



## THE LADY BADEN-POWELL AWARD

### Purpose:

The purpose of the Lady Baden-Powell Award is to foster a friendly and productive long-term relationship between USA Girl Scouts Overseas and the host nation WAGGGS organization as they live together in a country other than the USA. By working toward a common goal, the Lady Baden-Powell award allows both USA Girl Scouts Overseas and the host nation WAGGGS organization, the opportunity to use their leadership skills to make a tangible difference in the world.

### History/Background:

In 1959, Lady Baden-Powell visited Panama and created a LADY BADEN-POWELL Award to be earned by three groups: Muchachas Guias Girl Guides of Panama, the International Girl Scouts of Panama, and the Canal Zone Girl Scouts of the USA. Lady Baden-Powell conceived the idea for an International Friendship Award based upon the 5 "C's" - Communication, Community, Camping, Crafts, and Culture. The award bears her name and is called the Lady Baden-Powell Award.

The Muchachas Guias of Panama and the USA Girl Scouts Overseas-Panama have given permission for this unique award to be shared with other Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world. This award exemplifies international friendship and encourages Girl Guides and Girl Scouts to work together in the spirit of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting.

As leadership is the focus of Girl Scouting, the Lady Baden-Powell Award strives to bring together the USA Girl Scouts with their sister host nation WAGGGS organization to work together to Discover more about themselves and others, Connect to define and address a community issue, and Take Action to make a viable impact in that community. Today, in Lady Baden-Powell's honor, we continue to use the 5 "C's" in conjunction with the Girl Scout Leadership Experience's three keys to Leadership—Discover, Connect, and Take Action—as the foundation for the Lady Baden-Powell Award.

### Participation:

Girls and adult volunteers who would like to earn this award must be motivated by their desire to know individuals from a culture different from their own. The individual must be willing to commit herself to attending a minimum of three separate activity meetings plus an award ceremony. Participation should be based on contacts between local host nation WAGGGS organization and USAGSO over a period of time, not in a single activity, to foster sister Girl Guides/Girl Scouts friendships and understanding.

### The Requirements:

- LADY BADEN-POWELL Award may only be earned by registered USAGSO members with Girl Guides living overseas.

The same ratio of host nation girls and USAGSO girls will partner to earn the award. By maintaining the same (or close to the same) ratio of each group, the girls are better able to partner with and interact with girls from their partner organization. It fosters better relationships.

Girl Guides and Girl Scouts will work in partnership to earn the award by creating planned activities, which must include a minimum of three separate activities plus the award ceremony. Host country Girl Guides/Girl Scouts or USAGSO events can be modified to meet LADY BADEN-POWELL Award requirements, such as day camps, World Thinking Day events, WAGGGS camp, etc. to allow for differences in locations.

Girls and adults work together to create Discover, Connect and Take Action Activities in each of the categories described below.

[Complete the activities in each of the following categories]

### Discover Self Through Culture and Crafts

*Outcomes:* Group learns about and reflects on the rich history of the traditional customs and culture on both side of the partnership as it pertains to the arts. They develop a strong sense of self as they explore their cultural identity and begin to make a connection between themselves and the world.

**CULTURE:** Girls choose a cultural activity that is important to them (history, art, tradition, dance, festival etc.) Girls then teach the other girls about this cultural activity and share why this cultural activity is important and how it makes them who they are.

**CRAFTS:** Girls select a craft representative of their culture. Girls share the craft, its cultural importance and/or history, and teach the other girls how to make it.

### Connect with Others Through Communication and Camping

*Outcomes:* Group works cooperatively with one another. Girls feel connected to their communities, locally and globally.

**CAMP:** Girls plan and participate in an event outdoors, such as a hike, cookout, campout, or a nature exploration where they explore native plants, animals or the environment. Length of time should be age appropriate and determined by girls and adults. Girls should teach each other specific outdoor skills unique to their Girl Scout or Girl Scout/Girl Guide experience.

**COMMUNICATION:** Girls share what in their communities is important to them and why. Together, girls choose a problem or need that they would like to make better in their host nation community. Given language barriers, consider sharing ideas and feelings by creating a scrapbook, drawing pictures, sharing photos, etc.

### Take Action in Your Host Nation Community

*Outcomes:* The group is able to identify community needs. They feel empowered to make a difference and they educate and inspire others to help in their cause.

**COMMUNITY Take Action Project:** Based on what is important to them in their community, girls decide together to work on a project that helps solve a problem or reduces a need in the host nation community. The project should involve all of the girls and should be a significant project. Girls then completed the project.

## THE LADY BADEN-POWELL AWARD DESCRIPTION

Each girl completing the requirements for the LADY BADEN-POWELL Award will receive a patch with the original design from Panama. The figure on the patch is a “huaca”. People in Panama and pre-Columbian Indians consider the Golden Frog sacred and make golden clay figures known as huacas. Historically, huacas were revered objects, such as were holy springs where the water gods resided or the holy rocks; considered petrified forms of heroes, temples and sanctuaries, ceramic objects, etc. The golden huacas were also items of adornment.



*The girl patch is worn on the back of the uniform.*

Today the Golden Frog is the national symbol of Panama, similar to the American Bald Eagle, and is also a symbol of conservation and environmental awareness. Andean cultures believe objects not only have a physical presence but two spirits; it is therefore very appropriate that two Sister WAGGGS Girl Guides/Girl Scouts troops work together and share their experiences in the spirit of this award.

### Adult Pin

The bar is a gold plated pin with the engraved initials of LADY BADEN-POWELL.



*The Adult Pin is worn on the right side below the name tag.*

The pin and the patches are ordered by the LADY BADEN-POWELL group through USA Girl Scouts Overseas, once the final report and order forms are submitted. Both Girl Guides and Girl Scouts can receive the award.

## Procedures for Earning the Lady-Baden Powell Award

- Lady Baden-Powell Award group downloads the Lady Baden-Powell Guidelines and Application from their USAGSO regional website.
- The Lady Baden-Powell Award is earned by USA Girl Scout Overseas girls working with girls from a WAGGGS Girl Guides/Girl Scout group and a minimum of two adult facilitators working with them (1 from each of the two organizations).
- LADY BADEN-POWELL Award facilitators submit the Application to the USAGSO LADY BADEN-POWELL Award Committee for review [LBPAward@girlscouts.org](mailto:LBPAward@girlscouts.org) for approval at least one month before date of first activity.

The LADY BADEN-POWELL Award Applications are due by 23:59 the last day of each month for review the following month. The designated contact person on the LBP award application will receive an email response to the application from the LBP Award Committee by the 21<sup>st</sup> of the following month.

- After approved, applicants may begin their planned activities to earn the award. Upon completion of all requirements, adult facilitators will submit the Final Report: Lady Baden-Powell Award form to [LBPAward@girlscouts.org](mailto:LBPAward@girlscouts.org).
- The designated contact person on the LADY BADEN-POWELL Final Report will be contacted by email within two weeks after receiving the final report. The designated contact person on the LADY BADEN-POWELL Final Report will receive the group's LADY BADEN-POWELL award certificates and an award purchase approval letter to submit to their regional Girl Scout shop.

## Linking the LADY BADEN-POWELL Award to the National Core Program

Earning the Lady Baden-Powell Award is a great way to foster a life-long relationship with Girl Scouts and Girl Guides in your host nation. Along your path to earning this award, why not work on the following Girl Scout Proficiency Badges and Journeys with your leader/advisor that complement each step of the Lady Baden-Powell Award requirements.

### Culture and Crafts



*Daisy Flower Garden Journey Award, Brownie Celebrating Community Badge, Brownie Potter Badge, Brownie A World of Girls Award, Junior Jeweler Badge, Cadette Finding Common Ground Badge and Cadette Book Artist Badge.*

### Camp and Communication



*Brownie Hiker Badge, Junior Camper Badge, Cadette Trailblazing Badge, and Senior Adventurer Badge.*

### Community



*Daisy 3 Cheers for Animals Journey Award, Brownie Quest Journey Award, Junior Agent of Change Journey Award, Cadette aMaze Journey Award, Senior Mission Sisterhood and Ambassador Advocate Journey Award.*

## Examples of Past Activities

### Discover Self Through Culture and Crafts

- A Philippine Rondalla was performed by the Girl Scouts of the Philippines at International Friendship Day. A Rondalla is a native string band typical in the Philippines. It is best known for providing music for Philippine folk dances, fiestas, weddings and other civic/social functions.
- In Saudi Arabia, girls visited a local camel farm and enjoyed a traditional Arabic meal in the desert. Many experienced riding a camel, holding falcons and seeing Saluki hunting dogs for the very first time! Girls also got to experience traditional Bedioun and Sword Dances.
- American Girl Scouts were taught proper etiquette for a tea ceremony and how to wear a kimono by the Japanese Girl Scouts.
- At this event, the Sta Luiza Scouts invited the Terceira Girl Scouts to participate in a traditional mass ceremony. The girls joined an age-old procession led by the elderly community from the Spirit Houses waving palms to the church. The procession is steeped in tradition, taking place for centuries on the island.
- In Saudi Arabia, the girls completed a project where they could slide a card through an envelope and show the different phases of the moon during Ramadan. This served as an educational as well as fun craft! Girls also created Ramadan Iftar greeting cards to give to friends.
- Girls sang a song together about Gurgyan and learned about the tradition of children travelling from house to house, asking for treats. Their own version of Gurgyan was held after the dinner where the girls traveled between stations for face painting, henna and photographs in traditional Arabic costumes

### Connect with Others Through Communication And Camping

- The Apsan Fitness Trail in Korea has six stops along the way, equipped with rope bridges, climbing towers, swings and other sports equipment to challenge girls in balance, coordination, strength and agility. By completing the trail together, girls learned the importance of teamwork and cooperation!
- After a briefing on outdoor/hiking safety, girls worked together to plan their day at Namsam Mountain in Seoul. For many girls, it was a rare treat to be outside, surrounded by nature and they decided to take advantage of the opportunity by planning lots of outdoor activities. Activities included compass navigation, a "scavenger hunt" for Korean bird/wildlife and native trees and plants and a Korean craft project, ujeong weaving. Girls also participated in the tradition of placing a "friendship lock" on the fence surrounding Namsam Tower – the new partnership was literally locked in place with the click of the lock.

### Take Action in Your Host Nation Through Community

- The American and Japanese Girl Scouts were on hand at the Okinawa Marathon to pass out water to runners. They (wo)maned the station at the 31.2 km mark. This marathon is an official event of the Japan Association of Athletics Federations (JAFF) with over 10,000 runners. The marathon helps the international and inter-cultural exchange between the Okinawans, the Japanese, the Americans and other foreign visitors. ([www.okinawa-marathon.com](http://www.okinawa-marathon.com))
- The Korean people take great pride in their trees since many were lost during the Japanese occupation and plant more each year on Arbor Day. The Korean Girl Scouts and USAGSO-Daegu gathered on Camp Henry to replant trees transported from Camp Hialeah which will close in August 2006. Four days later, we joined our sister Korean Girl Scouts in planting flowers near the Sincheon River in Daegu.