



# 5 Minute Global Enrichment

## February 2026

Learning Opportunity for Volunteers & Girls

## Sangam World Centre

What is a '5 Minute Global Enrichment'?

This is a short learning opportunity concentrating on global engagement.

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.



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Global enrichment expands girls' perspectives, builds essential life skills, and connects to the larger purpose of the Girl Scout movement.

### Did you know?

Sangam—whose name means “coming together” in Sanskrit—was created to be a place where Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from around the world could learn from one another and build a sense of global community. Since opening in Pune, India, in 1966, it has served as a space for personal growth, shared learning, and meaningful international connections.

When Lady Baden-Powell officially opened Sangam on October 16, 1966, she described its purpose as fostering “love through knowledge and understanding... carried out in full measure by the young people who will fill this place.” For decades, Girl Guides and Girl Scouts have continued to bring that vision to life through leadership, cultural exchange, and collaboration across borders.

### Sangam's Neighborhood

Sangam is situated in Pune which is an important city in terms of its economic and industrial growth. It has a rich cultural heritage that is rooted in traditional Maharashtrian culture while having a cosmopolitan edge fuelled by its thriving IT industry. Pune is the second biggest city in the State of Maharashtra after Mumbai and its rich and glorious past has made it the State's cultural capital.

## Activity

### Find India on the Map

Begin by inviting the Girl Scouts to gather around a world map or globe. Ask them to locate India—pointing out its size, its place in South Asia, and its distance from where they live. Encourage them to notice nearby countries and major landmarks to build spatial awareness.

### Discover a Shared Connection

Once they've placed India on the map, ask each girl to think of one thing they share in common with girls their age anywhere in the world.

This might include:

- Enjoying school or learning new skills
- Spending time with family or friends
- Playing sports, reading, or doing arts and crafts
- Caring about their community
- Being part of Girl Scouts or Girl Guides

Allow a few girls to share their answers out loud. Highlight that even though people may live far apart or grow up in different cultures, many experiences and hopes are universal.

### Imagine a Visit to Sangam

Invite the girls to close their eyes for a moment and imagine what it might feel like to visit a place like **Sangam**, a global gathering space for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in Pune, India. You might prompt them with questions like:

- What might you see, hear, or smell when you arrive?
- What kinds of new friends might you meet?
- What would you want to learn about girls who live in India?
- How would it feel to be part of a group of Girl Scouts from all around the world?

Afterward, ask them to share one part of their imagined experience. Encourage creativity—there are no wrong answers.

### Reflect Together

End with a brief discussion about why connecting with girls globally matters. Help them notice that understanding other cultures—and recognizing what we all have in common—helps build empathy, curiosity, and confidence.

## Looking Ahead

March 2026 Global Enrichment - Global Youth Service Day - April 24 - 26, 2026

## Want to learn more or connect with someone who has been to Sangam?

Have questions about World Centers? Or need additional resources? Reach out to GSCO Girl Experience at [girllexperience@gscolorado.org](mailto:girllexperience@gscolorado.org) and they can put you in touch with a member of GSCO's Global Action Team.