

# Girl Scout Guide to Global Issues: Sustainability

Girl Scouts use a “Discover, Connect, Take Action” approach to explore complex issues that are important to them. In each age level below, you’ll find Girl Scout activities that broadly address “creating a sustainable world,” along with links to resources that provide more in-depth information and activities.

Whether you’re a Daisy just beginning to explore your neighborhood, a Cadette starting your *Leader in Action* Award, or an Ambassador going for the Gold Award with a sustainable project that has global impact, you can make a real difference. At Girl Scouts, there are so many ways for you to explore the world—on your own or with your troop, virtually or up close and personal. Use this guide to get started!

Age Level	Global Issue	Journey Connection	Badge Pairing	Guided Questions	Call-to-Action
Daisy	Limited Natural Resources	Between Earth & Sky	Eco Learner	Why is it important that there's diversity (differences) in animals? How do humans have diversity (differences) like animals, too?	Learn the seven principles of 'Leave no Trace,' and then go on a "color hike" to explore of all the unique colors you can find in nature.
	To learn more: the <b>World Wildlife Fund:</b> <a href="https://www.worldwildlife.org/">https://www.worldwildlife.org/</a> <b>NatGeo for Kids:</b> <a href="https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/">https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/</a>				
Brownie	Water Conservation	Wow! Wonders of Water	Eco Friend	Why do we need to consider how much water we consume, or use, each day?	Investigate where your drinking water comes from with your family and track how much water your family consumes on a weekly basis.
	To learn more: <b>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency:</b> <a href="https://www.epa.gov/greeningepa/water-conservation-epa">https://www.epa.gov/greeningepa/water-conservation-epa</a> <b>Water Footprint Calculator:</b> <a href="https://www.watercalculator.org/resource/teaching-conservation-with-water-footprint-calculator/">https://www.watercalculator.org/resource/teaching-conservation-with-water-footprint-calculator/</a>				
Junior	Sustainable Energy	Get Moving!	Product Designer	What habits can you and your family change to conserve more energy?	Conduct an energy audit of your home to examine how much energy you and your family consume weekly.
	<b>The Business of a Better World (BSR):</b> <a href="https://www.bsr.org/en/">https://www.bsr.org/en/</a>   <b>Save on Energy:</b> <a href="https://www.saveonenergy.com/learning-center/category/kids-center/">https://www.saveonenergy.com/learning-center/category/kids-center/</a>				
Cadette	Climate Change	Think Like a Citizen Scientist	Eco Trekker	How does climate change affect the ecosystems we have here on earth?	Conduct observations on your environment and then come up with one scientific question, or hypothesis, you would like to further investigate.
	To learn more: <b>NASA:</b> <a href="https://climate.nasa.gov/">https://climate.nasa.gov/</a>   <b>UNICEF:</b> <a href="https://www.unicef.org/environment-and-climate-change/youth-action">https://www.unicef.org/environment-and-climate-change/youth-action</a>				
Senior	Food Insecurity	Sow What?	Truth Seeker	Why is it important to know where and how your food was grown?	Dig deeper to learn more about the agriculture behind the food in your region by connecting with a farm, farmers' market, community garden, or university.
	To learn more: <b>United Nations</b> on 'Food': <a href="https://www.un.org/en/sections/issues-depth/food/">https://www.un.org/en/sections/issues-depth/food/</a> <b>Learning to Give:</b> <a href="https://www.learningtogive.org/resources/food-security-and-food-justice-toolkit">https://www.learningtogive.org/resources/food-security-and-food-justice-toolkit</a>				
Ambassador	Equitable Labor	Justice	Public Policy	How does environmental justice go hand in hand with justice for people?	Explore how your values, visions, and habits contribute to or take away from the concept of 'justice.'
	Advocacy	Your Voice, Your World	Social Innovator	How can you take action by innovating a solution to make a more just and equitable world?	Find out more about the sources of the products that you consume and commit to being a conscious consumer.
	To learn more: <b>The United Nation's Children Fund:</b> <a href="https://www.unicef.org/">https://www.unicef.org/</a>   <b>Child Labor Coalition:</b> <a href="https://stopchildlabor.org/">https://stopchildlabor.org/</a>				