

ADVOCACY



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Advocacy - You can change the world



Have fun and learn about advocacy by doing the activities in this packet.

To earn the Advocacy - Be The Change patch Daisy Girl Scouts need to complete one (1) item from each section. Brownie Girl Scouts need to complete two (2) items from each section. Junior Girl Scouts need to complete three (3) items from each section. Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors Girl Scouts need to complete four (4) from from each section.

Call to action

- A. What are our Human Rights?
- B. What are some of the reasons kids cannot go to school?
- C. Why are animals around the globe in danger?
- D. Why is clean water important?
- E. Why should we go green and care about the environment?
- F. What does recycling mean and why should we do it?
- G. Compare your culture to another what is the same? What is different?
- H. What are three main health issues children around the globe are facing?
- I. Who were our first nations? How were they treated? Do we treat them better today?
- J. There are two food issues that face the world today and they are opposites - malnutrition and obesity. What are they and why should we be concerned?
- K. What is microfinancing and how is that changing the world?
- L. Why is plastic bad for the earth? Why is it bad for animals?
- M. Why should we separate the recyclables from the regular trash?

DISCOVER:

1. What is Advocacy? Why is it important?
2. In what ways can you become involved in advocacy?
3. What inspires you or makes you upset? Trash on the beach? Plastic bags in the ocean? Kids going to bed hungry? Animals and insects losing their homes? Children's rights? Make a list of these things and explain why they make you worried, upset or angry or talk to someone about how this makes you feel.
4. Find one thing in your town, your state or your country that is being advocated; what is it?

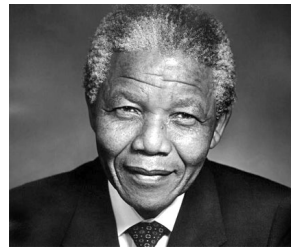
5. Who are these people that have worked and are working to change our world? Look at the photos below and on the next page and choose two advocates to find out more about.



Al Gore



Malala Yousafzai



Nelson Mandela



Jane Goodall



Martin Luther King



Susan B. Anthony



Harvey Milk



Angelina Jolie

CONNECT:

1. Form an alliance with people who support your cause. Have an adult contact other people who support your cause and connect you with them. Talk about your cause to anyone who will listen.



2. Why is your cause important? What can you do about it? Use the resources of your local library and research your cause. Make a poster advocating your cause.

3. Meet up with your allies and talk about what you want to do and ask how they can help you achieve your goals. Make sure to bring all of your notes and research with you.

4. Is there someone in your life, town, or state advocating for something? Find out what they are advocating for and offer to help (with an adult's permission).

5. Learn about your state's Senate and House of Representatives. Take a trip to the State House for a tour or to see a vote.



TAKE ACTION:

1. Now it's time to gather everyone and start working on your cause. What's a power pose? A power pose is when you sit you try to take up as much room as possible. Put your arms across the back of the chair. You could also try to make yourself as tall as possible, so what's your power pose? Take a few minutes to strut your stuff and practice your pose. You may also want to practice making faces such as an unhappy face, a happy face, a listening face. You will need all of these in the future.
2. Water Pledge - Convince your friends and families to join you in saving water. Draw up some 'Water Pledge' certificates for them to sign. Before signing, get each of them to write down how they will save water on the certificate (e.g. by not letting the tap run while brushing teeth; by taking shorter showers; by having the car washed less often, etc.)
3. Learn the Recycle Song and sing it to your friends and family to remind them to recycle.

Save, save, save the cans, throw them in the bin
We can help to save the Earth, If we all pitch in.

Save, save, save the papers, throw them in the bin
We can help to save the Earth, If we all pitch in.

Save, save, save the bottles, throw them in the bin
We can help to save the Earth, If we all pitch in.

Save, save, save the plastics, throw them in the bin
We can help to save the Earth, If we all pitch in.

4. Across the globe animals are becoming endangered due to human's effect on their habitats. pollution is very bad for the animals. Do your part to protect their environment. Encourage your troop and other troops in your community to participate in a clean up at the beach, a lake or a forest. Encourage adults to use cloth or recyclable bags not plastic bags. Encourage your community members to volunteer with the Nature Conservancy for an event in your local area.
5. The UNiTE campaign has declared the 25th of each month as #OrangeDay – a day of action to end all forms of violence against women and girls. Use your voices! This Orange Day, tell the world why you believe in a future free from violence against women and girls. Shoot a short video of yourself and upload it to YouTube.

Take time to reflect -

Work on your project goals. Did you accomplish everything you hoped to? Is there more you could do or is it time to stop? Is there is more you want to do now is the time to head back to the library for future research.

Have an your leader or an adult in your life check out the WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) website. There are lots of suggestions there to help you learn about how you can help be the change to the world.

Always remember that the road of advocacy is long and twisty, sometimes it's fun and exciting but sometimes there are hard days where your have a defeat. Keep fighting the fight for what you believe in celebrate the victories and learn from the let downs.



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*Troop Age Level(s): **Daisy**__**Brownie**__**Junior**__**Cadette**__**Senior**__**Ambassador**__

*Please write the number of girls per level

Troop Leader: _____
Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Day Phone #: _____ Night Phone: _____ Cell: _____

1. Which activities did your troop enjoy the most?

2. In what ways did the girls give service in relation to this patch?

3. What activities did your troop complete?

4. Did you change or adapt any activities? In what way?

5. Would you suggest any changes?

6. Comments:

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Please return your Advocacy patch order form AND evaluation forms together!

Troop Age Level(s): Daisy _____ Brownie _____ Junior _____
 Cadette _____ Senior _____ Ambassador _____

Troop Leader: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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_____ # of patches @ **\$2.00 each:** \$ _____

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