girl scouts
of silver sage

Earning the FIVE STAR TROOP Award

Purpose:

The **FIVE STAR TROOP** Award is to encourage and support Troops in having a diversified and high-quality Troop year. (Earning this award is optional.) During the first year in a specific program level, the Five Star patch and the year strip can be earned. Each additional year in a specific program level, just the year strip is awarded. This means that the Five Star patch itself is displayed on each new uniform. Patches and year bars are worn on the back of the uniform.

Instructions:

To earn the award, a Daisy & Brownie Troop must earn at least 70 points and a Junior, Cadette, Senior, or Ambassador Troop must earn at least 80 points during the Girl Scout year, as described below, and complete and submit the worksheet to their Service Unit Manager by the end of the GS year (9/30). Once approved by your Service Unit Manager, the Troop can purchase the patch and/or year patch additions. Forms do NOT need to be submitted to Council for approval. Leaders - Keep this form for your records.

Troop Leader Name: _____ **Troop #:** _____ **SU #:** _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Troop Grade Level: ☐ Daisy   ☐ Brownie   ☐ Junior   ☐ Cadette   ☐ Senior   ☐ Ambassador

☐ This is the first time our Troop has earned the Five Star Troop Award.

☐ This is the _____ time our Troop has earned the Five Star Troop Award.

Points Earned

Registration (5 points)

◎ For New Troops: We had at least 2 adults and 5 girls registered by the start if the GS year (10/1)

◎ For Returning Troops: At least 70% of our girls and adults re-registered by October 1.

Registration Bonus (5 points)

◎ We registered at least 2 new Girl Scouts to our Troop by October 1 (girls transferring from another Troop do not count).

Early Bird Registration (5 points)

◎ Our Troop re-registered over 50% of our Troop (girls and adults) by the Early Bird June deadline.

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Promise & Law (5 points)   [   ]

- ◎ For Daisy & Brownie Troops: All of the girls and adults in our Troop can recite the GS Promise by heart.

- ◎ For Junior, Cadette, Senior, & Ambassador Troops: All the girls and adults in our Troop can recite the GS Promise and GS Law by heart.

Girl-Led Troop Year Planning (5 points)   [   ]

- ◎ We involved the girls in age-appropriate girl-led planning.

  What is one example of how girls took the lead in planning their year?

  _____

Journeys (10 points)   [   ]

- ◎ We completed this Journey: _____

  Our Journey Take-Action project was: _____

Journeys Bonus (5 points)   [   ]

- ◎ We submitted our Take-Action project story using the Share Your Story form on the GSSSC website or on the GSSSC Facebook.

Outdoor Education (5 points each)   [   ]

- ◎ Our Troop went on a nature day trip and girls participated (age-appropriately) in trip planning.
                    AND/OR
- ◎ Our Troop went camping and girls participated (age-appropriately) in trip planning.

  Briefly describe the trip: _____

Ceremonies (5 points)   [   ]

- ◎ We participated in at least two Troop or Service Unit ceremonies.

  Which ones? _____

Events (5 points)   [   ]

- ◎ We planned or participated in at least one Girl Scout traditional event: Thinking Day, Founder's Day, Girl Scout Birthday, etc.

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Cookies (5 points each)

◎ Our Troop participated in the cookie product program.
◎ We participated in activities during the cookie program focused (age-appropriately) on the 5 skills: goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics.

Community Service (5 points)

◎ Our Troop participated in at least one Troop or Service Unit community service project (This must be separate from the Journey Take Action project).

    Briefly describe: _____

Outcome Surveys (5 points)

◎ We completed pre (by January) **and** post (by June) outcome surveys. (Junior, Cadette, Senior and Ambassador only)

Parent Involvement (5 points each)

◎ We communicate on a regular basis with our parents. (e.g., email, newsletter, take-home, etc.).
◎ We hold a yearly parent meeting.
◎ At least 2 of our parents help occasionally with Troop activities.

Money Management (5 points each)

◎ We carefully tracked our income and expenses.
◎ We communicated the state of our Troop finances on a regular basis with our parents.
◎ We incorporated Girl Led aspects to our troop money management.

Annual Report (5 points)

◎ We turned in a complete and accurate Troop Annual Report by the June deadline.

Training (10 points)

◎ At least two of our approved volunteers have completed the following training:
  - Course #203 online or in-person Journey & Girl Guides – The Full Experience
  - Course 401, 402, or 403 Outdoor Training
  - Enrichment opportunities (Super Saturday, Annual Conference, Septoberfest, etc.)

    Names: _____

CPR/FA (5 points)
◎ We have at least one Troop volunteer who holds a <u>current</u> CPR/First-Aid certification.

Mental Health (5 points)
◎ We have at least one Troop volunteer who holds a <u>current</u> Mental Health First Aider certification.

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Adult Participation (5 points) [   ]

- ◎ In addition to our two approved volunteers necessary to meet minimum girl-adult supervision ratios, and our Troop Cookie Manager, our Troop has at least one additional approved volunteer available to assist with supervision or transportation when needed.

Name(s): _____

Service Unit Participation (5 points) [   ]

- ◎ We have at least one Troop volunteer representing us at every Service Unit Meeting (it could be a different person each time).

Council Participation (5 points) [   ]

- ◎ At least one of our Troop volunteers reads the Program Chat newsletter on a regular basis and shares information with the rest of the Troop.

Council Participation Bonus (5 points) [   ]

- ◎ At least one of our Troop volunteers checks the website regularly and shares any pertinent information with the rest of the Troop.
    OR
- ◎ At least one of our Troop volunteers attended the annual meeting and reported back to our Troop.

    OR
- ◎ Utilizes the Community Program Partner Resource Guide

Add all points from previous pages 1,2,3 to this page 4 [   ]

Total Number of Points Earned: _____ **Date Submitted:** _____

Signature of Girl Representative: _____

Signature of Troop Leader: _____

Signature of Service Unit Manager: _____