

## Journeys – Practice for the Big Awards

Here's how Journeys are supposed to work:

- A team of girls will:
- Identify a problem they want to do something about
- Come up with a creative solution
- Create a team plan to make that solution a reality
- Put the plan into action
- Talk about what they learned.

From the Journey expert @ GSWO: “Let me just say...

GSUSA messed up when they first marketed the books together.”

The Leader Guide IS NOT THE “TEACHER’S EDITION” of the Girl’s Journey Book.

**MOST IMPORTANT PAGES** in Leader Guide:

- Snapshot of the Journey – gives you the list of what the girls should be learning & doing
- Awards Along the Journey (or Toward the \_\_\_\_\_ Award) – gives the 3-5 steps towards earning the Awards

Girl Book? Don’t look at it as a STEP BY STEP of the Journey – it bounces all over the place.

Suggest it as a keepsake,  
or an “extra”, something they can read with their parents or on their own,  
or a place they can get inspiring stories of women,  
or you can just do the quizzes,  
they can use it as a journal...

but it’s not designed as a textbook version of your Leader Guide.

Think of them as Badges – you already do 5-step badges that you and your girls modify, change, adapt to your troop’s likes and needs. Do the same thing with the Journeys. They are just a 3, 4, 5 step Badge.

Resources to help you:

- Simple Steps to Leading a Girl Scout Journey.
- Journey Description Grid
- Community Resources for Girl Scout Journeys
- Packing List for a Girl Scout Journey