



GUIDELINES FOR EARNING THE LADY BADEN-POWELL INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP AWARD Introduction

** LBP Award may only be earned by registered USAGSO members and 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 Service, Camping, Crafts, and Culture. The award bears her name and is called the Lady Baden-Powell International Friendship Award.

Up until now, this award has been available to the two groups, Muchachas Guias of Panama and the USA Girl Scouts Overseas-Panama. The Muchachas Guias of Panama and the USA Girl Scouts Overseas-Panama would like to share this unique award 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.

***Participation:**

Girls and leaders 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 five activity meetings and an award ceremony.

PROCEDURES FOR EARNING THE LADY-BADEN POWELL AWARD

A LBP Committee must be formed with 5 to 7 people representing both the Girl Guides and Girl Scouts to oversee the requirements of the award. There must be Co-chairs representing USAGSO and the host Girl Guides Organization. The Committee must submit the Request for Permission to Earn the LBP Award form to the Director, USA Girl Scouts Overseas at least one month before date of first activity. The designated contact person on the committee will be contacted by e-mail regarding permission. This form will outline the Committee's plan to complete the requirements of the award.

The requirements are as follows:

- Girls and adults work in partnership to earn the recognition.
- Each girl and adult must attend each meeting and/or activity.
- Girls and adults working together create planned activities.

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

These required activities include:

- **Cultural** – Design and participate in an event pertaining to the arts, i.e. a folk festival, trip to an art gallery, zoo, or theatrical performance.
- **Camp** – Plan and participate in a hike, cookout, or campout. Length of time to be determined by girls and adults.
- **Craft** – Design and create a craft project representative of the local culture.
- **Community Service** – Plan and carry out a service project benefiting your community.
- **Communicate** – With your new Girl Guide/Girl Scout friends, create a story or learn a Girl Scouts song in the language of the Girl Guides/Girl Scouts in your host country.

Upon completion of all requirements, submit the **Final Report: Lady Baden-Powell International Friendship 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. The patch is the original patch design from Panama. The figure on the patch is a “huaca.” “Huaca” the term used by pre-Columbian Indians to describe the persons of the gods, the constellations associated with them, the holy springs where the water gods resided, the holy rocks considered to be heroes turned into petrified forms, all the temples and sanctuaries, burial places, and the ceramic gods and golden objects. The golden huacas were items of adornment.

Adults will receive a pin. The pin is a bar with the initials LBP and a charm of LBP, which hangs from the bar.

The pin and the patches are ordered through USA Girl Scouts Overseas, once the final report and order forms are submitted.

*Not actual size



Girl Patch*



Dark blue embroidered patch is the original design from Panama. The golden frog shape figure on the patch is a “huaca”.

Adult Pin*

The bar is a gold plated pin with the initials LBP engraved on it and a color, photo charm representing Lady Baden-Powell.

