

**Girl Scouts Change the World
International Day of the Girl
Program Toolkit**



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October 11th is International Day of the Girl (IDG)! International Day of the Girl is a day to celebrate girlhood, discuss the importance of girls' rights, and bring attention to the unique challenges girls face around the world.

Since 2012, Girl Scouts and the global community have used this day to bring attention to some of the most pressing issues impacting girls in the United States and around the world. It has also become a day to showcase the resilience, ingenuity, and power of girl leadership and social change.

This year's theme is **My Voice, Our Equal Future**. It's a day to begin reimagining a better world inspired by adolescent girls who are energized and recognized, counted and invested in.

From October 1 –11th, Girl Scouts of the USA, in collaboration with coalition partners from the Working Group on Girls and the United Nations, will host a series of events and campaigns to celebrate the International Day of the Girl and highlight Girl Scout World Changers.

- **October 1-11:** 11 Days of Action Social Media campaign to build awareness and action leading up to International day of the Girl. Each day's action is hosted by different organization bringing light to issues for girls.
- **October 8:** Girl Scout Day of Action for 11 Days campaign. Lifting up World Changemakers.
- **October 9, 10:00am -11:30am, EDT:** *Day of the Girl Summit's Girls Rights Townhall: Building Equity for Girls* with Global Girl Activists and UN Policy Makers.
- **October 10, 4-5:15 pm EDT:** Girl Scouts Change the World Celebration featuring the 2020 National Gold Award Girl Scouts and celebrating the power of Bronze, Silver and Gold Award Girl Scouts
- **October 11, 2-3:30 pm. EDT ([check webpage for alternate times and languages](#)):** Girls Speak Out, Watch Party

Due to the topics being discussed, these programs are best suited for girls 13 and older.

How can your troop and council get involved?

1. Learn about International Day of the Girl.

- Learn [why we celebrate International day](#) of the girl and [issues girls face](#) around the world.
- Complete the International Day of the Girl activities in the [Global Action Days toolkit](#) or learn about [gender inequality with 2020 Global Action Award](#).
- Take this [short quiz from UN Women](#) and see what you've learned.

2. **Spread the word and lend your voice on October 8th.** Have your troop share stories and pics of how they're changing the world (and shoutout other incredible girls!) using the hashtags #worldchanger and #IDG2020. Check-out the other 10 days of action and lend your voices to the discussion about girls' rights and equity.

3. **[Attend the United Nations' Girls Rights Townhall](#).** On October 9th, get a front-row view as girl activists take the floor at the United Nations' Girls Rights Townhall from 10am-11:30am US EST. This virtual event gives young leaders access to global decision makers and a space to discuss justice, human rights, and equity for girls. We know your troop will be proud to see one of the 2020 National Gold Award Girl Scouts sharing her thoughts and concerns with UN policy makers during this event. Tune in to learn how she and other girl activists are working for change. **See below to learn how to participate.**

4. **Celebrate with girls all around the world.** On October 11th, celebrate International Day of the Girl by hosting a Girls Speak Out Watch party. The hour-long program showcases girls' poems, creative performances and art about what girls' equity means in their communities. After the event, use the debrief questions in the debrief guide to reflect and discuss what you've just seen. The Livestream event will be hosted on YouTube Prime across five different time zones and in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese. **[Visit the website to learn how to join.](#)**

**** Due to potential for sensitive topics that could arise during these events, we strongly suggest you have troop members complete sensitive issues forms. [Here is a sample form for you to use or ask your council about their form.](#)**

Participating in the Girls Right's Townhall

On October 9th, get a front-row view as girl activists take the floor at the United Nations' Girls Rights Townhall from 10am-11:30am US EST. This virtual event gives young leaders access to global decision makers and a space to discuss justice, human rights, and equity for girls. The session will feature girl activists working on issues ranging from climate justice to economic rights, and gender-based violence. We know your troop will be excited and proud to see one of the 2020 National Gold Award Girl Scouts included in the lineup, sharing her thoughts and concerns directly with UN policy makers during this event. Tune in to hear how she and other girl activists are working for change. [Learn how to participate.](#)

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Participating Live: If your troop is participating live in the townhall, here are a few things to know and plan for.

- **Logistics**
 - **Getting Permission:** Day of the Girl Summit team, has created a [virtual field trip packet with sample permission slip](#) for teachers and schools so girls can request excused absence to attend the program.
 - **Sensitive Issues Forms:** Conversations that will be featured at the townhall could touch on sensitive issues. Please be sure to have your girls and their caregiver's complete sensitive issues forms. [Here is a sample form](#) for you to use or ask your council about their form.
 - **Platform:** Townhall will be live streamed via [UN WebTV](#) and [Day of the Girl Summit](#) site. Attendees can click to join the livestream event on Friday, October 9th, 10am -11:30am EDT.
- **Preparing to Attend:** Before the Live Stream on the 9th, bring your troop together to complete the Townhall [curriculum guide](#).
- **Debrief:** Set time aside to reflect and debrief the event and discussions once the program is over. Here are some questions to get you started:
 - What were your initial reactions to the townhall?
 - Did the policy makers say anything that surprised you?
 - Which of the girl activists' work did you relate most to and why?
 - Do you think Policy Makers will take actions on the girls recommendations?
 - What role do we have in following up with policy makers actions?
 - What do you think you can do to work on girls' issues in your local community? (think about your school, town etc.)

- **What to do next**
 - Attend our Girl Scouts Change the World Celebration on **Saturday, October 10 at 4 p.m.** ET - *Nobody* celebrates the world-changing power of girls quite like Girl Scouts. Meet the 2020 National Gold Award Girl Scouts- ten girls just like you who have changed the world while still in high school. Find out how they earned the top award in Girl Scouting and learn how you could qualify for *your share* of the \$200,000 in scholarships that goes along with it.
 - Celebrate International Day of the Girl with a [Girls Speak Out Watch Party on Sunday, October 11 at 2 p.m.](#) Girls Speak Out Watch party. The hour-long program will showcase girls' poems, creative performances and art about what girls' equity means in their communities. After the event, use the debrief questions in the [debrief guide](#) to reflect and discuss what you've just seen. The Livestream event will be hosted on YouTube Prime across five different time zones and in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese.
- **Watching Later:** If you can't participate live don't worry. The Townhall will be available on [UN WebTV](#) & [Day of the Girl Summit](#) for playback. You and your troop can find a time to organize a watch party and use the curriculum guide to prepare for the program and plan a debrief session.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

To learn more about global girl issues, check out:

International Day of the Girl

- [UNICEF-International Day of the Girl](#)
- [UN Resolution 66/170 -International Day of the Girl](#)
- [2016 IDG: Global Goals Campaign](#)

Gender Equality

- [4th World Conference on women](#)
- [Section L-Girl Child](#)
- [UNICEF Gender Equality](#)
- [2020 Girl Scout Global Action Award – Gender Equality](#)

Climate Justice:

- [Girls & Climate Change](#)
- [Climate Change & Girls Rights](#)
- [2021 Global Action Award – Climate Change](#)

Economic Justice and Rights

- Report: [Girlforce: Skills, Education and Training for Girls now](#)

Gender Based Violence

- [WAGGGS Stop the Violence Video](#)
- Report: [Save the Children - Protecting a Generation of girls from GBV](#)

Child Marriage:

- [Girls Not Brides: Stories](#)
- [Unchained at last](#)

Girl Scout Resources:

- **GS@Home Activities:** Look for GS@Home Activities on how to celebrate International Day of the Girl & Take Action starting in October.
 - October 9: [International Day of the Girl go live](#)
 - **October 2:** [Highest Award & Take Action Videos go live](#). Find activities at each age level.
- [Open the Gate: Girls Access to Education Toolkit](#)
- [Global Action Days Toolkit](#)
- [2020 Global Action Award – Gender Equality](#)
- [2021 Global Action Award -Climate Action](#)
- [2020 World Thinking Day – DEI](#)
- [2021 World Thinking Day – Peace Building](#)
- Girl Scouts Take Action Resources
 - [Community Service and Take Action projects: What's the difference?](#)
 - [Learn more about the Bronze Award](#)
 - [Learn more about the Silver Award](#)

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- [Learn more about the Gold Award](#)

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