



5 Minute Global Enrichment

November 2025

Learning Opportunity for Volunteers & Girls

Our Chalet World Centre



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.



Where can we celebrate global sisterhood? Where can we create memories, forge bonds and make an impact with our global sisters? A WAGGGS World Centre!

Did you know?

Our Chalet was the first-ever World Centre established by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). Since opening its doors in 1932, it has welcomed thousands of visitors from around the globe.

This inspiring space was made possible by Helen Storrow, a visionary American Girl Scout leader who generously funded the creation of a permanent gathering place for girls in the mountains. Nestled in Adelboden, Switzerland, at an elevation of over 4,400 feet, Our Chalet is open year-round and offers opportunities for international friendship, leadership development, and outdoor adventure.

History of Our Chalet

The idea for a Girl Guide and Girl Scout centre in the Swiss Alps began in the early 1930s, led by Helen Storrow. She envisioned a place where young women could connect with nature, grow as leaders, and build friendships.

Working with Swiss Guide leader Ida von Herrenschwand, Helen brought this dream to life in the picturesque village of Adelboden. The original chalet was completed and officially opened in July 1932, with a celebration attended by Olave Baden-Powell, the World Chief Guide.

Over the years, Our Chalet has grown—adding guest houses, program spaces, and campsites—while staying true to its founding mission: to inspire growth through adventure, service, and global connection.

Our Chalet's Environmental Focus

One of Our Chalet's signature programs is the Helen Storrow Seminar, an international leadership experience for young women (ages 18–30) focused on environmental sustainability.

Even for those too young to attend the seminar, many of Our Chalet's events and activities for teens center around protecting the planet, connecting with nature, and learning to lead environmental change at home and abroad.

This commitment aligns with GSUSA's focus on environment through badges.

Visiting Our Chalet

- Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors can attend group trips or themed events like “Discover” or “Explore Weeks.”
- Young adult Girl Scouts (18+) can apply to volunteer or intern at Our Chalet.
- Leaders, parents, and volunteers are welcome to join trips, attend adult programming, or simply book a stay for themselves.
- Troops, families, or individuals can attend together or independently.

How Much Do Events at Our Chalet Cost?

Prices for upcoming 2026 events at Our Chalet generally range from \$475 to \$1,050 USD, depending on the program, age group, and accommodation choice. Week-long youth adventure programs typically start around \$530 USD, while camping or indoor fully catered options for events like Hiking Week or Autumn in the Alps can range from \$470 to \$1,050 USD.

You can bring the spirit of Our Chalet to your troop:

- Host a Chalet Challenge: Create your own fun patch event with outdoor fun, Swiss snacks, cultural games, and a mini service project.
- Do a Sustainability Service Project: Organize a park cleanup, upcycle craft drive, or climate action badge day.
- Virtual Chalet Tour Night: Watch videos, learn Swiss history, and plan a “dream trip” as a troop.

Learn More

- Visit the [Our Chalet Website](#) for programs, volunteer info, and booking.

Looking Ahead

December's 5 Minute Global Enrichment will be about the Kusifiri World Centre.

Questions or to connect with someone who has visited Our Chalet World Centre?

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