



5 Minute Global Enrichment

Learning Opportunity for
Volunteers & Girls

International Day of the Girl | October 11

What is a '5 Minute
Global Enrichment'?

This is a short
learning opportunity
concentrating on global.

Each is unique, and
will add a global aspect
to your Girl Scout
programming.

So be sure to share
with other Girl Scout
volunteers and girls.



On December 19, 2011, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution adopting October 11th as the official "International Day of the Girl Child." October 11, 2012 marked the first commemoration of this historic day with the theme of 'Ending Child Marriage'.

What is International Day of the Girl?

International Day of the Girl (IDG) is a day where the global community comes together to celebrate the power of girls. IDG increases awareness of issues faced by girls around the world, while promoting girls' empowerment and the fulfillment of their human rights. It is a time to take action to advance the rights of and opportunities for girls everywhere.

Why do Girl Scouts celebrate International Day of the Girl?

Each girl has the power to reach her fullest potential. By supporting and investing in girls, all of us can make the world a better place, especially by recognizing the power of girls everywhere as they inspire, break boundaries and take charge of their own future. Starting on October 1, Girl Scouts also participates in the 11 Days of Action at the United Nations with the Day of the Girl Summit in advance of IDG.

International Day of the Girl 2026?

The 2026 International Day of the Girl theme is 'Girls' vision for the future'.

This year's theme conveys both the need for urgent action and persistent hope, driven by the power of girls' voices and vision for the future.

Today's generation of girls is disproportionately affected by global crises of climate, conflict, poverty and push back on hard won gains for human rights and gender equality. Too many girls are still denied their rights, restricting their choices and limiting their futures.

Resources

- **GSUSA Global International Day of the Girl Activity Guide:** https://www.girlscouts.org/content/dam/gsusa/forms-and-documents/members/global/documents/GSUSA_IDG_Activity_Guide.pdf
- **WAGGGS International Day of the Girl:** www.wagggs.org/en/what-we-do/day-of-the-girl/
- **Glossary - Advocacy? Intersectionality? Gender Equality?** https://www.girlscouts.org/content/dam/gsusa/forms-and-documents/members/global/documents/GSUSA_IDG_Glossary_of_Terms.pdf
- **Girls' Access to Education Toolkit:** https://my.girlscouts.org/content/dam-resources2/girlscouts-vtkcontent/Open_the_GATEFinal.pdf
- **International Day of the Girl Event in Denver, October 12, 2026:** <https://www.girlscoutsofcolorado.org/content/girlscoutsofcolorado-redesign/us/en/sf-events-repository/2026/when-girls-learn--everyone-wins--international-day-of-the-girl-2.html>

What can Leaders and Volunteers do?

As Service Units and troops, celebrate International Day of the Girl with discussion, activities, and community action. Whether at a Service Unit event or in your own troop, talk to girls about IDG and what it means to girls worldwide and within the US, Colorado and their local community. Discuss what it means to be a girl and the challenges faced by girls worldwide.

Some suggested activities to help girls explore International Day of the Girl 2026:

- **Create a girls' bill of rights.** Talk with girls about some of the issues and challenges that girls face around the world as well as the opportunities that exist. Ask girls to brainstorm what they think all girls should have (access to education, food and water, safety, and other basics) and create a girls' bill of rights. Ask girls what would need to happen to make their bill of rights a reality for the 2.5 billion girls around the world.
- **Complete the survey, From Where I Stand.** This activity asks girls to measure and compare the role of women and men in their local community, then compare it to global trends. As a group, complete the From Where I Stand [survey](#) documenting the roles that men and women play in girls' local community. After girls have completed the survey, calculate the gender ratio and complete your poster. Afterwards, explore the results and stories from around the world. If you wish, share the results of your survey as well! Need an easy explanation of the activity? Here is a [project briefing video](#) that does the trick.

Questions?

Have questions about GSUSA or WAGGGS International Day of the Girl? Or need additional resources? Send an email to inquiry@gscolorado.org, and they will put you in touch with a member of GSCO's Global Action Team.