

Helpful Tips for Community Service vs Take Action/High Awards

What is the **Difference** between a **Community Service Project**, **A Take Action Project** (usually completed at the end of a Journey) and a **High Award Project** (Bronze, Silver or Gold)?

Community Service Project

- Gives a **temporary or short term** solution to the immediate need of a community
- One-time events/activities
- “Quick fix”
- Does not address a root cause – instead addresses a surface level need
- Projects that are done **for** the community

Take Action Project and High Award Project

- Gives a **long-term** solution to the root cause of a need in a community
- Continues to make an impact (sustainable)
- Solves a problem
- Addresses a root cause
- Measurable impact
- Projects that are done **with** the community
- Suggested hours:
 - Bronze Award – minimum of 20 hours per girl
 - Silver Award – minimum of 50 hours per girl
 - Gold Award – minimum of 80 hours per girl

What is a **root cause**?

- The root cause of an issue is everything beneath the surface. It takes in-depth observation, questioning, and awareness. The root cause is the “why” of every issue. Community Service is easily visible to the eye – the Take Action Projects address the root causes, which are often hidden, but affect a much larger group and make a much bigger impact.

What is Measurability?

- Measurability is the number of people the project has helped, the number of people who were involved, any reduction in the community’s need, or other concrete numbers.

What is Sustainability?

- Collaborating with community leaders and/or organizations or building alliances with mentors, sister troops to ensure that the project creates lasting change and is not a one-time event.