



The President's Award for service units

The President's Award recognizes the efforts demonstrated by a service unit to enhance Girl Scouting in its community during a membership year. This year long achievement requires teamwork, dedication and focus from every member of the service unit team, as well as the support of troop leaders.



Adult Recognitions



Girl Scouts San Diego President's Award

Instructions

- This award is structured after the Journey model.
- There are four sections with objectives underneath.
- Sections are volunteer training, membership growth, girl programming, and team building.
- In each section, you have one required objective highlighted in yellow.
- With your team, choose remaining objectives to complete.
- Number of objectives to complete in each section will vary.
- You will need information from GSSD professional staff to complete the application.
- Connect with your service unit support specialist monthly to update your application.

If you have questions, contact serviceunits@sdgirlscouts.org. We are here for your Girl Scout journey.

Application process:

Deadline: September 30. Complete the tracking sheet and submit to your service unit support specialist at serviceunits@sdgirlscouts.org.

Approval : Service unit support specialist reviews application tracking sheet with a member of the service unit team to confirm completion. Staff then submits application to manager for final approval.

Form of Recognition : Service units who earn the President's Award will be honored at the Volunteer Celebration.

President's Award Criteria Tracking Sheet

Goal: The President's Award recognizes the efforts demonstrated by an entire service unit to enhance Girl Scouting in its community during a membership year.

Section 1: Volunteer Training and Support

Complete the highlighted section then pick three more objectives to complete

- 90% of troops submitted a financial report by June 30 or increased AFR submissions by 5% from previous year
- Service unit held two recognition events (i.e. Investiture & rededication ceremony, end of year adult recognition celebration, court of awards for girl and/or leaders, leader of the month, submit nomination and endorsements for adult awards, etc.)
- Service unit team held at least four trainings. (i.e. Volunteer Tool Kit, Journeys, financials, Short and Snappy etc.)
- Develop a pre-meeting and post-meeting communication plan
- Develop a plan for first year leaders (i.e. new leader chat groups, new leader mentors, new leader office hours, retreats etc.)

Section 2: Membership Growth

Complete the highlighted section then pick four more objectives to complete

- Collaborated with council staff to establish and implement recruitment plan
- Host three recruitment events
- Do five things to extend membership and increase visibility (i.e. flag ceremony, open house, send troop highlights to local papers, local parades, post recruitment materials at schools and local sports, GS activity at community fairs)
- Achieved at least 75% troop retention goal by July 31
- Reached the current year's girl membership goal by July 31
- 35% of troops participate in Early Bird Renewal
- 2% increase in adult members by July 31

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Section 3: Girl Programming

Complete the highlighted section then pick five more objectives to complete

- 90% of registered girls (as of Dec. 31) participated in cookie program OR service unit increased girls participating by 1.5 % from previous year. (90% sellers: xxx, 1.5% increase in girl sellers: xxx)
- Utilize girl-planning for at least three events (camper council, recruitment, badge workshops, Daisy days, Journey series, start-up troops)
- Use the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) to hold an event for Daisies, Brownies and/or Juniors
- Use the GSLE to hold an event for Cadettes, Seniors and/or Ambassadors
- 40% of K-5 troops have a plan in Volunteer Toolkit (VTK)
- Hold an event focused on STEM, Outdoors, Civic Engagement or Entrepreneurship
- Hold a family event so parents can see all the amazing things their girls do in Girl Scouts

Section 4: Team Building

Complete the highlighted section then pick five more objectives to complete

- With the team, set and reach Share goal by Sept 30
- Recognize your team (i.e. host a dinner, tea, or retreat, etc.)
- Hold an "OPEN" team meeting and invite new members
- Service unit leadership attended at least three service unit enrichment opportunities. (i.e. roundtables, Outdoor Skills Weekend, Volunteer Conference, etc.)
- Core team positions are filled (manager, registrar, activity consultant, cookie coordinator, fall coordinator, lead membership recruiter, treasurer)
- Service unit team received appropriate trainings for their position (manager, registrar, activity consultant, treasurer, cookie coordinator, fall coordinator and lead membership recruiter)
- Add one new team member
- Team write in goal_____.