

Junior Journey Guide

It's Your World—Change It!

Agent of Change

1. The Purpose of Agent of Change

i Through the identification of your powerful self you can find your strength to be a change-maker in your community. Become an *Agent of Change* by gaining self-confidence, identifying your team, and building a community of trailblazers. While creating your own 'butterfly effect', you'll learn skills such as networking, planning, and speaking up for what you believe in.

2. Take Action Project

i To be an *Agent of Change* finish the Journey, complete the Power of One, the Power of Team, and the Power of Community awards. To earn the Power of Community award you will do a take action project. Through your take action project you will turn community service into a sustainable and long-lasting effort.

NOTE—What separates a community service project from a take action project? Here is a break down. Instead of just identifying a problem and fundraising or collecting for it, take a deep look into the root of the issue. What causes distracted drivers? Is it phones? Could you create an app that locks phones from being accessed when people are driving? This creates a root cause solution for a problem! Now is your chance to create a take action project of your own.

Examples:

- **Public policy:** Now that you have the three pillars of change (yourself, your team, and your community) you can tackle an issue in your city. Is a park not being maintained properly? Utilize your team to identify the root cause of why it is not being kept up. Is there not enough funding? If so, you could propose a new budget to include park cleaning.
- **Environment and energy:** If you take a look at the sky when it is dark you can see a few stars, maybe more if you're lucky. What if you could see a whole sky of stars! Light pollution can make it so we can't see the stars. You could propose a neighborhood 'lights out' hour once a week.
- **Education:** Have you ever noticed people who play by themselves at school? You could propose a 'not-alone' bench where if someone sits on it everyone knows to invite them to play.

3. Power of One, Power of Team, Power of Community, and Advocacy Awards

- i** You must complete the Power of One, the Power of Team, and the Power of Community awards to finish the Journey.
- **Power of One:** Create a power-log of your own peers, discover a heroine (past or present), and notice how heroines link to the Girl Scout Law.
 - **Power of Team:** Connect with your Girl Scout crew and design a 'supergirl' story comic, in which characters take one small situation they care about and strive for a long-lasting community change. Then, make a team decision for a take action project and write your Team Hopes.
 - **Power of Community:** Take action on your plan! Get your community involved so that your project can spiral out and change the world. Once completed, reflect on what you have accomplished.
 - **Advocacy:** Go above and beyond to incite change in your community. To achieve this award, complete the eight steps for advocacy by designing a sustainable plan, pitch, and then put it all into action. Pages 6 to 10 in the Advocacy manual provide additional details and resources.

4. Field Trip Ideas

- i** Some super-secret agent trips can help you see teams and explore their different roles in your community.

Examples:

- Visit your local mall and see how people connect. Are they glued to their phones? Connecting with others?
- Libraries are a perfect trip because they are filled with information about almost every topic! This is your chance to learn more about your take action issue.
- Food pantries can teach you all about food poverty and you can learn more about the issues impacting your community.
- Art exhibits give you a unique look into how the community views itself. Are there colorful pieces everywhere? Maybe some gloomy pieces? Why is this?

5. Agent of Change Ending

- i** Congratulations! You have completed the Journey. You have learned about your powerful self and the value of teamwork while finishing a take action project. You complete the Power of One, the Power of Team, and the Power of Community awards. Make sure to share and reflect on your new skills and understanding of yourself, your team, and your community.