



Take Action Projects

What is Take Action?

Girls will create and carry out a Take Action project with every Journey they complete. Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards all require Take Action projects.

Overview of Take Action

Take Action projects are different from community service projects. Take Action elevates projects. A Take Action project is a chance for girls to partner with others in their community to solve a problem. They learn about getting to the root causes of issues, mobilizing and engaging community members and volunteers, and striving toward creating lasting change in their world. An important component is to understand & address the cause of a problem.

Community Service-comes from the heart

- Service is a passive role where you help out on something that is already in place
- Major decisions have been made and you are following some else's directions
- Collecting and donating items—a onetime fix of a problem
- Beautification/renovation without an educational or awareness raising component

Take Action project-comes from the heart, but uses the head to develop long lasting impact

- Leadership puts girls in an active role of decision making
- Girls create a Take Action project based on their observations of a local issue
- Tackle the root cause of this issue to make a long lasting impact, so project is sustainable
- Girls develop their leadership skills by exploring their community, brainstorming, planning, organizing, and putting their plan in motion

What is the difference between Journey Take Action Projects and higher awards Take Action Projects?

The only difference is the Journey Take Action Project is issue specific, the project must relate to the Journey and what the girls have learned. It can be completed as a Troop, but each girl needs a leadership role.

The Awards Take Action Project issue is of the girls' choosing. The girls will need to identify an issue in their community that they want to improve or resolve. Tackling the root cause of their issue will help make a bigger impact on their community and sustain the project.

Service Project	Take Action Project
Make first aid kits.	Promote healthy living through a community health fair.
Holds a food drive.	Start a community garden that can provide fresh fruits and vegetables to the homeless.
Start a recycling project.	Create a workshop to teach others about water conservation and have everyone make a rain garden or barrel.
Donate items to a local shelter.	Organize a volunteer recruitment & supply drive for a local animal shelter at your school, community center or church.
Donate books to a local school.	Organize a tutoring session at a local elementary school with senior citizens to help students learn to read.

The Journey Take Action Project should be looked at as a practice run for the Awards Take Action Project. The girls will gain Leadership skills in developing this Journey Project. She will build upon these acquired skills to complete a quality Bronze, Silver or Gold Award Take Action Project.