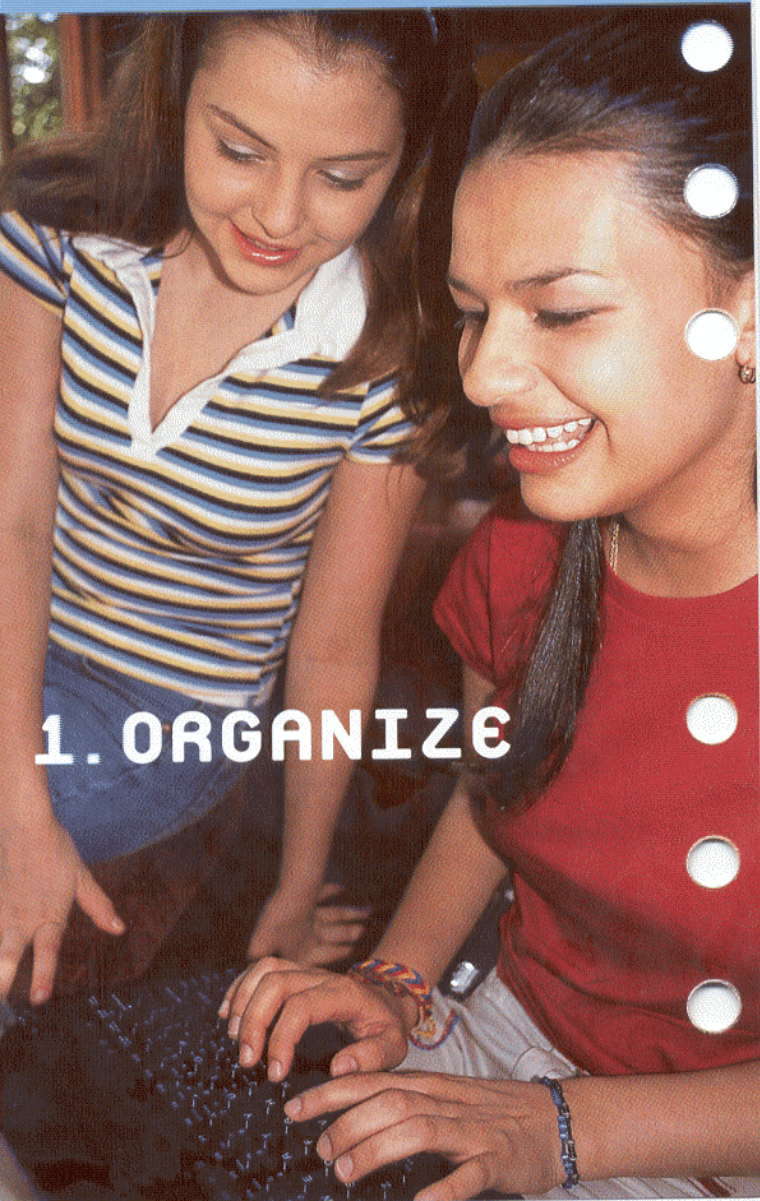


STEP 1

BUILD A FRAMEWORK



1. ORGANIZE

A **framework** is the supporting structure that you need to build so that you can do steps 2 through 7 successfully.

Tips for creating a good framework:

- ★ Contact your Girl Scout council. Find out what workshops are offered for girls who wish to earn the Girl Scout Gold Award. What approval process does your council have? What is the timeframe?
- ★ Read this workbook, including “Girls Want to Know” on page 28, so you can know what to expect.
- ★ After you have read the workbook, meet with your advisor and develop a timeline and plan describing when and how you'll earn each of the three awards in Steps 2–4 and when you'll be ready to meet with your council before starting Step 5. Use “The Girl Scout Gold Award at-a-Glance Worksheet” on page 38. Each of these awards can stand on its own. You can choose to earn one, two, or all three, but you must earn all three to go on to Step 5 and to ultimately earn a Girl Scout Gold Award.
- ★ In making your timeline, also consider when you'll want to start Step 5. Remember that you have lots of time. You can do Steps 1–4 when you are 14–18 or in grades 9–12. You need to be 15–18, or in grades 10–12, when you do Steps 5–7.
- ★ Create an agreement with your adult advisor. Your advisor will support you by letting you know about important policies and procedures particular to your Girl Scout council and also by contributing ideas, asking questions to help you clarify your plans, and advising you about the scale, scope, and financing of your project.

My Road to the Gold Agreement

Advisor _____ Date _____

My Signature _____ Date _____