



### **What is Global?**

“Global” refers to the entire world, emphasizing that Girl Scouts are part of a worldwide community of girls and women who are working to make the world a better place through interconnected actions. This "global" perspective fosters awareness of worldwide issues and promotes cross-cultural understanding, inspiring girls to become responsible global citizens.

### **Global Citizenship**

Encourages girls to understand their connection to the wider world and how their local actions can have a worldwide impact.

### **Cross-Cultural Learning**

Provides opportunities to learn about different cultures and perspectives through activities and travel.

### **Awareness of Global Issues**

Educates girls about relevant global challenges and inspires them to take action.

### **World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)**

GSUSA is a member of WAGGGS, an international organization with millions of members in over 150 countries, highlighting the global reach of the Girl Scout sisterhood.

### **Local to Global to Local**

Girls can address global issues like hunger or poverty in their local communities, creating changes that contribute to global progress and, in turn, benefit local communities.

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## Who is a Global Citizen?



### **Girl Scout Global Citizens are...**

- Curious about the world around them
- Interact with their world, near and far, equipped with global competency skills
- Foster sisterhood and invite others to join their community
- Understand the importance of belonging and share responsibility for our planet, and
- Aspire to make the world a better place.

### **Who is a Girl Scout Global Citizen?**

- Self-aware about their own culture
- Curious about the world around them and different cultural practices
- Possesses a positive attitude toward cultural differences

### **What does a Girl Scout Global Citizen do?**

- Shows a spirit of adventure
- Demonstrates curiosity and sees opportunities in different situations
- Practices openness and acceptance of differences
- Possesses humility, suspends immediate judgment and is open to learning more
- Shows sensitivity to others by appreciating cultural differences
- Practices positive change or action by demonstrating a successful interaction with the identified culture.

## **Nailed It! Holiday Challenge - a patch from USAGSO!**

Calling all aspiring bakers, home chefs, and sweet tooths! USA Girl Scouts Overseas is excited to celebrate winter holidays around the world with a special Nailed It! Challenge from 1 – 31 December 2025.

Many cultures and countries celebrate unique winter holidays. From Christmas to Kwanzaa, Diwali to Las Posadas, while the traditions for each winter holiday may vary, they all tend to have one thing in common... The sweets!! Across cultures and borders, everyone loves a sweet treat in the winter. There are six desserts from around the world to choose from- Girl Scouts should try their luck at creating at least one (but can make more if they're feeling especially ambitious!!) during our Nailed It! Challenge.

Submit photos of your Nailed It! masterpiece here and then purchase a commemorative Nailed It! fun patch.\*

\*Girl Scout sisters in the United States are welcome to cook along with USAGSO this December. We will offer a limited supply of patches for purchase from our Overseas Shop for non-USAGSO members. To order, please e-mail [overseasshop@girlscouts.org](mailto:overseasshop@girlscouts.org).

**Patches will not ship until  
January 2026.**



The graphic features a blue background with a green curved top section. In the top left corner, it says "girl scouts usa girl scouts overseas". The main title "Nailed It! Holiday Challenge" is in white on the green background. Below this, the text reads: "Celebrate the different holiday traditions of countries around the world as you try your hand at baking some sweet treats!" and "Submit a photo of your creations to earn a Nailed It! patch." To the right is a circular patch with a yellow border, containing a globe, a Christmas tree, a Diya, a bowl of sweets, and a candle. The text "USA GIRL SCOUTS OVERSEAS" and "NAILED IT! CHALLENGE" is written around the patch. At the bottom, a green bar contains the text: "Find all the details at [bit.ly/USAGSOholidaychallenge](https://bit.ly/USAGSOholidaychallenge)."



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## Celebrate World Thinking Day 2026: Our Friendship

On February 22, Girl Guides and Girl Scouts worldwide unite for World Thinking Day, honoring friendship and shared values across 150+ countries. This year's theme, "Our Friendship," marks 100 years of celebration and encourages authentic connections.

Download the [WAGGGS WTD 2026 Activity Pack](#) Here.

Ideas for troops:

- Partner with a sister unit abroad to exchange stories or crafts.
- Host a storytelling circle on friendship and gratitude.
- Create "service-for-friendship" projects like thank-you notes or friendship kits.
- Make a time capsule or organize a cultural exchange.

Let's turn global sisterhood into meaningful, lasting friendships!

### **WORLD THINKING DAY EVENTS at the Girl Scout DREAMLAB!**

Sunday, February 22, 2026

9:30 - 11:30 am - Daisies and Brownies

12:30 - 3:00 pm - Juniors and Cadettes

More information [HERE](#).



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### **GSUSA's Listing of Destinations Now Open**

Girl Scout Destinations are the ultimate adventure for individual Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts. Push past your comfort zone by applying for a trip on your own, and make friends from all over the country as you travel with new Girl Scout friends. There's a unique, life-changing experience for everyone.

[GSUSA Destinations](#)

### **WAGGGS 39th World Conference (June 13-19, 2026, in Cambodia)**

[World Conference 2026](#) | [Campfire](#)

### **WAGGGS GLO Global Leadership Opportunities (ages 18-35):**

Girl Scouts of the USA is recruiting young women (ages 18–34) to join the GLO pool and represent GSUSA at WAGGGS global leadership events. Members serve for one triennium (2024–2026) and may be eligible for renewal. Travel stipends may be available.

[Global Leadership Opportunities Application.](#)

### **Girl Scout Getaways:**

[Group Travel and Getaways](#) | [Girl Scouts](#)

### **Volunteer or Intern at a WAGGGS World Centre:**

Applications are open for Pax Lodge and Sangam!

[World Centers](#) | [Girl Scouts](#)

### **GSCO Member Travel Initiatives:**

[Join a GSCO troop/volunteer organized trip!](#)

### **Know of any trips open to others?**

Email: [travel@gscolorado.org](mailto:travel@gscolorado.org) to have it added to the GSCO Travel page.



### **WAGGGS World Centres Volunteering Scholarships or participating in a program at a WAGGGS World Centre?**

Scholarships are available to help make it happen. Centres provide meals, housing, a uniform, and more for volunteers — you cover travel and personal costs.

- Our Chalet (Switzerland): \$550-1100 USD for 3-month & Specialist Volunteers.
- Nuestra Cabaña (Mexico): Full/Partial scholarships for onsite volunteers.
- Pax Lodge (UK): Travel bursaries
- Sangam (India): Up to \$740 USD for flights/visa for volunteers and MarComms volunteer
- Kusafiri (Africa region): Travel/event fee scholarships/grants for U4SDGs Ambassadors & Lead Change (select countries)

Some event participants may also qualify. Check the individual World Centre pages for current details and deadlines.

### **Travel Grants**

The D-Pass is a grant awarded to GSCO to help fund travel for girls participating in GSUSA Destinations, with a focus on supporting those with financial need. Any girl applying to a Destination is eligible for this funding. GSCO has received \$2,500 to help fund our Girl Scouts traveling on Destination trips in 2026/2027.

### **The Look Wider International Travel Fund**

The Look Wider International Travel Fund provides Colorado Girl Scouts with funding to fulfill their travel dreams while discovering the magic and power of the international sisterhood of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

[Click here for requirements and applying!](#)

### **Carla Montana Distinguished Military Veteran Memorial Fund**

This fund was established to enable girls to experience the learning opportunities, joy, and camaraderie that come with travel and adventure.

[Click here for requirements and applying!](#)



## Where adventure meets impact.

### COP30 in Belém (Brazil)

An influential group of young women from across the Global South is stepping onto the world stage to demand gender-just climate action. Their message is clear: to solve the climate crisis, we must #BringInTheGirls.

[Why Protecting the Future Must Include the People Who Are the Future: WAGGGS at COP30](#)

### The United Nations Youth Office and the 'Big Six' Youth Organizations

The United Nations Youth Office and the 'Big Six' Youth Organizations have announced a new strategic partnership to accelerate youth leadership and action toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The newly established [UN Youth Office](#), led by Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs [Dr. Felipe Paullier](#), is committed to strengthening youth engagement across the UN system and beyond. This partnership sets the stage for a stronger connection between young people and global decision-making, building on the UN Secretary-General's Our Common Agenda and the Pact for the Future, which call for inclusive multilateralism and dialogue and solidarity across generations.

[World's Largest Youth Movements and UN Youth Office Forge Strategic Partnership to Accelerate Youth Leadership Worldwide](#)

Further Reading:

[GSCO Global Girl Scouting and World Foundation for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Inc - Quarterly Newsletter](#)

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