



## Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana

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### Girl Scout Silver Award – **IP APPROACH** Helpful Hints for the Leader and Advisor

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- *There is a two year transition period using this approach ending September 30, 2011. Final reports for projects using this approach must be submitted by this date.*
- Use the *Go For It! The Girl Scout Silver Award* STUDIO 2B insert as your best help and resource.
- Suggest the Girl Scout Silver Award to your girls at the beginning of the troop year. Break it down into small pieces. Introduce girls to interest project awards and focus books to show how they relate to the Girl Scout Silver Award. Help them understand the process. Some or all of your girls (especially the girls in 6th and 7th grades) may have no interest in earning them. Remember that this is the girls' program and as their needs and interests change, their desire to earn awards may change too.
- Remember to keep earning the Girl Scout Silver Award a fun and exciting process. It should **not** be like school work. Your girls' reasons for being in Girl Scouting are probably varied. Some need the social environment and friendships, some need to be able discuss concerns in a safe environment, some want to experience the environment and challenge themselves physically. Do not be discouraged if earning awards is not a priority for them. Keep the options open and work individually with girls if few of them want to work on awards. A girl can have a very fulfilling experience in Girl Scouting without earning the Girl Scout Silver Award.
- Help girls who decide to work on the Girl Scout Silver Award to do their very best.
- Do **not** design a project for your girls. It should be the girl's idea based on what she has learned **and** is interested in.
- Do not compare projects between girls. Every one of them has different skills and talents. What is easy for one girl may be a real challenge of another.
- The Girl Scout program is based on an honest and trusting partnership between girls and adults. Both you and the girl sign the report indicating the work has been satisfactorily completed.
- Our council provides a Girl Scout Silver Award pin, a certificate, and a letter of congratulations to girls who have completely finished their requirements. To order these commendations for Girl Scout Silver Award recipients, request them through your service center office. (Your service center will present them to girls at a spring older girl ceremony.) At the time of your request, the council requires that you furnish a copy of the Girl Scout Silver Award Report Form for each girl. Plan ahead so you can meet your service center deadline for the awards ceremony.