

Global Youth Service Day



Activities for All Program Grade Levels

Focus on community service with global connections. Ask girls to think back about a community service or Take Action project that they did, or if you have not done one, brainstorm to find an issue that they care about. What issue did they address? Chances are the project they completed relates to a much bigger issue; maybe even one that the United Nations is addressing through the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Take a look at the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, which can be found at www.globalgoals.org, and see where your issue fits (it may fit under several goals—that's okay). Then learn about what others are doing to address that goal, and maybe get some ideas for yourself too.

For instance, the girls might care about pets. Pets are part of Life on Land, Goal 15. Explore ideas with the girls about how they can help life on land, pets, or more. Or the Girl Scouts in your troop may have built a Little Free Library for their community—addressing Goal 4: Quality Education. Talk with them about issues of education around the world to help them see the connection between what they are doing at home and what others are doing around the world.

Choose one Sustainable Development Goal that the girls would like to work on. Then host or attend a community service event in your community that addresses that goal. Afterward, talk with girls about how their work in their local community connects to the goal they chose.

Share your project. Check out what [Girl Scouts are doing around the world](#) to take action—and submit your own Take Action project.

Pick from 33. Share with girls the 33 ways to Take Action listed in the Take Action section on page 37 of this toolkit. Choose one of the ways to act on an issue that they care about. Can you think of any other ways to take action?

Celebrate! Has your troop or group engaged in community service at other times this year? Make a list of the different community service activities and events that girls in your troop have participated in and take time to celebrate those accomplishments.

JOURNEY AND BADGE CONNECTIONS

In *Between Earth and Sky*, Daisies help their communities through doing art projects, planting trees, or creating a garden.

**SECOND
OR THIRD
WEEKEND of
APRIL**

WHAT IT IS: Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) celebrates and mobilizes the millions of young people who improve their communities through service. Started in 1988, GYSD is the largest service event in the world and the only one dedicated to the contributions that children and youth make all year long.

WHY WE CELEBRATE: Girl Scouts make the world a better place every day by taking action on issues they care about and dedicating many hours of service to their communities. On Global Youth Service Day, we celebrate their achievements and recognize the contributions that youth make around the world.

As they explore their own talents and learn about women who have made the world better, Juniors on the **Agent of Change** Journey also discover the benefits of teamwork—whether they’re talking about energy use, helping a local food bank, or using their unique talents in other ways.

From exploring debate techniques to interviewing someone from another country, Cadettes learn strategies for bringing people together in the **Finding Common Ground** badge.

By identifying global environmental issues and creating their own vision for change, Ambassadors on the **Justice** Journey work together to address food and land-use issues, improve food delivery systems, fight hunger in developing nations, or rediscover healthy eating traditions.

Communication takes the stage in **Your Voice, Your World: The Power of Advocacy**. Ambassadors spot problems, find solutions, and take action. Whether they’re making presentations, using social media, or lobbying government, girls raise their collective voices to make positive change.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors, earn your Community Service Bar and wear it with pride!

RESOURCES

[Global Youth Service Day site](#)

[United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#)