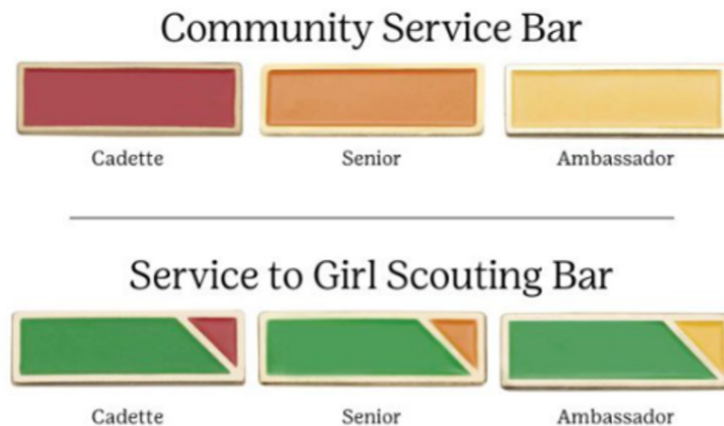


Community Service Bar/Service to Girl Scouting Bar

This resource provides guidelines about the Community Service Bar/Service to Girl Scouting Bar available to a Girl Scout Cadette, Senior and Ambassador, as well as the forms necessary to complete a project.



What do you need to know about earning a Community Service Bar/Service to Girl Scouting Bar?

- The Girl Scout must select an organization/group that will provide pre-service training for the position. Host organizations must be approved by Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay (GSCB) staff. The [GSCB Service Bar Form](#) must be completed and submitted for approval six weeks prior to the onset of training.
Please Note: Girl Scouts interested in volunteering with their Service Unit to earn the Service to Girl Scouting Bar must also complete and submit the [GSCB Service Bar Form](#) for approval prior to the onset of training.
- Present the proposed host organization/group with the enclosed letter from GSCB, which describes the Community Service Bar/Service to Girl Scouting Bar program and outlines the responsibilities of both the organization/group and the Girl Scout. Organizations/groups will be approved based on their mission, their willingness and ability to provide the required pre-instruction/training, their ability to provide a worthwhile experience in which the candidate has opportunities to grow and learn new skills, and their ability to provide adequate supervision. Girl Scouts will receive written approval of the proposed service site within two weeks of the date their completed [GSCB Service Bar Form](#).
- The Girl Scout must commit themselves to performing a minimum of 20 hours of service to earn each Community Service Bar/Service to Girl Scouting Bar. It is the responsibility of the participant to make arrangements with their supervisor regarding the tracking of the required hours. A time log is included in this packet.
- If a Girl Scout completes a Community Service Bar/Service to Girl Scouting Bar and then continues service for the same organization/group, doing the same type of work as a higher level Girl Scout, additional training is not necessary.

What happens once the service hours have been completed?

- Upon completion of service hours, the GSCB Service Bar Form must be submitted. When completing the GSCB Service Bar Form, the Girl Scout will be required to fill out an evaluation of their experience and submit their time log. A copy of the forms should be given to the troop leader. Individually Registered Girl Scouts should keep a copy of the forms with the rest of their Girl Scout records.
- The Community Service Bar/Service to Girl Scouting Bar recognition pin may be purchased from The Girl Scout Shop by the troop leader or a member of the service unit.
- Girl Scouts are only eligible to earn one of each of the two Community Service Bars at each age level. However, Girl Scouts are encouraged to continue to perform community service based on their interests and the needs of their community.

Dear Host,

Thank you for agreeing to mentor a Girl Scout pursuing a Community Service Bar. By doing so, you have undertaken a very important job in Girl Scouting. You have committed to providing a Girl Scout with opportunities to grow and develop their leadership skills; at the same time, your organization will benefit from their enthusiasm and willingness to learn.

To assist you in your decision of supporting a Girl Scout, we have included the following information for your review:

The Girl Scout must select an organization that will provide instruction/training for the position. Our national organization states the Council with which the Girl Scout is affiliated must approve the host organization. Please complete the attached form and return it to the applicant.

In turn, the Girl Scout must submit the form to the GSCB for approval at least three weeks prior to the onset of her service hours. Sites will be approved based on the responses to the questions on the enclosed information sheet. Participants will receive written approval of their proposed service site within three weeks of receipt of their completed information form. Upon approval, girls are permitted to begin their training at the earliest convenience of both the Girl Scout and the host.

The Girl Scout must commit themselves to performing a minimum of 20 hours of service in order to earn the Community Service Bar. It is the responsibility of the Girl Scout to make arrangements with their supervisor regarding the tracking of the required hours.

If a Girl Scout completes the Girl Scout Community Service Bar, and then continues their service for the same organization doing the same type of work later in their Girl Scout career, additional training is not necessary. This is designed to encourage Girl Scouts to continue their service even after they have completed the requirements to earn recognition.

Again, thank you for mentoring a Girl Scout from the Chesapeake Bay Council. It is through partnership with organizations such as yours that our Council is able to realize our mission of preparing our members for their future roles as leaders. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Program Department at the number listed above.

Sincerely,
GSCB Program Department



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Community Service Bar Host Information Form

Please answer the following questions and return to the Girl Scout seeking volunteer placement with your organization/group. The Girl Scout will then submit the completed form to the Council, and in turn, be sent written approval of her proposed site within three weeks of the receipt of the request.

Please describe the mission of your organization/group: _____

Is your organization/group willing and able to provide the required instruction/training prior to the onset of the apprenticeship? If yes, please describe the training the Girl Scout will receive:

The purpose of girls performing service is to afford them opportunities to develop their leadership skills while they fill a need in their community. Are you willing to provide a worthwhile experience for the Girl Scout, which includes opportunities for her to grow and gain new skills? YES _____ NO _____

Briefly describe the responsibilities of the Girl Scout volunteer: _____

Will you be responsible for supervising the Girl Scout? If not, please list who will be supervising:

Will the Girl Scout's supervisor be on-site while she performs her service hours? If not, what methods of support are available to the Girl Scout in case of an emergency or if she has questions: _____

Is there ample opportunity for the Girl Scout to complete the required 20 hours of service within a six month period? YES _____ NO _____

Signature of Supervisor: _____ Date: _____

Full Name of Girl Scout: _____

Girl Scout's Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Organization/Group Name: _____

Organization/Group Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Leadership Project Time Log

Name: _____ Date: _____

Troop Number: _____

Host Supervisor's Name: _____

Date	Activity	Time Spent

_____ has completed the required hours for her leadership project.
(Girl Scout's printed name)

Girl Scout's Signature

Host Supervisor's Signature