



Celebrate International Day of the Girl 2026



On International Day of the Girl (IDG), October 11th, the global community comes together to celebrate the power of girls and highlight, discuss, and take action to advance the rights of and opportunities for girls everywhere.

Raise your hand if that sounds amazing to you! Since that declaration, the challenges impacting young women have evolved year by year. But through it all, we've witnessed how girls transform adversity into world-changing movements and innovation.

You are the superheroes. You are the game-changers, the never-back-down-ers. The way you turn your dreams into inventions and businesses, your ambitions into artwork and equations...will heal people, support communities, sustain our planet, and create equality for all.



To receive your International Day of the Girl patch, please complete the below jotform:
<https://gscnc.jotform.com/252376081465864>

Activities

Discuss the topic below with your troop or a group of friends, then complete an activity on the next page that inspires you. If you feel really inspired, complete more than one!

Once you have completed this, you will have earned the IDG Patch.



Every year, on October 11th, we celebrate the International Day of the Girl Child. Learn about the history and annual theme of this important day to explore what it's all about. You can go here to find lots of information:

<https://www.unicef.org/gender-equality/international-day-girl>



Talk with your troop or friends about what International Day of the Girl means for them and for girls everywhere. Why do they think it is important? Why do they think girls have a specific day dedicated to them? What are the ways girls can celebrate one another?



Ways you can Take Action to celebrate!

Educate and Inspire Others to be Part of the Change

- Do a show-and-tell on an issue that is important to you
- Create a poster campaign on an issue
- Perform a skit
- Make a 'how to' handout
- Draw a comic
- Write and perform a song
- Give a speech
- Make an animated movie
- Create a workshop, perhaps in partnership with a local business or organization, to teach a skill such as coding, camping, canoeing, robotics, sewing, car care, healthy eating, gardening, home repair, budgeting, or anything else.
- Make an app that helps people take action on an issue
- Create a website on an issue you are passionate about
- Create a workshop to teach others about healthy living through exercise, nutrition, mental health, or other way
- Make a social media campaign
- Organize and email campaign
- Make a video tutorial teaching a skill
- Organize a petition
- Organize an event—concert, play, poetry slam, art exhibit, sporting event, field day, or something else—to raise awareness about an issue
- Make a “playbook” to help others follow your lead—such as, how to mentor robotics teams, organize a workshop or event, advocate to the city council, create an online petition, or change a law
- Start a blog on an issue you are passionate about

Make your Solutions Permanent

- Make and install something outside, like benches, bird houses, a dog run, a ropes course, a sensory trail for children with disabilities, or a Little Free Library
- Plant something—a butterfly garden, a tree, a wind chime garden, or the like
- Make something inside for a Maker Space, a reading room, or other interior location
- Create a collection of children's books for a children's hospital or family shelter, oral histories for a town museum, or whatever else meets the need
- Advocate for building a permanent community improvement, for example, a sidewalk, a bridge, a park, streetlights, a stoplight, or something else

Change a Rule, Regulation or Law

- Make a presentation to your school principal
- Make a presentation to your school board
- Make a presentation to your city council
- Create an online petition
- Advocate for a law with your state government

