

Earning the LiA Award

Cadettes can earn a Leader in Action (LiA) award by assisting a Brownie group on the National Leadership Journey that correlates with the Journey they are working on. (Some examples would be *World of Girls* and *MEdia* or the Brownie and Cadette Think Like an Engineer Journey.) There are specific LiA award requirements for the three original Journey series: It's Your World—Change It!, It's Your Planet—Love It!, and It's Your Story—Tell It!. Girls will earn the new LiA award, following the requirements on the next page, for all Journeys developed since that time.

To earn a LiA, Cadettes share their organizational skills, use one of their special talents, teach Brownies something important from their Journey, and reflect on the experience. For more information about each LiA, Cadettes can network with the adult volunteers guiding Brownie groups in their Girl Scout community.

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Dear Girl Scout Cadette,

Here is your chance to show your leadership skills and assist your Brownie sisters in completing their National Leadership Journey! You can demonstrate your commitment by actively assisting during Journey sessions, using your organizational skills, helping the Brownies complete their requirements, and—most importantly—helping them reflect on their experience.

So get set to earn the LiA (Leader in Action) award by using your leadership skills and sharing your experience with a team of Brownies in your community.

Here's how:

1. Find a team of Girl Scout Brownies on (or about to begin) their National Leadership Journey. Ask the adults who volunteer with your group, or ask your Girl Scout council for tips on how to locate a Brownie troop or group.
2. From their volunteer, find out what the Brownies are doing. Talk with her about what they enjoy and what she herself finds challenging. Read the Journey that they are working on.
3. Arrange to be at some of the Brownies' gatherings. Coordinate with the volunteer so you'll have time to do each of these:
 - Inspire the Brownies to talk about the ways they engage with their Journey topic in everyday life. Encourage them to tell stories about the ways they've connected with their Journey topic. Help them ask questions to which they'd like to find the answers. Ask what made them curious or interested about this Journey in particular.

Date accomplished: _____

- Guide the Brownies in an activity to develop their teamwork skills. The girls are planning to create a change in their community through a Take Action project. They'll need to work together to make this happen. Maybe you've participated in team-building activities with Cadettes or with other girls in your world. If you have, share some tips with the Brownies. If not, get ideas from other Girl Scouts in your area. You might use a team-building activity to open or close a session, or introduce it when it best fits for the Brownies and their Journey.

Date accomplished: _____

- Inspire the girls to embrace the idea of their Journey. How can they encourage other people to effect change as it relates to their Journey topic? Develop an activity or lesson the Brownies can share with others to pass on the message.

Date accomplished: _____

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- Encourage the Brownies to review the Girl Scout Law. Work together and pick one line of the Law that relates to your Journey the best. If they can't decide on just one, have them explain why more than one might be related. Remind them to think about the skills they've learned by working on this Journey together when they say those lines in the Girl Scout Law.

Date accomplished: _____

4. After you've completed your activities with the Brownies, ask their volunteer for feedback on your work with them. What worked well? What might you change next time?
5. Now that you've led all of your activities and exchanged ideas with the Brownies, think about and answer these questions:
 - What did you DISCOVER about yourself as you guided the Brownies?
 - In what ways did you CONNECT with the younger girls?
 - How did your leadership encourage the Brownies to TAKE ACTION to create a change in their community?

CONGRATULATIONS! Wear your LiA award with pride!