



Girl Scout Leadership Experience Transition Update March 2011

The Girl Scout Program Portfolio:

Journeys were the first step in developing a consistent national experience built on Girl Scouting's three keys to leadership: Discover, Connect, and Take Action. The third journey was introduced in January 2011.

Each Girl Scout level NOW has three journeys to choose from:

- It's Your World—Change It!
- It's Your Planet—Love It!
- It's Your Story—Tell It!

Coming in Fall 2011—the newest elements of the program portfolio:

- **The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting**
- **Skill Building Badge Sets**

The attached pages will give you an overview of the program portfolio. Included are:

- How the National Girl Scout Program Portfolio Works
- National Proficiency Badge Categories
- National Proficiency Badges (Examples of new badge progression)
- Anatomy of a Badge
- Great News for Girls!
- The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting Summary: Messages to Share
- Awards for Our Teen Leaders

Transition Year

There will be a one-year period (June 2011 to June 2012) to transition away from existing handbooks and badge books to the Girl Scout Program Portfolio—journeys, girl's guides, and badge sets. All members need to be using the updated national program portfolio as of fall 2012.

How this might look:

As you plan for the next membership year (2011-12), non-bridging troops may choose to continue to use their current badge books while troops bridging to a new level may choose to use the new *Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting*. However, remember that current Try-Its, badges and IPs may not be available. It is recommended that you check on availability before working on a current recognition.

How It Might Look	
<i>NOW: 2010-11</i>	<i>FUTURE: 2010-12</i>
Second Grade Brownie Troop currently using the journeys and earning Try-Its	Option A: Continue to use journeys and earn <i>current</i> Try-Its*
	Option B: Continue to use journeys and begin use of The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting to earn new Brownie badges
	Option C: Continue to use journeys, earn <i>current</i> Try-Its* and begin use of The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting to earn new Brownie badges.
Third Grade Brownie Troop currently using the journeys and earning Try-Its	Option A: Bridge to Juniors and make use of the Junior level journeys and The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting to earn new Junior badges
	Option B: Option A plus use the <i>current</i> Junior Badge book to badges*
*Remember to check availability of <i>current</i> Try-Its/badges.	

Related questions and answers:

Q: How long will current Girl Scout Try-Its, badges, and interest projects be available?

A: In preparation for the program roll-out of *The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting*, GSUSA has retired existing resources. During the transition period, troops may continue to work on current recognitions. ***The GSNI retail shops are confident that they can provide any of the current GSUSA Try-Its, badges and IPs through June 1, 2011.*** After June 1, 2011, it is recommended that troops check on availability before working on a specific recognition. Beginning in April 2011, a list of available badges will be made available on the GSNI website. This list will be updated on a monthly basis and should be used as a guideline only.

Q: May troops return/exchange current Girl Scout Try-Its, badges, and interest projects?

A: GSNI retail shops will accept EXCHANGES of current Try-Its, badges, and IPs up to June 1, 2011. After June 1, 2011, no discontinued GSUSA recognitions (Try-Its, badges, IPs) will be accepted for exchange or return.

NOTE: STUDIO 2B charms were discontinued earlier and are **not** accepted for return or exchange.

How the National Girl Scout Program Portfolio Works

The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting

- ▶ Handbook Section
- ▶ My Girl Scouts Section
- ▶ Awards Section
- ▶ Legacy Badge: Topic Areas
 - Artist
 - The Girl Scout Way
 - Citizen
 - Cook
 - First Aid
 - Athlete
 - Naturalist
- ▶ Financial Literacy Badges
Girls can earn a different Financial Literacy Badge each year. (Daisies earn Financial Literacy "leaves.")
- ▶ Cookie Business Badges
Girls can earn a different Cookie Business Badge each year. (Daisies earn Cookie Business "leaves.")
- ▶ Make Your Own

PLUS

- ▶ My Promise, My Faith Pin
 - ▶ Journey Summit Pin
- For Designated Levels**
- P.A., CIT, VIT
 - Bronze, Silver, Gold Awards

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National Leadership Journeys

"Leadership Awards" for Girls

It's Your World—Change It!

It's Your Planet—Love it!

It's Your Story—Tell It!

Skill Building Badge Sets

Girls choose a set to add into their Girl's Guide and enjoy along their Journey!

- ▶ Skill-Building Badge Set: Topic Areas
 - Performance
 - Healthy Living
 - Digital Arts
 - Storytelling
 - Science & Technology

- ▶ Skill-Building Badge Set: Topic Areas
 - Outdoors
 - Practical Life Skills
 - Do It Yourself
 - Craft
 - Investigation

- ▶ Skill-Building Badge Set: Topic Areas
 - Animals
 - Manners
 - Adventure
 - Creative Play
 - Innovation

- Brownies through Seniors will all have their own specific Badge in each of these topic areas.
- Initial Badge Sets – More can be added based on major funders or great ideas from girls or the field.

National Proficiency Badge Categories

LEGACY

These badges engage girls in topics that have been important since 1912—and are still relevant to girls today.

FINANCIAL LITERACY

These badges teach girls how to use money wisely.

COOKIE BUSINESS

These badges put girls' financial literacy skills into practice during the Girl Scout cookie sale.

SKILL BUILDING

These badges build skills in many areas of interest to girls.

MAKE YOUR OWN

Girls can explore personal interests by creating (and completing) one badge of their very own each year.



Remember!

Girl Scouts at all levels also choose a National Leadership Journey and earn the corresponding awards.

Girl Scout Daisies earn Petals and Leadership Journey awards — plus, they now have Financial Literacy and Cookie Business “Leaves.”

Ambassadors earn Legacy, Financial Literacy and Cookie Business Badges, as well as their Leadership Journey Awards. Plus, they can also create a Make Your Own badge!

National Proficiency Badges

Here are just a few examples of the new badges to show progression.

Badge Category	Topic Area	Brownie	Junior	Cadette	Senior	Ambassador
Legacy	Cook	Snacks	Simple Meals	New Cuisine	Locavore	Dinner Party
Financial Literacy	Financial Literacy	Money Manager	Business Owner	Budgeting	Financing My Future	On My Own
Cookie Business	Cookie Business	Meet Your Customers	Cookie CEO	Business Plan	My Portfolio	R & D
Skill Building	Outdoors <i>(It's Your Planet —Love It! Badge Set)</i>	Hiker	Camper	Trail Blazer	Adventurer	*NA
Make Your Own	Girl's Interest	Whatever a girl is interested in!	Whatever a girl is interested in!	Whatever a girl is interested in!	Whatever a girl is interested in!	Whatever a girl is interested in!

As girls grow up, they can build on the skills they've learned by earning the next badge in each topic area.

Anatomy of a Badge

Five Steps: Each badge has five steps. Girls complete all five to earn the badge.



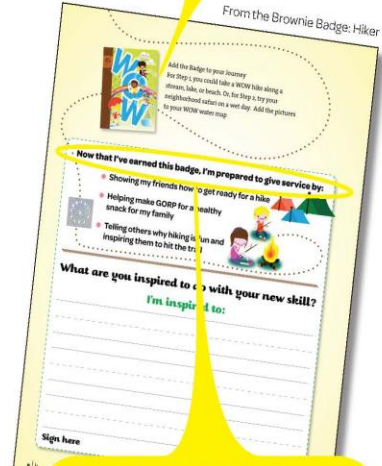
Purpose: This opening statement tells girls what they'll be able to do once they've earned the badge.

From the Brownie Badge: Senses



Three Choices: There are three choices for completing each step. Girls only need to do ONE.

Journey Tie-In: Each badge includes a tip for tying the badge activities into a journey.



Giving Service: This closing statement offers three ideas about how a girl can use her new skill to give service, plus room for girls to write or draw their own ideas.

Great News for Girls!

Variety • Choice • Relevance

The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting

▶ **Legacy Badge: Topic Areas**

- Artist
- The Girl Scout Way
- Citizen
- Cook
- First Aid
- Athlete
- Naturalist

▶ **Financial Literacy Badges**

Girls can earn one badge a year

▶ **Cookie Business Badges**

Girls can earn one badge a year

▶ **Skill-Building (Brownie through Senior)**

Outdoors	Performance	Animals
Practical Life Skills	Healthy Living	Manners
Do It Yourself	Digital Arts	Adventure
Craft	Storytelling	Creative Play
Investigation	Science & Technology	Innovation

▶ **Make Your Own**

Journey Awards

▶ **DAISIES:**

3 Awards x 3 Journeys= 9 Awards

▶ **BROWNIES:**

4 Awards x 3 Journeys= 12 Awards

▶ **JUNIOR**

3 Awards x 3 Journeys= 9 Awards

▶ **CADETTE**

3 Awards x 3 Journeys= 9 Awards

▶ **SENIOR**

1 Award x 3 Journeys= 3 Awards

▶ **AMBASSADOR**

1 Award x 3 Journeys= 3 Awards

The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting

Summary: Messages to Share

▶ What comes in the Girl's Guide?

- Handbook
- Legacy Badges
- Financial Literacy Badges
- Cookie Business Badges
- My Girl Scouts

▶ What can you add in?

- Skill-Building Badge Sets
The first three are tied to Journeys.

▶ What about Daisies?

- They earn Petals with more robust activities.
- They earn Financial Literacy and Cookie Business Leaves.

▶ What about Ambassadors?

- They have everything except extra Skill-Building Badge Sets.

▶ What awards are new?

- My Promise, My Faith
- Journey Summit

▶ What's been updated?

- Safety Award
- CIT, VIT, P.A.
- Troop Crests

▶ What's great for girls?

- Variety
- Choice
- Relevance

Awards for Our Teen Leaders

- Program Aide

Earned by Cadettes learning to work with younger girls in a variety of settings.

- CIT I & CIT II

Earned by Seniors and Ambassadors who want to mentor girls in a camp setting.

- VIT (Volunteer-In-Training)

Earned by Seniors and Ambassadors who want to mentor girls in pathways other than the camp pathway.