



# Global Action Days

## Global Youth Service Day

### 2nd or 3rd Weekend of April

### What is Global Youth Service Day?

Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) celebrates and encourages young people around the world to make a positive global impact by sharing their time and efforts to improve their communities. GYSD is the largest youth service and civic action event in the world and the only one dedicated to the contributions that youth ages 5-25 make working together to address the world's most critical issues and making changes in their communities.

### Why do Girl Scouts celebrate?

Throughout the year, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides around the world work to make the world a better place by taking action on issues and dedicating many hours of service in their communities. On Global Youth Service Day, we celebrate their achievements and recognize the contributions they make around the world.

### How can GSME Girl Scouts celebrate?

As Service Units and Troops, celebrate Global Youth Service Day with activities, community service, and recognition. Whether at a Service Unit event or in your own troop, recognize and celebrate the community service and/or take action projects the girls have accomplished this year. Consider organizing a Service Unit Wide service project to benefit the local community, or go a step further and organize a service project involving all local youth to benefit your community.

### Activities for Global Youth Service Day

The theme for Global Youth Service Day changes each year, and is set by Youth Service America. These are suggestions for generic activities that can be modified based on any theme.

- Hold a celebration to recognize all the community service projects and take action projects your troop has done this past year. Who else helped with your projects; in the community, family, other troops...? Invite them to your celebration.
- Look at the project ideas on the YSA website and do one during Global Youth Service Day.
- Has your troop done any of the GSUSA National Service Projects? Consider doing one of those projects, and be sure to add your Service Project to the list.

### Resources:

- GSUSA Global Action Days Toolkit: available on Volunteer Toolkit & GSME website
- Youth Service America (YSA): [ysa.org/campaigns/gysd/](http://ysa.org/campaigns/gysd/)
- GSUSA National Service Projects: [www.girlscouts.org/en/activity-zone/national-service-projects.html](http://www.girlscouts.org/en/activity-zone/national-service-projects.html)