

To Be a World Citizen

Introduction:

The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) launched “Building World Citizenships” on International Women’s Day, March 8, 1997.

This exciting and challenging theme is designed to carry WAGGGS, and its member organizations in 136 countries, into a new and even more dynamic sphere. It builds on the strong foundation of the Peace Initiative and created a clear body of knowledge and action in support of WAGGGS’ mission statement:

“To enable girls and young women to develop their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world”

Description of This World Project (1997-2003)

For the next 6 years, WAGGGS member organizations created a story that tells how Girl Guides and Girl Scouts at a local, national, and international level are working to ensure that a better, more viable, and healthier world is passed on to the next generation.

“Building World Citizenship” is about working in the community and developing projects that revitalize, replenish, and recycle and that focus on area such as culture and heritage, education, health, environment, or food and nutrition, thereby putting back something into the planet we all share and call earth.

WAGGGS will then be able to create a total picture of all the work being undertaken worldwide, thus conducting the largest global audit ever. Local action affects what happens globally, and WAGGGS’ 10 million members can then move to become responsible world citizens, ensuring a future for all girls and young women in the next millennium and beyond.

How Can Girl Scouts in the United States Participate?

Girl Scout councils across the United States are already doing extensive work on all the 6 areas linked to this project, namely:

culture and heritage
health
food and nutrition

education
environment
peace

Attached is a summary of Girl Scout program linked to “Building World Citizenship”. Ideas for service projects and names of useful resources are also listed for each of the topic area.

Girl Scout Program

Themes	Brownie Girl Scout Try-Its	Junior Girl Scout Badges	Teen Girl Scout Interest Projects
Environment	Animals Earth is Our Home Outdoor Adventurer Plants Space Explorer Water Everywhere	Eco-Action Outdoor Creativity Outdoor Fun Outdoors in the City Plants & Animals Sky Search Water Fun Water Wonders Wildlife Your Outdoor Surroundings	All About Birds Architecture & Environmental Design Car Sense Eco-Action From Shore to Sea Home Improvement Plant Power Plant Life Space Exploration Wildlife
Education	Careers Her Story Math Fun Me & My Shadow Movers Numbers & Shapes Science in Action Science Wonders	Aerospace Books Careers Computer Fun Discovering Tech Math Wiz Science Discovery Science Sleuth	Build a Better Future Computers in Everyday Life Exploring the Net Graphic Communications Inventions and Inquiry It's About Time Math, Maps & More Reading Travel Why in the World? Your Own Business
Peace	Caring & Sharing Manners People of the World	Creative Solutions Lead On My Community	Conflict Resolution Do You Get the Message? Family Living Law & Order Leadership Media Savvy Public Relations Understanding Yourself and Others Your Best Defense
Food & Nutrition	Eat Right, Stay Healthy	Food Power	Creative Cooking The Food Connection

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Health	Dancercise My Body Safety Senses Sports & Games	Dance First Aid Frosty Fun A Healthier You Highway to Health Hiker Looking Your Best Safety First Sports Sampler Swimming Walking for Fitness	Child Care Emergency Preparedness From Stress to Success From Fitness to Fashion High Adventure On the Court On the Playing Field Orienteering Outdoor Survival Pets Rolling Along Smooth Sailing Sports for Life Water Sports
Culture & Heritage	Around the World Citizen Near & Far Listening to the Past	Celebrating People Girl Scouting Around the World Local Lore My Heritage My Community World Neighbors	A World of Understanding Collecting Folk Arts Generations Hand in Hand Heritage Hunt Invitation to the Dance Museum Discovery On a High Note Paper Works The Lure of Language Travel Women Through Time

Hints/Girl Scout Resources

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Environment	Do a Service project that helps the environment. Earth Matters: A Challenge for Environmental Action Exploring Wildlife Communities with Children Fun and Easy Nature and Science Investigations Outdoor Education in Girl Scouting
Education	Do a service project that helps people in the community understand the importance of education and lifelong learning Read to Lead series National Science Partnership Science activity kits
Peace	Do a service project that helps people learn to get along better Caring and Coping: Facing Family Crises Focus on Ability: A Leaders' Guide to Serving Girls with Disabilities Talking with TJ: Team Work Talking with TJ: Conflict Resolution
Food and Nutrition	Do a service project that helps people who are hungry or teaches people about healthy foods. Developing Health and Fitness: Be Your Best! booklet, video, poster, and board game
Health	Do a service project that helps people exercise, be safe, and feel good about themselves. GirlSports Initiative Decisions for Your Life: Preventing Teenage Pregnancy Games for Girl Scouts Girls Are Great series Girl Scouts Against Smoking Tune into Well-Being, Say No to Drugs: Substance Abuse Staying Safe: Preventing Child Abuse
Culture and Heritage	Do a service project that helps people learn about things they have in common with others. Connections series Valuing Differences: Promoting Pluralism Trefoil Round the World