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Local Girl Scout Troop Receives Girl Scout Bronze Award

Girl Scouting’s highest awards—the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards—are a girl’s chance to make a lasting difference in the world.

Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania is honored to present the members of Troop [number] with the Girl Scout Bronze Award, the highest recognition for achievement in Girl Scouting for girls in grades 4-5. Members of the troop include [list girls’ names here].

The Bronze Award recognizes Girl Scouts who demonstrate extraordinary leadership through sustainable and measurable Take Action projects that address important community needs.

The Troop's Bronze Award project began [date] and was completed [date].

When the girls discovered [describe the community issue addressed], they developed a Take Action plan to address the issue’s root cause.

[Please describe the Take Action project here. Describe what the troop did for the project. Make it leadership-based, and be sure it is well-written]. The troop was supported in their Bronze Award effort by [name people, project advisor, organizations the troop partnered with and anyone that helped with the project].

The members of Troop [troop number] used their strengths, talents, and skills and put their plan into action to earn the Bronze Award while each taking a leadership role.

For more information visit: <http://www.gswpa.org/girls/awards/bronze-award/>

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