



Girl Scout Global Action Award

for Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors

You probably already know that there are Girl Scouts all over the United States. But did you know that your sisterhood stretches around the world, too? Girl Scouts of the USA is part of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS for short), which includes 10 million girls in 146 countries. And all of those girls in all of those countries are working to make the world a better place—just like you are!

Each year, Girl Scouts of all levels can earn the Girl Scout Global Action award. This award connects the WAGGGS sisterhood by helping girls work together to make a difference on topics that affect girls and women all over the world. It's an official national award, so you can wear it on the front of your vest or sash, just like a badge.

This year's Girl Scout Global Action award focuses on the Global Goals for Sustainable Development, or SDGs for short. In September 2015, leaders from around the world agreed to work together to accomplish these 17 goals (pictured to the right) by 2030. The SDGs focus on ending extreme poverty, fighting inequality and injustice, and tackling climate change. They're big goals, but Girl Scouts know a thing or two about changing the world!





Girl Scout Global Action Award Activities

If the Global Goals are new to you, start by teaming up with an adult to go [online](#) and read about the SDGs. Talk about them with your family or Girl Scout friends.

Once you've gotten to know the goals, you're ready to move on to the activities you can do to earn your Girl Scout Global Action award. You only need to do one activity to earn the award, but don't let that stop you—you can do as many of them as you like!

1. Try this activity to see how your Girl Scout projects connect to the SDGs. The results may surprise you!

- Together with your Girl Scout friends, tie a string across the room (like a laundry line) and hang the 17 SDGs from it. You can print them out, write them down on individual pieces of paper, or draw pictures to represent each one.
- Review your group's activities from the past year and match each with the SDG that it best relates to, using sticky notes.
- See which goal has the most notes. Discuss with your group whether this goal represents an issue you would like to work more on. For example, if you have chosen SDG 2: Zero Hunger, brainstorm ideas of what more you can do. Who else can you involve? How can you raise awareness about this issue?

2. One of the SDGs is "Gender Equality." Choose two developing countries, one close to your home country and one far away. Compare the educational opportunities and challenges for a girl your age. How are they different from your own? Do you see any similarities?

3. Do you know what "sustainable development" means? Team up with an adult to watch a [video](#) that explains it from UN Association of Norway & UNICEF Norway. Talk about it with your Girl Scout friends. Can you think of examples of sustainable development in your community? Are there any projects or initiatives that could be adjusted to make them sustainable?

4. Choose one of the SDGs to explore further, and put together a project on the topic. You might look at poverty, gender inequality, or climate change. Team up with an adult to read about your issue online, or take out books from the library. Decide whether you want to research one issue with your Girl Scout friends, or divide different goals among the group. Once you've done the research, assemble your project. It could be a presentation you put on for others, an art project, a play, or a *Take Action* project.

5. Create a video introducing people to the SDGs. (You can team up with an adult to watch [this one](#), introduced by Serena Williams, for inspiration.) Decide who you'd like your audience to be: do you want to explain the goals to younger children, kids your own age, or adults? How will you tailor your message to your audience?

