

Highest Awards Reminders and Tips for Success

Below are a few tips and reminders for supporting girls who are pursuing their highest program level award (Bronze, Silver, or Gold).

Reminders for supporting girls through their Highest Awards project

- Make sure the issue is identified clearly and has research to back it up.
- Ensure that girls understand that an issue is not the same thing as a need.
- Verify that the root cause of the issue is clearly identified.
- Confirm that the project makes a long-term impact on the identified issue and root cause.
- Always empower girls to lead.
- If you mess up, we will help you! Just reach out to awards@gsnorcal.org.
- Remind girls to keep track of their hours.
- Remind girls that Take Action projects cannot be completed alone, even at the Gold Award level where they are earning the award individually. Girls are meant to demonstrate leadership by building a team of volunteers who help them execute their plan.
- The project advisor cannot be a parent or family member. This project is an opportunity for girls reach out to the community and build connections.

Tips for supporting girls through a successful Highest Award project

- The best projects are not found online; they come from exploring communities and finding issues that girls are passionate about.
- Start early and plan ahead! Projects may take longer to complete than girls might expect.
- Use your resources wisely (refer to training, online resources, Trailhead articles, other troops that have completed awards).
- Understand the rules and requirements, and where to find the information that you or your girls may need.