

Girl Scouts Go Global

Did you know that there are Girl Guide or Girl Scouts Associations in 150 countries? Celebrate girls around this world with these patches!

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Patches in this series include: Girl Scout Global Action Award, World Thinking Day Award, Get Outdoors patch, and Friends Around the World patch



Global Action Award

In 2015, leaders worldwide agreed to work together to accomplish 17 goals by 2030—these are referred to as the Global Goals for Sustainable Development, or SDGs for short. They focus on things like taking care of the environment, making sure all people have enough to eat, and improving people’s health. They’re big goals, but Girl Scouts know a thing or two about changing the world!

Girl Scouts’ Global Action award calls for girls to address the SDGs by discovering, connecting, and taking action in their communities and beyond. In 2019, the emphasis is on SDG 1 (No Poverty) and SDG 15 (Life on Land). In 2020, girls will explore SDG 5 (Gender Equality) to earn their Global Action award.

The Global Action award is an official national award, so Girl Scouts can wear it on their vest or sash, just like a badge.

Visit <https://www.girlscouts.org/en/about-girl-scouts/global/global-action-award.html> to see award requirements



World Thinking Day

On February 22, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides across 150 countries celebrate [World Thinking Day](#)—that’s one big celebration!

Promoted by the [World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts](#) (WAGGGS for short) along with Girl Scouts of the USA, World Thinking Day originated in 1926. That’s when delegates from around the globe met at Camp Edith Macy—now called Edith Macy Conference Center—in New York State and agreed that February 22 would henceforth be known as a special day for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts worldwide.

Backed by 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in locations worldwide, World Thinking Day 2020 celebrates the diversity, equity, and inclusion reflected in our global movement. Check out our activity guides below to explore this theme—and celebrate being part of the diverse global sisterhood that is Girl Guides + Girl Scouts!

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Get Outdoors with Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts and Girl Guides across the world are getting outside! Celebrate Earth Day with these outdoor and earth-inspired activities.



All levels complete Activities 1, 2, or 3 and two other activities

Activity #1*: Get outside. Have your troop meeting outdoors or spend an hour with friends enjoying a local natural area. Observe what you see: What plants or animals do you notice? What human impact do you observe?

Activity #2*: Go outside and choose an area of land—it doesn't matter where as long as it's about one-foot square. Carefully observe this small space for at least 10 minutes. See how many things you can notice within that foot, things that no one has ever looked at before. This particular blade of grass. This unique pebble. Maybe an insect or a worm going about its day. How many unique things can you find in one square foot? After ten minutes or so, share what you've found.

Activity #3*: Partner with a group of younger girls and lead a nature walk. This can be a hike in the wilderness, or a walk through your neighborhood.

Activity #4*: Look at five items you use every day, such as a soda bottle, jeans, a cell phone, hair ties, shampoo. Find out how one of these items is made and what the environmental impact of the item is. Brainstorm more sustainable options. Maybe there is an easy change you can make, or maybe there's something you can innovate.

Activity #5: Practice protecting the outdoors! Check out this video from GSUSA: <https://vimeo.com/172739251> or visit Int.org to learn how to *Leave No Trace*

Activity #6: There might be snow on the ground where you live, but you can still get started on gardening! Use cardboard egg cartons to start seedlings. For more tips, check out: <http://www.pbs.org/parents/crafts-for-kids/egg-carton-seed-starts/> No egg cartons? Brainstorm other materials you could use!

Activity #7: Create some nature-inspired art with food based paint. Try using berries, cabbage, coffee/tea, spinach, beets, onion skins, carrots, or experiment with other foods to create the watercolors. (Note: you can use fresh or frozen foods, juice, or juice concentrate)

You'll need:

Cutting board
Knife
Cheesecloth
Funnel
Cups for paint (note: the paints may stain plastic)
Small pot
Paper
Paint brushes

To create your paints:

- Bring 1 cup of water to boil
- Working with one food at a time, roughly chop and add 2/3 cup of food to boiling water. (Note: experiment with different ratios to get the color you are looking for). Let boil, uncovered, until the desired color is reached (10+ minutes)
- Let the paint cool
- Put cheesecloth in the funnel and place over the paint cup. Carefully pour paint through the funnel
- Repeat with other foods and get painting!

Looking for other ways to use natural dyes? Try natural tie dye! <https://www.hgtv.com/design/make-and-celebrate/handmade/dye-a-shirt-with-veggies-and-fruits>



Friends around the World

Did you know there are Girl Guide or Girl Scouts Associations in 150 countries? Learn about all about Girl Scouts and Girl Guides around the world!



All levels complete at least two activities from Activities 1-3 and one or two additional activities.

WAGGGS World Centres

The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) has World Centers in the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Mexico, India, and Africa.

Activity #1: . Pick two world centers and do some research about them. Where are they located? What happens there? How do you visit? <https://www.girlscouts.org/en/about-girl-scouts/global/world-centers.html>

Activity #2: Pick a country that is home to a World Association of Girl Guides & Girl Scouts World Centre and research common or traditional recipes from that place. Try one out and share with your friends! (Be sure to check with an adult about anyone's allergies before serving)

Activity #3: Grab a world map and a ruler and figure out how far away the World Centres are from where you live. Which one is closest? Which is farthest away?

Activity #4: Did you know Girl Scouts' birthday is March 12? It commemorates the day in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low officially registered the organization's first 18 girl members in Savannah, Georgia. To celebrate, throw a birthday party with an international theme. Pick a country (or a few!) that are home to Girl Scouts or Girl Guides and use it to inspire your party food, games, or activities.

Activity #5: Take a virtual trip with our Girl Guide neighbors in Canada! Try out a few of the activities as you learn about Zoë's trip around the world. https://www.girlguides.ca/WEB/GGC/Programs/Challenges/Zoes_Trek/GGC/Programs/Specialized_Programming/Challenges/Zoes_Trek.aspx

Activity #6: Interested in taking an international trip with your troop? Check out the Global Travel Toolkit to start planning! <http://forgirls.girlscouts.org/travel/resources/global-travel-toolkit/>

Activity #7 : Grab some friends and play "I'm going on a trip"! The first person says, "I'm going on a trip and I'm bring a _____" and picks an item with the letter A, the second person repeats the first item and adds an item starting with the letter B, and so on until you get to the end of the alphabet. How many can you remember? For another challenge, try a "find the rule" version. Select one person to be the Trip Rule Maker (TRM), they will pick a rule and write it down without sharing it with anyone. Rules could be something like: all items must have double letters, start with a vowel, start with the same letter as their name, etc. The TRM will start and say "I am

going on a trip and I'm bringing _____" and say something that fits their rule. Other people will take turns guessing items that may fit the rule. If the item fits the TRM will say, "Yes, you can bring it on the trip", if it doesn't, they'll say "No, you can't bring it on the trip." Give hints as you go, if needed.

For example, TRM's rule is items must have double letters

TRM: I'm going on a trip and I'm bringing an **apple**

Player 1: Can I bring an alarm clock?

TRM: No, you can't bring an alarm clock.

Player 2: Can I bring a basketball?

TRM: Yes! You can bring a basketball!

...and so on

Activity #8: Celebrate International Women's Day on March 8th. Started by suffragists in the early 1900s, International Women's Day celebrates the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. We celebrate to honor the many roles that women and girls play and to highlight opportunities and challenges in achieving gender equality.

- Read great women in literature. Read a book that has a woman or girl as the main character. It can be fiction or nonfiction. Think or talk what qualities the character has that you admire. Brainstorm ways that you can practice those qualities in your own life. Optional: Read books about different women or girls, real or fictional, then dress up and come in character to an International Women's Day party!
- Get out and about. Go on a field trip to an event that features or celebrates women—a local sporting event, a concert, or an art exhibition featuring women. If you can't find an event in your community, take action and host one!
- Brainstorm a list of the ways different women have helped and inspired you, such as a teacher, a family member, a mentor, or other role model. Recognize these women—maybe with a card, a letter, or a simple "thank you."
- Connect with a women's organization in your community to find out about the work they do. This might be a women's shelter, a co-working space, or a women's club. Learn more about the work they do with women in your community, and how Girl Scouts might be able to help.

