



# Global Action Days

## 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

November 25 to December 10

### What are the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence?

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence is a global campaign calling for the elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls, coordinated by the Center for Women's Global Leadership. It begins on November 25 (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women) and ends on December 10 (International Human Rights Day) to emphasize that all forms of violence against women is a violation of human rights.

### Why do Girl Scouts celebrate?

Violence impacts women and girls in every country, at every age, including our members. Girl Scouts builds leaders who are prepared with the courage, confidence and knowledge to take on issues like these, not just in the future but today.

### How can GSME Girl Scouts celebrate?

As Service Units and troops, mark the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence with discussion and a show of solidarity by designating a day to wear orange. Whether at a Service Unit event or in your own troop, talk to girls about 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, what it means to girls worldwide and within the US, Maine and their local community, and to bring awareness about what each girl can do prevent all forms of gender-based violence.

### Activities for 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

**Note:** All forms of violence can be a sensitive and challenging topic, so it's important to carefully assess your group and your presenting capacity prior to engaging with this topic. This may mean considering what additional information is needed on the many different forms of gender-based violence (GBV) to safely and accurately share information with girls and adults. It may also mean considering what girls and levels are ready to learn about GBV. All activities must be delivered in spaces where girls feel supported and safe. Parental permission and GSME sensitive issue form must be completed prior to engaging in these activities or discussion. Look at "Together for Girls" for activity suggestions.

- Research this year's theme for 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. Discuss the theme with your troop. Ask how they think the theme applies to 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
- UN Women: [www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action/16-days-of-activism](http://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action/16-days-of-activism)
- Together for Girls: <https://www.togetherforgirls.org/en/blog/16-days-of-activism-against-gender-based-violence-activism-ideas>