



# Global Action Days

## Global Action Week for Education

### 3rd or 4th week of April

### What is Global Action Week for Education?

Global Action Week for Education is one of the major focal points for the education movement worldwide. Global Action Week for Education raises awareness of the importance of quality education for all individuals. Quality Education is the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal #4, and is to be achieved by 2030.

### Why do Girl Scouts celebrate?

In Girl Scouts, we know that 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 education.

### How can GSME Girl Scouts celebrate?

As Service Units and Troops, celebrate Global Action Week for Education with discussion, activities, and community service. Whether at a Service Unit event or in your own troop, talk to girls about why education is important, especially to girls. A great way to open up this line of discussion is to use a toolkit from GSUSA; *Open the GATE: Girls' Access To Education Toolkit*. This toolkit has a game where girls explore the issues affecting girls' access to education.

### Activities for Global Action Week for Education

The theme for Global Action Week for Education changes each year. These are suggestions for generic activities that can be modified based on any theme.

- Discuss with the girls how they can thank the individuals involved in their education each day of this week, and why this is important.
- Consider reading and discussing a book about schools and education in other countries, such as *"Nasreen's Secret School: A True Story from Afghanistan"* by Jeanette Winter. Although this book is suited for reading by Daisies and Brownies, it still leads to great discussion at all Girl Scout levels.
- Research this year's theme for Global Action Week for Education. Discuss the theme with your troop. Ask how they think the theme may affect them and other girls/women they know. How about girls and women around the world?

### Resources:

- GSUSA Global Action Days Toolkit: available on Volunteer Toolkit & GSME website
- GSUSA Open the GATE: Girls' Access To Education Toolkit: available on Volunteer Toolkit [my.girlscouts.org/content/dam-resources2/girlscouts-vtkcontent/Open\\_the\\_GATEFinal.pdf](https://my.girlscouts.org/content/dam-resources2/girlscouts-vtkcontent/Open_the_GATEFinal.pdf)
- Global Campaign for Education: [www.campaignforeducation.org/en/take-action/take-part-in-gawe](http://www.campaignforeducation.org/en/take-action/take-part-in-gawe)
- United Nations Sustainable Development Goals – Goal #4: Quality Education: [www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/education/](http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/education/)
- UNESCO SDG Resources for Educators – Quality Education: [en.unesco.org/themes/education/sdgs/material/04](http://en.unesco.org/themes/education/sdgs/material/04)