



It's Your World Change It Senior - Girltopia

Basic Description

- Asks girls to create a vision for a perfect, girl-focused world through art: poetry, painting, sculpture, video or whatever medium they choose
- Workbook divided into 4 sections
 - Create It – girls envision their Girltopia, look at various types of art and create a project that represents their view
 - Guide It – look at what it means to be a leader – communication skills, courage, confidence, character and ethics and then lead others in a Girltopia topic
 - Connecting Together - covers rights (global girls' bill of rights), ceremony, belonging, cooperation, teamwork, networking
 - Take Action – service vs. action, sustainability of projects, steps to complete their Take Action project

What do they earn and how do they earn them?

- Senior Visionary Award
 - Create it – complete a Girltopia art project and share it – pages 20-27 have ideas
 - Guide it – guide others through a Girltopia topic – could be a younger troop or each girl could lead the topic at their troop meeting
 - Change it – complete the 12 stages of the Take Action process – page 80

Possible Field Trips or Community Partners

- Art museums, galleries, studios or artists – learn about women artists and how to express one's vision through various mediums
- Various plays or other art forms focusing on women's issues or utopian societies
- Sites for Take Action Project

Additional Programming Ideas for Troop Meetings

- Research others' views of Utopian Societies – various artists' versions, books, movies
- Write a letter of appreciation to a woman leader or mentor
- Hold an art show so that others can view the girls' Girltopia art projects
- Leadership Talk Show – described on page 33 of girl book
- Create slogans that represent their Girltopia vision – put on buttons or bumper stickers or t-shirts

- Recruit potential role models that can help girls on journey (especially good for the Guide It and Connect sections)
- Have a Japanese Tea Ceremony

Other Thoughts or Helpful Hints

- It is recommended that each girl has her own copy of the Journey book.
- Includes information on writing press releases – Troops can always practice writing press releases and can even request assistance from the council's PR department. For large stories or major city papers/ other major media sources (i.e. radio & television), please turn any press releases or stories in to the council PR department for review. For local neighborhood news/church, bulletins/etc., it is recommended to confer with the PR department but not required.

Interest Project Patches & Other Program Connections

Create-It Section:

- Visual Arts IPP
- From A to V: Audiovisual Production IPP
- Photography IPP
- Writing for Real IPP

Guide-It Section:

- Understanding Yourself & Others IPP
- Do You Get the Message IPP
- Conflict Resolution IPP
- Leadership IPP
- Your Rights, Your Responsibility Patch

Change-It Section:

- Global Girl IPP
- Home Improvement IPP
- Home Is Where the Heart Is
- In the Pink

Please note: Other Interest Projects and Program can fit in as well. This is just a list to get you started.

Note to Leaders and Mentors: By this time in the Girl Scout experience almost everything should be girl-led. We recognize that girls in high school are very busy and have many activities going on. The time girls spend on their Take Action Project is less important than their having a meaningful opportunity to progress through the states of identifying, planning and doing a project. So make use of the coaching steps spelled out in the Take Action Planning Chart in the leader guide. The learning that takes place along the way is what will benefit girls now and all their lives. A simpler version of the planning chart is also available on page 80 of the girl book.