

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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What is Global Poverty Day?

Global Poverty Day is designated to raise awareness of the need to eradicate extreme poverty worldwide. Poverty eradication is a key component of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically Goal #1 – No Poverty: “End poverty in all its forms everywhere.” According to the World Bank, approximately 9.2% of the world's population, or 719 million people, live in extreme poverty, on less than \$2.15 a day. As of 2021, 11.6% of the United States population, or approximately 37.9 million people (11.1 million of whom are children), lived in poverty.

How can GSCO Girl Scouts honor this day?

As Service Units and troops, honor Global Poverty Day by engaging in discussions, activities, and community action. Whether at a Service Unit event or in your troop, discuss Global Poverty Day with the girls, explaining its significance to them both globally and within the US, Colorado, and their local community. Discuss how to bring awareness about poverty and what each girl can do to help.

Activities for Global Poverty Day

The theme for Global Poverty Day changes each year. These suggestions are for generic activities that can be modified to suit any theme.

- The Poverty Wheel: A wheel serves as a good visualization device for the problem of poverty. A wheel's hub represents absolute poverty, and the spokes represent the different needs of the extremely poor. The rim of the wheel represents a life fulfilled. Have the girls write what those needs are on the spokes, and then discuss how those needs could be met.
- With the girls, look at the current World Poverty Rate at World Poverty Clock (worldpoverty.io/). Examine various results by adjusting the countries/continents, geographic (rural/urban) filters, and demographic (female/male/all ages) filters.
- Research this year's theme for Global Poverty Day, also known as International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. Discuss the theme with your troop. Ask how they think the theme affects them and other girls/women they know. How about girls and women around the world? Is there a Service Project your troop can do locally on Global Poverty Day?

Resources:

- [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals – Goal #1: No Poverty](#)
- [United Nations: Day for Eradicating Poverty](#)
- [Overcoming Extreme Poverty](#)
- [World's Largest Lesson: No Poverty](#)
- [UNESCO SDG Resources for Educators - No Poverty](#)

What is Hispanic Heritage Month?

The United States is home to about 60 million Latino and Hispanic people. That's a lot of culture (and people) to celebrate! Hispanic Heritage Month is a time to celebrate with your family and friends by recognizing the rich histories, diverse cultures, and significant contributions that Hispanic and Latino people have made. Take this opportunity to learn more about the cultures of the 21 Spanish-speaking countries and territories honored during these four weeks. And with plenty of activities to choose from, the discovery and fun are endless.

How can GSCO Girl Scouts celebrate?

Girl Scouts of all levels and their leaders can choose from a variety of activities to earn this fun patch!

Activities for Global Poverty Day

- [Fun Patch Activities](#) (PDF)
- [Actividades en Español](#) (PDF)

Hispanic Heritage Month Patch!

- Get the [Hispanic Heritage Month Patch](#)!

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by having fun learning about all the communities it represents while earning a new patch!



What is International Day of the Girl?

On the International Day of the Girl (IDG), the global community comes together to celebrate the power of girls, highlighting, discussing, and taking action to advance the rights of and opportunities for girls everywhere.

Why do we celebrate?

We know that each girl has the power to exercise her potential. We recognize the importance of amplifying girls' voices and advocating for their inclusion in change-making spaces. By supporting and investing in girls, we can make the world a better place. We celebrate IDG not only to give girls a platform to speak out, but to share girls' achievements, triumphs, and contributions as we build towards a brighter and more equitable future for girls everywhere.

How can GSCO Girl Scouts celebrate this day?

As Service Units and troops, honor International Day of the Girl by engaging in discussions, activities, and community action. Whether at a Service Unit event or in your troop, run an International Day of the Girl Workshop.

Activities for International Day of the Girl

Every year, Girl Scouts celebrate International Day of the Girl with a special campaign around the annual theme. This year, use the [International Day of the Girl Activity Guide](#) to help plan the workshop with your Service Unit or Troop.

Resources:

- [International Day of the Girl Activity Guide](#)
- [United Nations](#): International Day of the Girl
- [Unicef](#): for every child



The Girl Powered Nutrition Badge

This badge curriculum tackles gender inequality and teaches girls both the basics of good nutrition and how to address the root causes of malnutrition. The 'Activity Pack' shares essential info, while the 'Girl Powered Change Pack' supports planning bigger impact projects. Older girls can build advocacy skills through a two-part training, and troop volunteers are encouraged to include this empowering program in their annual planning.

Learn more here: [Girl Powered Nutrition](#)

Badge: [Here](#)

WAGGGS Fundraising Badge:

Support the Juliette Gordon Low World Friendship Fund and help Girl Scouts in the United States travel the world, build lifelong friendships with Girl Guides and Girl Scouts across the globe, and become inspired to take action in their communities and beyond. This fund helps reduce the costs of Destination Trips to the WAGGGS World Centers.

Your gift opens doors to global adventures, cultural exchange, and leadership development.

[Give here:](#)

Together, we can empower girls to become global citizens.

Badge: [Here](#)

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](#).

Poacher International Scout and Guide Jamboree (Aug 1-8, 2026, in Lincoln, UK):

Join 5,000 Scouts and Girl Guides from around the world (Ages 10 - 17)

<https://poacher.org.uk/>

International Scout and Guide Chamboree (Aug 8-15, 2026 in Cheshire, UK):

Join 6,000 Scouts and Girl Guides from around the world for an Animal Kingdom-themed event <https://www.chamboree.org.uk/>

Girl Scout Getaways:

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

Volunteer or Intern at a WAGGGS World Centre:

[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 to have it added to the GSCO Travel page.

GSCO Cookie Credits

GSCO Cookie Credits can be used for GSCO-sponsored events, EF Tours, WAGGGS World Centre activities, or troop and service unit trips and activities with a per-girl fee.

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 for a Destination is eligible to apply 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. Scholarships are awarded through a selection process of candidate(s) who fulfill the requirements, complete the application, and agree to share their experience upon their return. Typical awards range from \$100 to \$500.

[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. For purposes of this fund, travel is any overnight experience, domestic or overseas, requiring independent travel to enrich a girl's personal or Girl Scout experience. Travel must be sponsored by GSUSA, GSCO, WAGGGS, or another Girl Scout/Girl Guide organization.

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

Where adventure meets impact.

Open the GATE: Girls' Access to Education

In honor of Global Poverty Day, we're sharing stories from the Girls' Opportunity Alliance that highlight the transformative power of education—and the barriers girls around the world face in accessing it.

Diana Mandala grew up in Thyolo, Malawi. She walked 15 miles barefoot to school each day. [Watch her story: How did Diana overcome these challenges to get an education?](#)

Laxmi left school at 13 to care for her siblings after her mother passed away. She worked in up to seven homes to support her family. [Watch her story: What steps did Laxmi take to return to school?](#)

Rebecca's Story (Sensitive Content) At age 12, Rebecca underwent female genital mutilation (FGM) in Kenya. After suffering deeply, she vowed to protect her daughters from the same fate. [Watch her story: How did Rebecca's decision to join the Alternative Rite of Passage \(ARP\) program change her life—and others?](#)

These stories are part of the Open the GATE: Girls Access to Education Toolkit, created to inspire Girl Scouts to learn, reflect, and take action.

Learn more and explore this [toolkit](#):

Calling All Adventurous Adults & Young Leaders!

Girl Scouts of Colorado is on the lookout for passionate volunteers to join our Volunteer-Led Global Action Team (GAT)!

If you love empowering girls, exploring global cultures, and making a difference on issues that matter—this is your moment. GAT members help spark curiosity, raise awareness about global challenges facing girls and women, and inspire action through travel and global citizenship programs.

Whether you're a seasoned traveler or simply globally curious, join a team that connects Colorado Girl Scouts to the world!

- Comprised of experienced leaders and ambassadors for global sisterhood.
- Structured with two sub-teams: Global Citizenship and Council Travel.
- Meets quarterly, with two sub-team meetings more frequently.
- Potential projects include engaging with the supporting Domestic and International travel initiatives, facilitating Global Action Award workshops, promoting WAGGGS World Centers, and WAGGGS badge curriculum
- And much more!

[Global Action Team Guidelines and Volunteer Roles here.](#)

All adult Girl Scouts are encouraged to apply, and outreach to recent graduates and non-traditional volunteers is welcomed.

Additionally, a Recruiter Patch Program is available for all Girl Scouts to build recruitment skills through community engagement.

The fall 2025 application deadline is Sunday, September 7th. The spring 2026 recruitment process will happen in March/April.

Please carefully review the GSCO Global Action Team Guideline link above and [submit your application here.](#)

The first in-person onboarding meeting will take place on Saturday, September 20th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Denver, with the entire Global Action Team. New members are strongly encouraged to attend.