

Global Action Days

Throughout the year, Girl Scouts celebrate international days of action that celebrate women and girls and address the different challenges we all face around the world. By observing these days of action, girls celebrate the achievements of women and girls and learn about the issues that exist and how they can help.



February 22

World Thinking Day

World Thinking Day began in 1926 at the 4th World Conference of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts at Camp Edith Macy in New York. The delegates decided to create a special day when Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world think of one another and celebrate our global sisterhood. They called it Thinking Day and chose February 22 to celebrate. In 1999, at the 30th World Conference in Dublin, Ireland, delegates from around the world decided to emphasize the international aspect of our Movement, so they changed the name to World Thinking Day.

Girl Scouts use this day as an opportunity to think of each other and our global sisterhood; to raise awareness about the issues that impact girls and young women from around the world; and to take action to address those issues as a global movement.



March 8

International Women's Day

Started by suffragists in the early 1900s, International Women's Day celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women

Girl Scouts celebrate to honor the many roles that women and girls play and to highlight opportunities and challenges in achieving gender equality. In the United States, March is also Women's History Month, which makes this an excellent opportunity to examine the impact of women on society.



April 17-19, 2020

Global Youth Service Day

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

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.

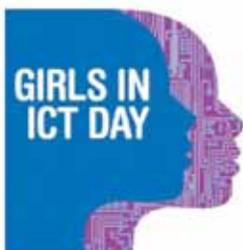


April 22-29, 2020

Global Action Week for Education

An international annual campaign—led by the Global Campaign for Education with support from UNESCO— Global Action Week for Education raises awareness of the importance of education for achieving sustainability and of the commitments made by all participants to reach the global education goal by 2030.

When a girl receives an education, it changes her life - and that change has a ripple effect on her family, her community, her country and her world. Education is the most important tool we have to make the world a better place. Girl Scouts celebrate Global Action Week for Education so that all children, regardless of gender, income or geography, have access to this vital resource.



April 23, 2020

Girls in ICT Day

International Girls in ICT Day aims to create a global environment that empowers and encourages girls and young women to consider careers in the growing field of information and communication technologies (ICTs). To date, over 300,000 girls and young women have taken part in over 9,000 celebrations in 166 countries.

Information and communication technologies (ICTs) drive growth and innovation worldwide, infiltrating all aspects of our lives. For instance, are you reading this on a phone, tablet or computer right now? Girls who learn app development and computer coding are not only well positioned for a successful career, but prepared to make the world a better place through technology.



June 5

World Environment Day

World Environment Day is a global occasion to highlight and discuss the importance of environmental awareness and action.

Our founder, Juliette Gordon Low, was a famous lover of nature. By celebrating World Environment Day, Girl Scouts honors her legacy by promoting respect and love of the great outdoors far and wide. Through Girl Scouting, girls see the earth as their home. Whether they're learning about endangered wildlife, developing creative recycling projects or working toward a grade-level award, girls focus on care, conservation and responsibility. They make sure the beauty and wonder of our planet endures for future generations to enjoy.



October 11

International Day of the Girl

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

Each girl has the power to exercise her G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader) potential. By supporting and investing in girls, we can make the world a better place. Girl Scouts also participates in the 11 Days of Action, starting on October 1, in advance of International Day of the Girl.



October 17

Global Poverty Day

Global Poverty Day is designated to raise awareness of the need to eradicate extreme poverty around the world. Poverty eradication is a leading part of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

More than 700 million people around the world live in extreme poverty and struggle to fulfill basic needs that most of us take for granted, like health, education and access to water and sanitation. Girls are key to ending global poverty. An informed and educated girl is more likely to earn a higher income in a career of her choice, prepared to make informed choices about her health and family and pass along the benefits that she's received to others in her community, meaning that everyone benefits.



November 25-December 10

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence is a global campaign calling for the elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls, coordinated by the Center for Women's Global Leadership. It begins on November 25 (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women) and ends on December 10 (International Human Rights Day), to emphasize that violence against women is a violation of human rights.

Violence impacts women and girls in every country, at every age, including our members. Girl Scouts builds leaders who are prepared with the courage and knowledge to take on issues like these, not just in the future, but today.