

EARNING THE LiA Award

Dear Girl Scout Cadette,

You know how captivating stories can be. Right now, your Brownie sisters are exploring stories about girls—their own stories and stories about girls around the world. The amazing world of girls—that's a page-turner!

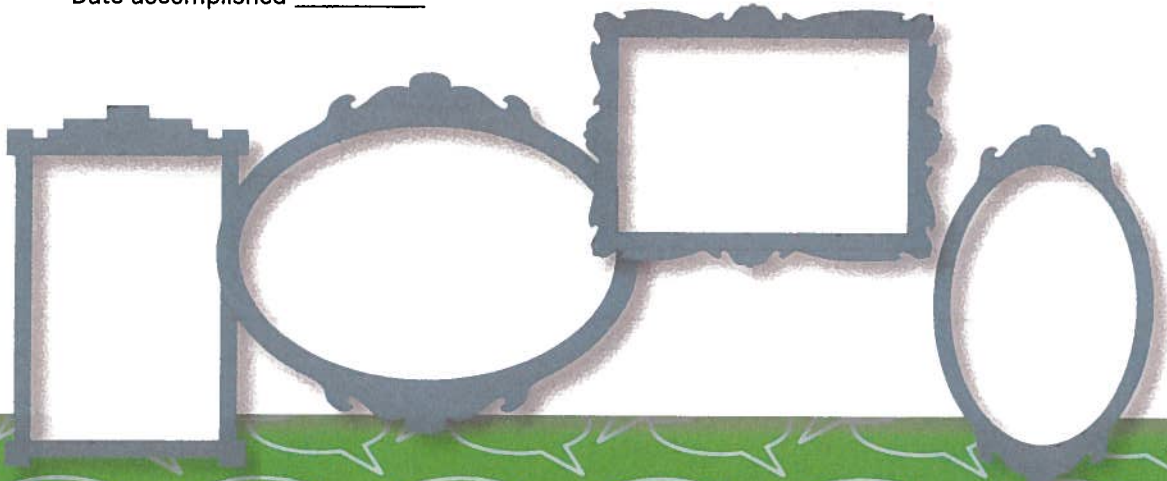
You have wonderful stories to tell, too. And if you are now enjoying the *MEdia* journey, you can share another aspect of stories: how media influences girls' stories and how girls can influence the media. So get set to earn the LiA (Leader in Action) Award by using your leadership skills and sharing your media savvy (not to mention your own unique stories) with a team of Brownies in your community.

Here's how:

- 1. Find a team of Girl Scout Brownies** on (or about to begin) their *A World of Girls* journey. Ask the adults who volunteer with your group, or ask your Girl Scout council for tips on how to locate a Brownie team.
- 2. From their volunteer, find out what the Brownie team is doing.** Talk with her about what the Brownies enjoy and what she herself finds challenging. Read the Brownies' *A World of Girls* book and take a look at the adult guide, too.
- 3. Arrange to be at some of the Brownies' gatherings.** Coordinate with the volunteer so you'll have time to do each of these:

- Inspire the Brownies to look and listen for stories in their everyday lives. With your knowledge of media, talk about the stories the media creates about girls and how they make girls feel. Together, decide whether media portrayals of girls seem true. Share other stories, too, such as stories of real girls and women you have met or learned about on your Cadette journey.

Date accomplished _____



A World of Girls

- Guide the Brownies in an activity to develop their teamwork skills. The girls are planning to tell a story together to an audience and create a change in their community. They'll need to work together to make this happen. Maybe you've participated in team-building activities with Cadettes or with other girls in your world. If so, share some tips with the Brownies. If not, get ideas from other Girl Scouts in your area. You might use a team-building activity to open or close a session, or introduce it when it best fits for the Brownie team and its journey.
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- Inspire the girls to try a healthy new activity, such as a physically active game from another country or culture, or one of your favorite types of exercise or dance. Find ideas in the *A World of Girls* adult guide, or ask the Brownies for some of their favorites. By showing the Brownies the benefits—and fun—of exercise and movement, you'll create a story that features healthy girls of the future.
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- Encourage the Brownies to use a variety of media and various art forms as they explore storytelling. You might share types of media new to you, or demonstrate a medium in which you have some expertise. Share your interest and knowledge with Brownies as they tell their own stories of who they are and how they are connected to a world of girls.
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4. After you've completed your activities with the Brownies, ask their volunteer for feedback on what you did. What worked well? What might you change next time?

5. Now that you've shared stories with the Brownies, and learned some of their stories, think about and answer these questions:

- In what ways did you **CONNECT** with the younger girls?
- How did your leadership encourage the Brownies to **TAKE ACTION** to create a change in their community?
- What did you **DISCOVER** about yourself as you guided the Brownies?

CONGRATULATIONS! Wear your LiA Award with pride!

