

## LEADERSHIP JOURNEYS

What is a Journey?

A key part of the New Girl Scout Leadership Experience is the leadership journey, a coordinated series of activities grouped around a single theme and delivered over a set period of time.

Journeys unfold through a sequence of activities and discussions that add up to one giant adventure. No matter how much time girls spend on a journey, the whole is always greater than any single part. When a Girl Scout journey comes to a close, girls and their adult guides truly feel a sense of accomplishment - and come to cherish the awards they've earned along the way.

Journey Trainings

Hour-long Journey Trainings for Brownie, Junior, Cadette and Senior levels are being offered this fall at North Branch. During these trainings you will become familiar with your level specific Journey and how to present it to your Girl Scouts. The Journey trainings are for leaders who have already taken the level training before August of 2008, but want to know about the new books and how they could add to our badge books.

Check the [GSHNJ Calendar](#) for training dates. Type in "Journey" in the calendar's search utility to find the offerings quickly.

This Year's Journey: It's Your World-Change It!

Journeys invite girls to:

- Explore leadership the Girl Scout way (Discover + Connect + Take Action)
- Develop leadership skills they can use immediately and all their lives
- Reflect on their adventures and apply them to daily life

What's in the Girl's Book?

The girl's book is a unique journey companion that is rich in Girl Scout history, traditions, and values. It offers opportunities to imagine and create through:

- Stories, quizzes, games, and amazing facts and discoveries
- Open spaces to collect ideas, memories and mementos
- Reflections and questions that get girls thinking about their own lives and the world around them
- Team-building experiences that foster that special sense of belonging

What's in the Adult Books?

The companion "how-to" guide for adult volunteers offers key information about the journey, its awards and its leadership benefits, with step-by-step sample plans for how journey sessions can unfold as girls meet. Adults in partnership with girls can expand or condense these plans, as they like.

The adult guides also feature sections on Girl Scout history and traditions, as well as tips on safety and understanding girls at each particular grade level. And, they contain information on what to do if a girl misses a session or an award step.

Introducing The First Series Of Journeys:

- Welcome to the Daisy Garden (For Daisies)
- Brownie Quest (For Brownies)
- Agent of Change (For Juniors)
- aMaze (For Cadettes)
- Girltopia (For Seniors)
- Your Voice, Your World; The Power of Advocacy (For Ambassadors)

Transition to Journeys

You will still be able to use your current badge books and girls can pursue the Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. The Gold Award can be earned during the Senior and/or Ambassador levels.

Age Levels

Regarding the new age breakdown of levels: as always, we allow a leader to decide when they will bridge. We allow one year earlier or one year later. While the levels below are suggestions, they are not mandatory. Use your judgment based on the way grade levels are split in your school system.

Daisy troops who are bridging now will be Brownies for three years. That's okay. All troops are grandfathered in to complete their level in which they were trained. After 10/1/08, we will be following the new training of Journeys and outcomes for new troops forming. Also, the new troops forming will follow the level breakdown below.

Reminder: The Brownie Quest (new leadership resource for Brownies) is geared for 2nd and 3rd graders.

**The new suggested levels are:**

Daisies	Grades K-1
Brownie	Grades 2-3
Junior	Grades 4-5
Cadette	Grades 6-8
Senior	Grades 9-10
Ambassador	Grades 11-12

## More Resources/Information

### [A Summary and Tips Sheet](#)

Summarizes the content of each of the Journeys in the first series.

### [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

This GSUSA resource provides detailed answers to many specific question on the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

### [Transforming Leadership Video](#)

GSUSA one and a half minute promotional video on Youtube.

### [Electronic Resource Guide: Girl Scout Leadership Experience](#)

This new multimedia resource guides viewers through the key features and benefits of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Learn about Journeys, Pathways, keys, processes and outcomes. Updated version of Flash software required (download available).