Short & Snappy Learning Opportunity for Volunteers

Mentoring Awards

Guiding others or teaching something you know makes you a mentor. Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors have many opportunities to help younger Girl Scouts by sharing their skills, passions, and experience. Program Aide, Counselor-In-Training and Volunteer-In-Training Girl Scouts can assist with day camp activities, Service Unit events, Troop meetings, Council sponsored programs and much more.

Discuss the following awards with volunteers. Younger age level leaders will benefit from the mentors and older level leaders will want to discuss with their girls the benefits of being a mentor.

Leader in Action (LiA) Awards
- Cadettes Only
- There are three different LIS awards, one for each of the Journey series
- LiA is earned by assisting a Brownie Troop to complete any of the three Journeys
- To earn the LiA, girls will share their organizational skills, use one of their special talents, teach Brownies something important from their Journey and reflect on their experience
- Requirements for each LiA award are listed in the Brownie Journey Adult Guides
- Earning the LiA award is a prerequisite for the Program Aide pin

Program Aide pin (PA)
- Cadettes only
- Program Aides learn to work directly with younger girls in settings such as Troop activities, Council or Service Unit events/day camps
- To earn the Program Aide pin, girls must:
  - Earn one LiA award
  - Complete a GSSSC Program Aide Core Training and work directly with younger girls over six activity sessions. Contact the program department or download training on our website.

Counselor-In-Training pin (CIT) coming soon
- Seniors and Ambassadors only
- Counselor-In-Training Girl Scouts learn to mentor younger girls in a camp setting
- To earn the Counselor-In-Training pin, girls must:
  - Complete a GSSSC Counselor-In-Training course and work with younger girls over the course of a camp session. The CIT II pin can be earned by first earning the CIT award, then working with younger girls over the course of at least one camp session while focusing on increasing their skill in one specific area such as lifeguarding, archery, arts, etc.

Volunteer-In-Training pin (VIT)
- Seniors and Ambassadors only
- Volunteer-In-Training Girl Scouts learn to mentor younger girls outside of the camp experience
- To earn the Volunteer-In-Training pin, girls must:
  - Complete a GSSSC Volunteer-In-Training course and work with younger girls over the course of three to six months. Contact the program department or download training on our website.

Things to Remember
- Have participants sign the sign-in sheet and keep for Service Unit records.
- Stay within the allotted time.
- If you don’t know the answer, seek the correct answer from the appropriate support person.

Supplies Needed
- CDT, SR, AMB
- Girls Guide to Girl Scouting
- Print outs of Leadership Project Time-lines

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Community Service bars
- One bar for each age level (Cadette, Senior and Ambassador)
- Provide 20 hours of service to an organization (not Girl Scouts)
- Details are in the Girl
  - Form for reporting hours of service is on our website, www.girlscouts-ssc.org

Service to Girl Scouting bars
- One bar for each age level (Cadette, Senior and Ambassador)
- Provide 20 hours of service to Girl Scouts
- Details are in the Girl
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The Torch Award
- One award for each age level (Cadette, Senior and Ambassador)
- Complete one Leadership Journey
- Serve for one full term in a leadership position (Examples: At your school, church, library, community center, after school club, sports, or similar organization)
  - Details are in the Girl
  - Form for reporting hours of service on our website, www.girlscouts-ssc.org

Junior Aide Award
- Juniors only
- Work with a group of Daisy or Brownie Girl Scouts for at least three meetings
  - Details are in the Junior Girl

If you need assistance locating a troop or group to work with in order to earn an award, please contact your Service Unit of the Volunteer Support Team.
Leadership Project Time Log for Girls

Name________________________________________________ Level: CAD SR AMB
Assigned Troop/Group #__________________________ Service Unit #__________
Address ______________________________________________________________________
City/State/Zip_________________________________________________________________
Mentor Leader’s Name __________________________________________________________
Award Type: Community Service Bar Service to Girl Scouting Bar Torch Award
Journey completed: (required for Torch Award) ____________________________  Date: ________

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