

# GUIDELINES FOR EARNING THE LADY BADEN-POWELL AWARD

\*LBP Award may only be earned by registered USAGSO members with Girl Guides living overseas.

## History/Background:

In 1959, Lady Baden-Powell visited Panama and created an LBP 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.

## 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 country WAGGGS Girl Guides/Girl Scouts as they live together in a country other than the USA.

## \*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 Girl Guides/Girl Scouts and USAGSO over a period of time, not in a single activity, to foster sister Girl Guides/Girl Scouts friendships and understanding. There should also be the same ratio of host nation girls to USAGSO girls.

## Procedures for Earning the Lady-Baden Powell Award

A LBP Committee must be formed of 5 to 7 representing the WAGGGS Girl Guides/Girl Scouts and USAGSO to oversee the requirements of the award. There must be Co-chairs representing USAGSO and the host Girl Guides Organization as well as girl representation from each organization. The Committee submits the Application for the LBP Award to the Director, USA Girl Scouts Overseas at least one month before date of first activity for approval of the application. The designated contact person on the committee will be contacted by email regarding permission. This application form will outline the plan to complete the requirements of the award.

## The Requirements:

- 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 LBP Award requirements, such as day camps, World Thinking Day events, WAGGGS camp, etc. to allow for differences in locations.
- Each girl and adult must complete at least one activity in each of the five categories where both the WAGGGS Girl Guides/Girl Scouts and USAGSO are in attendance.
- Girls and adults work together to create Discover, Connect and Take Action Activities in each of the categories described below.

[Complete at least one activity in each of the following five categories]

### Discover:

- Culture – Design and participate in an event pertaining to the arts, local culture or traditions, i.e. local festivals, holiday events, historical sites or museums, and/or trip to an art galleries, nature centers, or theatrical performances.
- Craft - Create a local handicraft representative of the local culture.

### Connect :

- Camping– Plan and participate in an event outdoors, such as hike, cookout, campout, exploring native plants, animals or environment. Length of time should be age appropriate and to be determined by girls and adults.
- Communication- Share with your new Girl Guides/Girl Scouts friends, by creating a story, puppet show, or skit, or learning a Girl Scout song in the language of the Girl Guides/Girl Scouts in your host country. Given language barriers, consider sharing ideas and feelings by creating a scrapbook, drawing pictures, sharing photos, etc.

### Take Action:

- Community- Plan and carry out a take action project which will benefit your host community considering local cultural, environmental, physical or social needs as you plan your project. This project should be a significant project. Example: Picking up litter is not an acceptable project.

Upon completion of all requirements, submit the **Final Report: Lady Baden-Powell Award** form to the Director, USA Girl Scouts Overseas along with the **LBP Award Order Form**

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## THE LBP AWARD

Each girl completing the requirements for the LBP 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.

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 LBP.



The pin and the patches are ordered by the LBP Committee through USA Girl Scouts Overseas, once the final report and order forms are submitted. Both Girl Guides and Girl Scouts can receive the award.