

Friends Around the World

Patch Program



Did you know there are Girl Guides or Girl Scouts Associations in 150 countries? Learn all about Girl Scouts and Girl Guides around the world!

All levels complete at least two activities from Activities 1-3 and one or two additional activities



WAGGGS World Centers:

The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) has World Centers in the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Mexico, India and Africa.

Activity 1:

Pick two world centers and do some research about them. Where are they located? What happens there? How do you visit? Get started at www.girlscouts.org/en/members/for-girl-scouts/ways-to-participate/global-girl-scouts/world-centers.html.

Activity 2:

Pick a country that is home to a World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts World Center and research common or traditional recipes from that place. Try one out and share with your friends! (Be sure to check with an adult about anyone's allergies before serving.)

Activity 3:

Grab a world map and a ruler and figure out how far away the World Centers are from where you live. Which one is closest? Which is farthest away?

Activity 4:

Did you know Girl Scouts' birthday is March 12? It commemorates the day in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low officially registered the organization's first 18 girl members in Savannah, Georgia. To celebrate, throw a birthday party with an international theme. Pick a country (or a few!) that are home to Girl Scouts or Girl Guides and use it to inspire your party food, games or activities.

Activity 5:

Take a virtual trip with our Girl Guide neighbors in Canada! Try out a few of the activities as you learn about Zoe's trip around the world at girlguideadventures.wordpress.com/tag/zoe/.

Activity 6: Interested in taking an international trip with your troop? Check out the Global Travel Toolkit to start planning at www.girlscouts.org/content/dam/girlscouts-gsusa/forms-and-documents/at_home/RoadtoGlobalTravelWorkbookFINAL.pdf.

Activity 7:

Grab some friends and play "I'm going on a trip!" The first person says, "I'm going on a trip and I'm bringing a _____" and picks an item with the letter A. The second person repeats the first item and adds an item starting with the letter B and so on until you get to the end of the alphabet. How many can you remember? For another challenge, try a "find the rule" version. Select one person to be the Trip Rule Maker (TRM) they will pick a rule and write it down without sharing it with anyone. Rule could be something like: all items must have double letters, start with a vowel, start with the same letter as their name, etc. The TRM will start and say "I am going on a trip and I'm bringing _____": and say something that fits their rule. Other people will take turns guessing items that may fit the rule. If the item fits the TRM will say, "Yes, you can bring it on the trip," if it doesn't, they will say "No, you can't bring it on the trip." Give hints as you go, if needed.

For example, TRM's rule is items must have double letters

TRM: I'm going on a trip and I'm bringing an apple.

Player 1: Can I bring an alarm clock?

TRM: No, you can't bring an alarm clock.

Player 2: Can I bring a basketball?

TRM: Yes! You can bring a basketball!

...and so on.



Activity 8:

Celebrate International Women's Day on March 8. Started by suffragists in the early 1900s, International Women's Day celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. We celebrate to honor the many roles that women and girls play and to highlight opportunities and challenges in achieving gender equality.

- Read great women in literature. Read a book that has a woman or girl as the main character. It can be fiction or nonfiction. Think about what qualities the character has that you admire. Brainstorm ways that you can practice those qualities in your own life. Optional: Read books about different women or girls, real or fictional, then dress up and come in character to an International Women's Day party!
- Get out and about. Go on a field trip to an event that features or celebrates women—a local sporting event, concert or an art exhibition featuring women. If you can't find an event in your community, take action and host one!
- Brainstorm a list of the ways different women have helped and inspired you, such as a teacher, family member, mentor or other role model. Recognize these women—maybe with a card, letter or simple “thank you.”
- Connect with a women's organization in your community to find out about the work they do. This might be a women's shelter, co-working space or club. Learn more about the work they do with women in your community and how Girl Scouts might be able to help

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