl Scout Challenge. Finally each girl was required to design, plan and implement a 50 or more hour Gold Award Project that meets an expressed need in the community, and will have a lasting impact on society. *(If girls are working under the new requirements: Each of our Gold Award recipients has earned 3 Interest Project Awards related to the Promise and Law. Each has done 30 hours in a leadership role and earned the Girl Scout Gold Career Award Charm by doing 40 hours of career exploration. She has completed the 4 parts of the Girl Scout Gold 4'Bs Challenge Award Charm. Finally each girl was required to design, plan, and implement a minimum of a 65 hour project that meets and expressed need in the community and will have a lasting impact on society.)* We will give each girl a certificate tied with a gold ring to represent their accomplishment and a green ring to represent our hope that they will continue in the circle and become adult Girl Scouts. All of our girls have all done a wonderful job and we are proud to present our Gold Award recipients of _____ (year)

As your name is called please come forward with your leader and parents.

Call each girl forward individually to receive the award while giving a description of their project. Girls receive pins and certificates and pin their mothers/fathers (optional).

Parents and leader are seated and each girl may give a brief 2 minute speech.

After all girls have been presented their awards:

Will all the Gold Award recipients please come to the front of the room to accept the Gold Award Challenge.

(all girls line up across the front of the room)

CHALLENGE:

We challenge each of our girls tonight to accept this award in the spirit in which it is given. Know that with this award comes responsibility. You each enter a covenant of esteemed women who are regarded with honor and respect. We challenge you to live worthy of this honor by living by the Girl Scout Promise and Law in all you do. Receiving the Gold Award is not just one celebratory moment, but a lifetime commitment. Girls please give the Girl Scout sign and repeat after me: *(read one part at a time and have all girls repeat together)*

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Girls May be seated.

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10. Last, but not least we light a dark green candle for the Adult Girl Scouts. These are the volunteers that hold the Girl Scouting program together. Many were never Girl Scouts as a girl, but have chosen to give their time to this worthwhile program. Many others came up the ranks as young girls and have made the choice to continue the circle of Girl Scouting for another generation of girls. We have__ girls who are graduating from high school this year and will have the choice to continue the circle and give back to Girl Scouts what has been given to them. We hope each one will decide to continue on as an adult Girl Scout. Will the following girls please come forward.

Read the names, high school, and plans for college. Give a graduation certificate as they come. They should remain at the front after receiving their awards.

Will *all* our award recipients please come forward now. Let's please have a round of applause for the award recipients for ____ (YEAR). Congratulations!

Thank you for coming and please join us for refreshments.

Adapted from ceremony by *Kathy Little, 2002*

Music "*The Circle of Life*" From Disney's *The Lion King* sung by Elton John

The Circle of Girl Scouting

One that never ends.
A circle of laughter
and a circle of friends.
From Brownies to Juniors,
From beanies to greens
From little girl smiles
To bigger girl dreams.
As the growing continues,
She becomes a Cadette
Her knowledge grows,
Her goals become set.
As the years fly by,
Her mind and body grow,
She is now a Senior
Less to learn: more to know.
Here you might think,

The circle ends,
But in actuality,
It begins again.
Because a Senior gave
Her love and lost her heart,
To the little Daisies,
She helped to start.
The circle continues
Through the little ones,
Through their laughter
And their fun.
Girl Scouting is a circle
Full of love and strife.
Girl Scouting is a circle,
A circle of life.
by Daphne Spiers

Circle Of Life

Music by Elton John, Lyrics by Tim Rice
Available on the soundtrack The Lion King

From the day we arrive on the planet
And blinking, step into the sun
There's more to be seen than can ever be seen
More to do than can ever be done

Some say eat or be eaten
Some say live and let live
But all are agreed as they join the stampede
You should never take more than you give

In the circle of life
It's the wheel of fortune
It's the leap of faith
It's the band of hope
Till we find our place
On the path unwinding
In the circle, the circle of life

Some of us fall by the wayside
And some of us soar to the stars
And some of us sail through our troubles
And some have to live with the scars

There's far too much to take in here
More to find than can ever be found
But the sun rolling high through the sapphire sky
Keeps great and small on the endless round

The Dance of Girl Scouting

Bronze, Silver and Gold Award Ceremony

Adapted from ceremony by *Kathy Little 2003*

Music "*I Hope You Dance*" by *Lee Womack*

Please stand for the presentation of the colors

Welcome and thank you for coming today to honor our _____ (year) Bronze, Silver and Gold Award recipients as well as our 10 year pin recipients and graduating seniors. This year we have ___ Gold Award recipients, ___ Silver Award recipients, ___ Bronze Award recipients, ___ Ten Year pin recipients and ___ graduating seniors to honor.

Today we gather to celebrate the dance of Girl Scouting. We honor those that have earned our highest award, the Gold, as well as those that have reached milestones along the way. Progressing through Girl Scouting is a lot like learning to dance. There are a series of steps that start out slowly and get progressively more difficult as each girl progresses at her own pace, and to her own rhythm. The girls start out wobbly and uncertain in their movements and grow into graceful young women full of confidence in the exacting steps they take, and the decisions they make. They move from watching, imitating and learning to creating their own unique steps and leading others. Each level of Girl Scouting presents a new set of steps to learn, and time to master them before moving on to the next level. Even the tiniest Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts contribute much to the dance of Girl Scouting, as their steps are the foundation of what in time, becomes a wonderfully choreographed production, a Teen Girl Scout.

The hanging dancers on the wall represent the 3 levels of awards that girls may earn in Girl Scouting, the Bronze, the Silver and the Gold. Hanging in between the dancers you see 4 stars which represent the goals of the Girl Scout program, Become, Belong, Believe and Build. The green represents BECOME involving a girl's own potential, self worth, sense of responsibility and personal growth. Every girl is a star in the dance of Girl Scouting. The blue star represents BELONG involving a girl's ability to relate to, understand and respect the people around her, despite their many different ways of dancing. The yellow represents BELIEVE and the values that each girl brings with her and develops as she dances through Girl Scouts, always pointed in the right direction. The red star represents BUILD, the

core of the Girl Scouting program, service to community and others. Each girl learns to give back to society through her own unique skills and abilities.

We will now light a candle for each of the levels of Girl Scouting, pausing to honor those who have earned the awards along the way.

1. We light a candle tied with a yellow ribbon to represent the youngest level of scouting the Daisy Girl Scouts. This is the very first level that introduces girls to the fun and friendship of Girl Scouting. Here girls take their first basic, unsure steps in the dance of Girl Scouts. They start slowly, but are eager to learn and will quickly imitate the very first steps that are shown to them.
2. We light a candle tied with a brown ribbon to represent Brownie Girl Scouts. In this level of Girl Scouting girls begin to reach out beyond their family to explore new horizons, try new things and meet new people. Their dance steps are more steady now, they will learn by watching others, and will tend to dance in a group, rather than individually. The freestyle movements of Daisy Scouts have become more refined now. There are many fast turns and falls but the dance of Girl Scouting is beginning to expand for these girls.
3. We light a candle tied with a green ribbon for Junior Girl Scouts. At this level of Girl Scouting, the girls seek opportunities to demonstrate their skills and gain recognition. They learn to plan, give service to others and take on more responsibility. They are learning even more steps in the dance of Girl Scouting. The rhythm of their movements is becoming smoother as they take on more difficult steps each day. While they still watch the steps their neighbor takes, they are beginning to see there is a lot more out there that just might interest them individually. They are learning to express themselves in new & creative ways.
4. We light a candle tied with a bronze ribbon for the Bronze Award. This relatively new award is the highest level to be achieved by a Junior Girl Scout. To receive this award a girl must earn two badges, complete the Girl Scout signs, earn the Junior Aide Patch or Leadership award, and plan and carry out a Bronze Award project of at least 15 hours. All of these girls

have completed their projects as a group production and in doing so have learned a little more about themselves, the world around them, and the impact they can have on others. Each of our girls tonight will receive her pin, a certificate. We honor these girls' accomplishments in earning the Bronze Award while hoping that each one will continue the dance of Girl Scouting and reach for the Silver Award.

As your troop number is called please come forward with your leaders to receive your Bronze Award.

Congratulations to all our Bronze Award Recipients for ____ (year).

5. We light a candle tied with a light blue ribbon for Teen Girl Scouts 11-14. As they enter this level, they are preteens, as they leave they are full fledged teenagers. Their social circle is constantly enlarging. These girls begin to make their own decisions, explore careers, travel, plan their own activities and try out their new leadership skills, while helping younger Girl Scouts and giving back to their communities. Not only have they become quite accomplished in their dance steps, but they are now able to take on leading roles in teaching the steps to younger girls. Their confidence is beginning to blossom and they easily try out and learn new steps to improve their dance. They learn over time to use their talent and creativity to choreograph their own show.

6. We light a candle tied with a silver ribbon for the Silver Award. This award is the highest award that can be earned by a Teen Girl Scout 11-14. It is a symbol of accomplishments in Girl Scouting and the community. These girls have earned 3 Interest Project Awards that relate to parts of the Girl Scout Promise and Law, the STUDIO 2B Focus: *uniquely me! The Real Deal* charm, put leadership into action by spending 15 hours in a leadership role, earned "Your Own Business" Interest Project Award as they discovered careers, and the Girl Scout Silver 4Bs Challenge Charm as they learned to Become, Belong, Believe, and Build. After they completed all of that, then came the Silver Award project requiring a minimum of 40 hours. They are more confident in their abilities, and have learned the steps necessary to put on a production on their own. They know their actions can have a great impact on the community. They are shining stars in the dance of Girl Scouting. They have learned to dance to their own beat and lead those that

follow them. We honor these girls' accomplishments in earning the Silver Award while hoping that each one will continue the dance of Girl Scouting and reach for the Gold Award.

As your name is called, please come forward with your leader and parents to receive the Silver Award.

Call each girl forward individually while telling about her project. Girl receives pin and certificate.

Congratulations to all our Silver Award Recipients for ____ (year)

7. We light a candle tied with a white ribbon for those who have earned the 10 Year Pin. For those who started as Daisy Girl Scouts, they may have completed 10 years before they begin the next level of Teen Girl Scouts. Some girls joined Girl Scouts later, or progressed further before earning this pin, but all of these girls have given a decade of their time, a majority of their young lives, to learning the dance of Girl Scouting.

Will the following girls please come forward to receive the 10 Year Pin:

(call up each girl alone and give each her pin, and certificate)

8. We light a candle tied with a dark blue ribbon as we move up to Teen Girl Scouts 15-18. These girls have entered the final level of Girl Scouting for girls. Adventure, travel, and meeting new people, and exploring places they have never been have been balanced with expanded leadership skills, new levels of responsibility and a deep interest in community service. These girls have accepted the challenge to look wider still. By the time these girls complete Teen Girl Scouting they are ready to take on full leading roles, and be contributing members of the adult community. These girls have tried all the steps in the dance of Girl Scouting and have chosen the ones that are right for them. They are confident in their steps and always willing to help someone else learn the dance of Girl Scouting. Their movements are graceful and stately. They move at a fast tempo without pause. By the time they have completed Teen Girl Scouts they have added their own creative twist to their steps and have truly made it their own unique dance.

9. We now light a candle tied with a gold ribbon for the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award that a Girl Scout may earn. Each of our Gold Award recipients tonight has earned 4 Interest Project Awards that related to her Gold Award Project. Each has earned the Career Exploration Pin and the Senior Leadership Award which requires 30 hours of leadership. She has completed the five parts of the Senior Girl Scout Challenge. Finally each girl was required to design, plan and implement a minimum of 50 hour Gold Award Project that meets an expressed need in the community, and will have a lasting impact on society. *(If girls are working under the new requirements: Each of our Gold Award recipients has earned 3 Interest Project Awards related to the Promise and Law. Each has done 30 hours in a leadership role and earned the Girl Scout Gold Career Award Charm by doing 40 hours of career exploration. She has completed the 4 parts of the Girl Scout Gold 4'Bs Challenge Award Charm. Finally each girl was required to design, plan, and implement a minimum of a 65 hour project that meets and expressed need in the community and will have a lasting impact on society.)* These girls have not only mastered the dance of Girl Scouting, but have left their mark on it, and on their communities. The dance will be forever changed, as they have been part of it and added their own special style to it. They have learned the steps and have in the process created a few new ones that are uniquely their own. They are confident in the steps they take and able to handle any challenge that comes their way as they leave childhood and enter adulthood and a whole new set of dances. These young women have learned to balance their leading roles in multiple productions, while moving at an imposing speed towards the future. We honor these girls' accomplishments in earning the Gold Award while hoping that each one will continue the dance of Girl Scouting and become Adult Girl Scouts. For the dance of Girl Scouting never ends, but begins a new opening show every year with new leaders teaching the steps. All of our girls have all done an outstanding job and are truly prima ballerinas in our eyes. We are proud to now present our Gold Award recipients of _____ (year).

As your name is called please come forward with your leader and your parents.

Call each girl forward individually to receive the award while giving a description of their project. Girls receive pins and certificates. Parent pin is optional. Parents should pin girls.

*Parents and leader are seated and girl may give a brief 2 minute speech.
After all girls have been presented their awards:*

Will all the Gold Award recipients please come to the front of the room to accept the Gold Award Challenge.

(all girls line up across the front of the room, FACING the audience)

CHALLENGE:

We challenge each of our girls tonight to accept this award in the spirit in which it is given. Know that with this award comes responsibility. You each enter a covenant of esteemed women who are regarded with honor and respect. We challenge you to live worthy of this honor by living by the Girl Scout Promise and Law in all you do. Receiving the Gold Award is not just one celebratory moment, but a lifetime commitment. Girls please give the Girl Scout sign and repeat after me: *(read one part at a time and have all girls repeat together)*

I affirm my dedication, to live by the Girl Scout Promise and Law. I understand my obligation, to live with honor, and to lead by example, because the highest award of Girl Scouting, has been entrusted to me. I will do my best, to support other Girl Scouts, on their road to Gold, and to give back to Girl Scouting, what is has been given to me. I will respect others, and live worthy of respect, as one forever bound, to the ideals of Girl Scouting.

Girls May be seated.

10. Last, but not least we light a candle tied with a dark green ribbon for the Adult Girl Scouts. These are the volunteers that hold the Girl Scouting program together. Many were never Girl Scouts as a girl, but have chosen to give their time to this worthwhile program. Many others came up the ranks as young girls and have made the choice to teach the dance of Girl Scouting to another generation of girls. We have ___ girls who are graduating from high school this year and will have the choice to continue the dance in a leading role and give back to Girl Scouts what has been given to them. We hope each one will decide to continue on as an adult Girl Scout in some capacity. These girls are about to enter a whole new dance production, the dance of life, and with the skills they have learned in the dance of Girl

Scouting, we know they will be successful in any step they try. Will the following girls please come forward.

Read the names, high school, and plans for college. Give a graduation certificate as they come up. A bridge to adult Girl Scouts can be given if girls have earned it.

Please stand for the retiring of the colors.

Will all our award recipients please come forward now. Let's please have a round of applause for the for _____ (year). Congratulations!

Thank you for coming.

"I Hope You Dance"

LEE ANN WOMACK

Written by Mark D. Sanders & Tia Sillers

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I hope you never lose your sense of wonder,
You get your fill to eat but always keep that hunger,
May you never take one single breath for granted,
God forbid love ever leave you empty handed,
I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the ocean,
Whenever one door closes I hope one more opens,
Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance,
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance.

I hope you dance....I hope you dance.

I hope you never fear those mountains in the distance,
Never settle for the path of least resistance
Livin' might mean takin' chances but they're worth takin',
Lovin' might be a mistake but it's worth makin',
Don't let some hell bent heart leave you bitter,
When you come close to sellin' out reconsider,
Give the heavens above more than

just a passing glance,
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance.

I hope you dance....I hope you dance.

I hope you dance....I hope you dance.

(Time is a wheel in constant motion always rolling us along,
Tell me who wants to look back on their years and wonder where those years have gone.)

I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the ocean,
Whenever one door closes I hope one more opens,
Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance,
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance.

Dance....I hope you dance.

I hope you dance....I hope you dance.

I hope you dance....I hope you dance..

(Time is a wheel in constant motion always rolling us along
Tell me who wants to look back on their years and wonder where those years have gone)

On the Wings of Girl Scouting Bronze, Silver and Gold Award Ceremony

Adapted from a ceremony by *Kathy Little - 2004*
Music "*I Believe I Can Fly*" From *Space Jam* by *R. Kelley*

Please stand for the presentation of the colors - Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome and thank for coming today to honor our Bronze, Silver and Gold Award recipients as well as our 10 year pin recipients and graduating seniors. This year we have _____ Gold Award recipients, _____ Silver Award recipients, _____ Bronze Award recipients, _____ Ten Year pin recipients and _____ graduating seniors to honor.

As we fly on the wings of Girl Scouting, we honor those that have earned our highest award, the Gold, as well as those that have reached milestones along the way. The journey through Girl Scouting is a progression. From the first awkward flights of the Daisy Girl Scout to the graceful soaring of the Teen Girl Scout, it is a flight that is full of challenges, dreams and opportunities. At each level of Girl Scouting these young ladies have the opportunity to spread their wings and fly a little higher, allowing them an increasingly better view of world around them and their part in it. Girl Scouts allows them to Become their very best, Belong to something bigger than themselves, Believe in themselves and others and Build a better world.

We will now light a candle for each of the levels of Girl Scouting, pausing to honor those who have earned the awards along the way.

1. We light a candle for the youngest level of scouting the Daisy Girl Scouts. This is the very first level that introduces girls to the fun and friendship of Girl Scouting. Here girls first start to flap their tiny wings and take their first peek outside of the nest and their familiar surroundings of home and family. They are not quite ready to fly, but are eager to learn.
2. We light a candle for the Brownie Girl Scouts. In this level of Girl Scouting girls begin to reach out beyond their family to explore new horizons, try new things and meet new people. Here they begin to learn how to fly on their own

and their wings take them airborne up over and around the nest, giving them a peek at world around them. They venture out as a group, and their ability to fly improves quickly.

3. We light a candle for Junior Girl Scouts and the Bronze Award. At this level of Girl Scouting, the girls seek opportunities to demonstrate their skills and gain recognition. They learn to plan, give service to others and take on more responsibility. These girls are finally ready to fly out away from the nest. While most will generally still venture out in groups, many will begin to venture out on their own. Their flights may be short and a little uneven, but their view of the world has expanded and changed. There are new opportunities and friendship to be found as they expand their horizons. As their flight improves they soar to new levels.

The girls that flew just a little higher earned the Bronze Award. This is the highest award to be achieved by Junior Girl Scouts. To receive this award a girl must earn two badges, complete the Girl Scout signs, Earn the Junior Aide Patch or Leadership award, and plan and carry out a Bronze Award project of at least 15 hours. Most of these girls have completed their projects as a group effort and in doing so have learned a little more about themselves, the world around them, and the impact they can have on others. Each of our girls tonight will receive her Bronze Award pin and a certificate. We will also present each girl with a pair of Silver wings in the hope that they will continue on the wings of Girl Scouting and earn the Silver Award.

As your troop number is called please come forward with your leaders to receive your Bronze Award. *(Give out pins, certificates, wings) (Read troop profiles)*

Congratulations to all our Bronze Award Recipients.

4. We light a candle for Teen Girl Scouts 11-14 and the Silver Award. As they enter this level, they are preteens, as they leave they are full fledged teenagers. Their social circle is constantly enlarging. These girls begin to make their own decisions, explore careers, travel, plan their own activities and try out their new leadership skills, while helping younger Girl Scouts and giving back to their communities. Not only have their flights become higher

and longer, but they are beginning to notice younger scouts trying to follow their flight pattern. Their confidence is beginning to blossom, they fly a little higher and notice there are more flying below them and far fewer flying above them.

The girls that fly a little higher than the rest earn the Girl Scout Silver Award. This award is the highest award that can be earned by a Teen Girl Scout 11-14. It is a symbol of accomplishments in Girl Scouting and the community. These girls have earned 3 Interest Project Awards that relate to parts of the Girl Scout Promise and Law, the STUDIO 2B Focus: *uniquely me! The Real Deal* charm, put leadership into action by spending 15 hours in a leadership role, earned "Your Own Business" Interest Project Award as they discovered careers, and the Girl Scout Silver 4Bs Challenge Charm as they learned to Become, Belong, Believe, and Build. After they completed all of that, then came the Silver Award project requiring a minimum of 40 hours. Many girls at this level complete their projects on their own. They fly higher and farther than they ever have before. They look up to the few soaring above them and the many below. Their wings beat harder and grow stronger and they too begin feel what it is like to ride on the wind.

As your name is called, please come forward with your leader and parents to receive the Silver Award.

Call each girl forward individually while telling about her project. Girl receives pin and certificate.

Congratulations to all our Silver Award Recipients for ____ (year)

5. We would now like to honor those who have earned the 10 Year Pin. For those who started as Daisy Girl Scouts, they may have completed 10 years before they begin the next level of Senior Girl Scouts. Some girls joined Girl Scouts later, or progressed further before earning this pin, but all of these girls have given a decade of their time, a majority of their young lives to flying on the wings of Girl Scouting.

Will the following girls please come forward to receive the 10 Year Pin:

(call up each girl alone and give each her pin, and certificate)

6. We light a candle for the Teen Girl Scouts and the Gold Award. These girls have entered the final level of Girl Scouting for girls. Adventure, travel, and meeting new people, and exploring places they have never been, have been balanced with expanded leadership skills, new levels of responsibility and a deep interest in community service. By spreading their wings and flying higher and farther, these girls have accepted the challenge to look wider still. By the time these girls complete Girl Scouting they are ready to take on full leadership roles, and be contributing members of the adult community. They are teaching younger girls to spread their wings and fly by setting an example for all to see. These girls have flown higher and reached for the sky. They soar with grace and fly with eagles. They fly solo now and there are very few flying above them, as they have risen above the crowd.

Those very special few have reached their fullest potential and earned the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award that a Girl Scout may earn. Each of our Gold Award recipients tonight has earned 4 Interest Project Awards that related to her Gold Award Project. Each has earned the Career Exploration Pin and the Senior Leadership Award which requires 30 hours of leadership. She has completed the five parts of the Senior Girl Scout Challenge. Finally each girl was required to design, plan and implement a minimum of 50 hour Gold Award Project that meets an expressed need in the community, and will have a lasting impact on society. *(If girls are working under the new requirements: Each of our Gold Award recipients has earned 3 Interest Project Awards related to the Promise and Law. Each has done 30 hours in a leadership role and earned the Girl Scout Gold Career Award Charm by doing 40 hours of career exploration. She has completed the 4 parts of the Girl Scout Gold 4'Bs Challenge Award Charm. Finally each girl was required to design, plan, and implement a minimum of a 65 hour project that meets and expressed need in the community and will have a lasting impact on society.)* These girls have not only excelled on the wings of Girl Scouting, but have left their mark for all that fly after them, and on their communities.

The flight of Girl Scouting will be forever changed, as they have been part of it and added their own special style to it. They have spread their wings to their fullest and flown to the highest level possible. They are able to handle any challenge that comes their way as they leave childhood and enter adulthood and a whole new flight. These young women fly at an imposing speed towards the future. There are no limits for they have soared on the wings of Girl Scouting. We honor these girls' accomplishments in earning the Gold Award while hoping that each one will continue on the wings of Girl Scouting and become Adult Girl Scouts. All of our girls have all done an outstanding job and we salute them. We are proud to now present our Gold Award recipients.

As your name is called please come forward with your leader and your parents.

Call each girl forward individually to receive the award while giving a description of their project. Girls receive pins and certificates Read individual profiles. Parent pins are optional. Parents should pin girls.

Parents and leader are seated and girl may give a brief 2 minute speech if she chooses.

After all girls have been presented their awards:

Will all the Gold Award recipients please come to the front of the room to accept the Gold Award Challenge.

(all girls line up across the front of the room, FACING the audience)

CHALLENGE: We challenge each of our girls tonight to accept this award in the spirit in which it is given. Know that with this award comes responsibility. You each enter a covenant of esteemed women who are regarded with honor and respect. We challenge you to live worthy of this honor by living by the Girl Scout Promise and Law in all you do. Receiving the Gold Award is not just one celebratory moment, but a lifetime commitment. Girls please give the Girl Scout sign and repeat after me: *(read one part at a time and have all girls repeat together)*

I affirm my dedication, to live by the Girl Scout Promise and Law. I understand my obligation, to live with honor, and to lead by example, because

the highest award of Girl Scouting, has been entrusted to me. I will do my best, to support other Girl Scouts, on their road to Gold, and to give back to Girl Scouting, what is has been given to me. I will respect others, and live worthy of respect, as one forever bound, to the ideals of Girl Scouting.

Girls May be seated.

7. Last, but not least we light a candle for the Adult Girl Scouts. These are the volunteers that hold the Girl Scouting program together. Many were never Girl Scouts as a girl, but have chosen to give their time to this worthwhile program. Many others came up the ranks as young girls and have made the choice to teach a new generation of girls how to fly on the wings of Girl Scouting. We have ___ girls who are graduating from high school this year and will have the choice to continue the flight in a leading role and give back to Girl Scouts what has been given to them. We hope each one will decide to continue on as an adult Girl Scout in some capacity. These girls are about to enter a whole new world with the opportunity to spread their wings and truly soar through life. With the skills they have learned on the wings of Girl Scouting, we know they will be successful in any flight they take. We give each of these girls a set of Girl Scout Green Wings in hopes that they will choose to continue on as Adult Girl Scouts. Will the following girls please come forward.

Read the names, high school, and plans for college. Give a graduation certificate as they come up. The bridge to adult Girl Scouts can be given to those girls who have earned it.

Please stand for the retiring of the colors.

Will *all* our award recipients please come forward now. Let's please have a round of applause for all the award recipients. Congratulations!

Thank you for coming. Will our award recipients please stay up front for some photos. Please feel free to look at the presentations the girls have prepared on their projects that have been placed around the room and join us for refreshments.

Photos of entire group and each group of award recipients (bronze/silver/gold/10yr/Grads)

" I Believe I Can Fly"

by R.Kelley

From the movie, Space jam copyright © 1996 Wea/Atlantic

I used to think that I could not go on
and life was nothing but an awful song.
But now I know the meaning of true Love,
I'm leaning on the Everlasting Arms.

If I can see it
then I can do it
If I just believe it
there's nothing to it

I believe I can fly
I believe I can touch the sky
I think about it every night and day
Spread my wings and fly away
I believe I can soar
I see me runnin' through that open door
I believe I can fly
I believe I can fly
I believe I can fly

See, I was on the verge of breaking down
Sometimes silence can seem so loud
There are miracles in life I must achieve
But first I know it starts inside of me
Oh, if I can see it
then I can be it
If I just believe it
there's nothin' to it

I believe I can fly
I believe I can touch the sky
I think about it every night and day
Spread my wings and fly away
I believe I can soar
I see me runnin' through that open door
I believe I can fly
I believe I can fly....
Oh, I believe I can fly

GOLD AWARD CHALLENGE & PLEDGE

Amy Watts - Circle T Council

GOLD AWARD CHALLENGE & PLEDGE #1:

I challenge you, today's Gold Award recipients, to accept this Award in the spirit in which it is given to you. Know that with this award comes responsibility. As you enter this covenant of esteemed women, know that you are regarded with honor and respect. Live worthy of this by living by the Girl Scout Law

I challenge you to remain honest and fair in all your dealings in this world. Never sell out and never give less than your very best. Always remain true to yourself. Always guard your honor.

I challenge you to be friendly and helpful to everyone you meet as you go through life. Celebrate the diversity of your fellow human beings. Give service freely, expecting nothing in return. Seek to improve life for others.

I challenge you to be considerate and caring to all living things, human and animal. Always being mindful of those in need, and the feelings of others. Treat others as you would like to be treated.

I challenge you to be courageous and strong in all you do. Stand strong in the face of adversity and share your courage with those around you, especially those smaller and weaker than you.

I challenge you to be responsible for what you say and do. Think before you speak and act. Be sure everything you say and do reflects well on you and your family.

I challenge you to respect yourself, so you may respect others. Continually strive to improve your mind, body and spirit. Strive for excellence in all you do and recognize the accomplishments of others.

I challenge you to respect authority. Follow the laws of your country and nature. Be mindful of your rights as well as your responsibilities as a citizen of this great nation. Remember that freedom is not free.

I challenge you to use resources wisely. Never waste the resources of nature or those of yourself and the people around you. Use your talents to better the world, and to protect our planet. Seek out the beauty that is all around you.

I challenge you to make this world a better place. Use all your abilities to leave this world in a better condition than you found it. By your words, actions and deeds you can make a difference.

I challenge you to be a sister to every Girl Scout. Help younger girls to reach the top as you have. Support them on their road to the Gold. Do your best to give back to Girl Scouting, that which has been given to you, and a little more.

By accepting this challenge you become a changed woman. You become part of an elite group who recognize that receiving this Gold Award is not one celebratory moment, but a lifetime commitment.

IF YOU ACCEPT THIS CHALLENGE, PLEASE REPEAT AFTER ME:

I affirm my dedication to live by the Girl Scout Promise and Law. I understand my obligation to live with honor and to lead by example because the highest award of Girl Scouting has been entrusted to me. I will do my best to support other Girl Scouts on their road to Gold and to give back to Girl Scouting what it has given me. I will respect others and live my life by the Girl Scout Law. I will remain worthy of respect as one forever bound to the ideals of Girl Scouting.

GOLD AWARD CHALLENGE & PLEDGE #2

I challenge you, today's Gold Award recipients, to accept this Award in the spirit in which it is given to you. Know that with this award comes responsibility. As you enter this covenant of esteemed women, know that you are regarded with honor and respect. Live worthy of this by the different worlds of Girl Scouting. I challenge you to honor the earth and its living things. Thus, being true to the World of Out-of-Doors.

I challenge you to remember the founder of Girl Scouting, Juliette Gordon Low and the beginning of Girl Scouting in the U.S.A. Know that Girl Scouts and Girl Guides around the world are part of your family. Hence, being honorable to the World of Girl Scouting.

I challenge you to respect yourself and to continually strive to improve mind, body, and spirit. So you may respect the World of Well-Being.

I challenge you to give service. Give freely of yourself, expecting nothing in return. Celebrate the diversity of those around you. Seek to improve life for others. Through this, you honor the World of People.

I challenge you to strive for excellence in all you do. Recognize the accomplishments of yourself and those around you. Know how today's achievements affect the world around you. This offers recognition of the World of Today and Tomorrow.

I challenge you to seek beauty in all around you. Know that art, in all forms, both defines and bridges cultures. Remember these through the World of the Arts. By accepting this challenge you become a changed woman. You become part of an elite group who recognize that receiving this Gold Award is not one celebratory moment, but a lifetime commitment.

IF YOU ACCEPT THIS CHALLENGE, PLEASE REPEAT AFTER ME:

I affirm my dedication to live by the Girl Scout Promise and Law. I understand my obligation to live with honor and to lead by example because the highest award of Girl Scouting has been entrusted to me. I will do my best to support other Girl Scouts on their road to Gold and to give back to Girl Scouting what it has given me. I will respect others and live worthy of respect as one forever bound to the ideals of Girl Scouting.