

Silver Star Award

The purpose of the Silver Star Award is to encourage troops to have a diversified and quality program. It is an optional award.

To do this, the troop needs to begin planning during the first part of the troop year in order to meet the necessary requirements defined on the worksheet below. It will take one troop year to complete everything and to do it well. The program year begins October 1st and ends September 30th. Requirements cannot be carried from one year to the next. Each troop activity, Service Unit activity, or event the troop takes part in can only be used to satisfy one requirement.

Once the troop has met the necessary requirements, the troop leader completes the application and submits it to their Service Unit Director for approval by September 30th. Once the application by the Service Unit Director is approved, the troop leader can purchase the Silver Star Award and associated year patches.

Silver Star Application

Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council

Name: _____

Troop #: _____ SU #: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone: () _____ Grade Level: _____

- This is the first time this troop has earned the Silver Star Award
- This is the second or more year this troop has earned the Silver Star Award

Signature of Girl Representative: _____

Troop Leader Signature: _____

Service Unit Director Signature: _____

Date: _____

After the Service Unit Director signs the application the troop can purchase their Silver Star Award and year patches at Girl Scouts of Silver Sage's Council Stores (in Boise or Idaho Falls) or online at www.girlscouts-ssc.or/store.

Silver Star Award Worksheet

To earn the Silver Star Award, complete 17 of the 21 requirements below. You must complete all 14 starred activities.

Daisy Troops only need to complete 14 of the 21 requirements, including the 13 starred activities (excluding question #2).

- *1. This Troop registered by the registration deadline of October 1st.
Date registered (or application into the Council Office):_____.

- *2. This Troop has retained 70% of its girl members from the previous registration year. (Does not apply to new Troops). The girls may register either in the same group or in the Troop to which they bridge. To calculate retention rate, divide the number of girls re-registered by the number of girls registered last year. (Girls who have moved do not need to be included in the calculation).

OR

This Troop has increased its membership by adding two or more **NEW** members. This does not include girls bridging from one level to another or transferring.

This requirement does not apply for Daisy Troops.

- *3. This Troop has at least two registered and background checked adult volunteers.

1. _____ 2. _____

- *4. Troop leaders have become familiar with the Girl Scout Leadership Experience by attending a workshop/training or reading resources available on our website.

- *5. This Troop keeps parents/guardians informed through the use of a Troop newsletter or other type of communication (calendar of events, telephone tree, etc.)

- *6. This Troop practices the following girl planning and Troop government:

_____ Daisy or Brownie Circle
_____ Town Meeting
_____ Patrol System
_____ Executive Board
_____ Other

*7. This Troop participated in two Girl Scout ceremonies:

<input type="checkbox"/> Court of Awards	<input type="checkbox"/> Girl Scout Bronze Award	<input type="checkbox"/> Rededication
<input type="checkbox"/> Investiture	<input type="checkbox"/> Girl Scout Silver Award	<input type="checkbox"/> Flag Ceremony
<input type="checkbox"/> Bridging	<input type="checkbox"/> Girl Scout's Own	<input type="checkbox"/> Girl Scout Gold Award

*8. This Troop can repeat the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

*9. Troop leader and co-leader know the name or number of their Service Unit, Service Unit Director's name, Association Number, and name of Membership Representative:

Service Unit Number _____

Service Unit Director _____ Phone _____

Association Number _____

Membership Representative Name _____ Phone _____

*10. This Troop is represented by a Leader/co-leader or a parent representative at all Service Unit meetings and applicable trainings; for example, Cookie Program training.

11. This Troop has participated in the Girl Scouts Cookie Program.

12. This Troop participated in a Thinking Day (Feb 22) activity, understands the importance of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, can name at least five members of WAGGGS, and has made a contribution to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund.

13. This Troop has participated in a Community Service Activity.

Describe Project: _____

14. This Troop attended a special event in the community or participated in a Council sponsored program activity.

Describe Event: _____

- *15. This Troop has invited parents to at least one Troop get event or ceremony (such as, bridging ceremony, thinking day etc.)

Describe Event: _____

16. This is a Troop that will be bridging and this Troop has completed the bridging requirements, including a bridging ceremony with a Troop from the next grade level.

Date: _____

17. This Troop has invited a minimum of three people from outside the Troop to work with the Troop during the year.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

- *18. This Troop has invited an older girl to talk about her experience with Girl Scouting, her *Destination* trip, Teen Advisory Committee involvement, or her Silver/Gold Award project.

Name of Girl: _____

Topic Covered: _____

- *19. This Troop has completed its Annual Troop Report with supporting documentation and turned it into their Service Unit Treasurer or Director by June 15th.

20. This Troop has completed and has a signed sponsorship agreement on file at the Council headquarters.

- *21. This Troop has completed outcome surveys at the beginning of the Troop year in the fall and again at the end of the Troop year in the spring.

Date Silver Star Program was completed: _____.