**Silver Award Team Pro Tips: What You Need to Know**

**How to Earn the Girl Scout Silver Award**

1. Find an issue you care about.
2. Build your Silver Award team (up to 4 Cadettes) or decide to go solo. **If you choose to work with other Cadettes, you MUST review the *Silver Award Team Pro Tips PDF.***
3. Explore your community and think about how the issue affects those around you.
4. Choose a Silver Award project that can create lasting change.
5. Develop your Take Action project.
6. Make a plan, ensure it’s sustainable, and put it into motion.
7. Dedicate at least 50 hours working on your project.
8. Reflect, share your story, and celebrate your success!

**Important Tips for Working as a Team**
**If you choose to work with other Girl Scouts (teams of 2-4), keep these key points in mind:**

* Each Girl Scout must complete a minimum of 50 hours on the Take Action project. This means 50 hours per girl, not 50 hours total for the entire team. EX. 2 Girl Scouts need 100 hours in TOTAL and 50 Hours EACH.
* Time logs must be unique and cannot be identical. While some hours may overlap (working together on certain tasks), **each team member’s time log should reflect the specific work she contributed**.
* **Final reports must be individual and distinct.** Each Girl Scout must write her own report describing her unique contributions and reflections.
* Each team member should take on **different leadership roles**. While you can collaborate on the main components of the project, you need to lead and complete different parts or tasks.
* **You can complete up to 20 hours together on shared activities, but the remaining 30+ hours must be completed independently.**
* Once finished, each Girl Scout must submit her final report individually through the designated submission link.

**Why This Matters**
Working as a team is a great way to share ideas and support each other — but the Silver Award is also about your individual leadership, learning, and impact. Following these tips will help you showcase your unique contributions and earn the award with pride!

**Questions?**
 Reach out to your troop leader or contact the Highest Awards Team at highestawards@girlscoutsnyc.org