

# GLOBAL CITIZEN ACTIVITIES

## Independent/Family Activities: To expand your culture awareness

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Eat at a restaurant that serves a cuisine you've never tried before.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Learn to count to ten in the language of your host country or a place you plan to visit.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Make a traditional dessert that's from the country you live in.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend a concert that features traditional music.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend cultural tourism activities (falconry in the Middle East, rice plantations in Asia, castles in Europe.)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Print out a <a href="#">blank copy of a world map</a>, then label and color the countries you have visited. Bonus: mark the countries you'd like to visit and then learn something new about them.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Learn or translate the words to your host country's national anthems.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pick a cultural topic or challenge that's relevant to your community. Learn about it and then ask a teacher or troop leader if you can do a 5-minute presentation to share what you have learned.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Identify three things that happen differently in local schools than schools in your home country. Share with your friends.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Spend an hour learning about the local religion, visit their church, temple, synagogue, etc.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Explore a local food market and identify 3 fruits or vegetables which you don't see at home.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Learn the local alphabet, if it's different from English.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Watch a foreign film with subtitles.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Name 3 pop-culture icons from your host country. Why are they famous? Do you think they would be popular if they were in your home country?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Help your parents pick a new place to visit and learn about the history before you go.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Visit a local museum to learn about ancient cultures in the country where you live.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Learn to say hello and thank you language of your host country or a place you plan to visit</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Learn about the eco-systems of your adopted country. What are some of the native trees and species living in the wild?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Read a book about another country.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Examine the traditional dress, how is it similar and different to what you wear?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Learn a traditional children's song.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pick 5 cities on 5 different countries and read their weather forecast every day for a week. Are the reports similar to each other or to where you live?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What type of government exists in your host country? How is it different to your home country?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> List 5 popular boys and girls names in your host country, can you find similar names in English?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Name 3 important historical figures in your host country. Why are they important?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Find your host country's pop-music chart and listen to the top 5 songs. Do you recognize any of them?</li> </ul>
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### Activities with a Foreign Friend (FF) Make friends with a local and share your cultures

- Dinner exchange. Make a home-cooked meal that represents your home culture, deliver it to a foreign friend or neighbor, ask them to do the same for you.
- Language exchange. Help locals improve their English, attend a language exchange or organize one with a friend.
- Throw a holiday party for foreign friends (even if its not the right time of year!)
- Music exchange. Make a playlist of artists from your home country, exchange it with your FF
- Find photos of your home country and share them with your FF.
- Find an adult from your host country and ask them what is important for expats and foreigners in their community to know. Are there norms or cultural faux pas foreigners often make? Share that message with your troop and family.
- Invite your FF to your house to see how you live, then visit her home.
- Introduce yourself to a local shopkeeper or street vendor, remember their name and greet them whenever you pass.
- Share traditional holiday games with foreign friends!
- Play tour guide to visiting guests. Show them what makes your host country special and teach them how it is different from other places.
- Go to a local park or beach and invite a local child to play a game with you, like catch, frisbee or Poohsticks. Maybe you can build a sandcastle together.
- Recreate one of your family's traditional holidays meals and invite some local people over to share it with you.
- Interview a local adult from your host country to learn about a specific topic; their childhood, family traditions, religion, etc. Ask them about their perceptions of your culture
- Be a mentor to someone who has recently arrived in your community from another country. Help her/him understand the local language, culture, norms and lifestyle. Introduce them to some of your favorite local things - maybe a food, park, or game that doesn't exist in your home country.

### Cultural Activism To help improve the place where you live

- Learn about the minorities living in your community what are the challenges they face? Is there a way you can help them?
- Collect clothing for a local refuge or homeless shelter.
- Is there a lot of poverty in your host community? What are some of the causes? Organize a food drive to help.
- Stand up for locals and minorities when you hear people complain about them. What is it that the complainers might not know?
- Spend a day volunteering at a soup kitchen, animal shelter or similar.
- What are the cultural norms regarding women's issues? Is gender equality a problem in your host community? Explore how women are taking action and empowering themselves
- Organize a trash collection.
- How are animals treated in your community? Are there lots of strays on the street? Can you find a way to help one?
- What climate change issues affect where you live? How is the government fixing them? What can you do to help?
- Reduce the amount of waste you generate (see the [Zero-waste Challenge](#) for ideas!)

### Troop Activities: Make new friends and explore where you live as group

- 2020 is an election year, create a campaign to encourage the American adults to register for an absentee ballot! Put up signs where American frequently go, hand out flyers, or make public announcements during Girl Scout events. Take Action!
- Learn about your host nation's scouting program and get involved: partner with a troop from the local scouting organization for a month or two. Organize events to learn about their culture and scouting traditions. Do they know about Girl Scout Cookies?
- Learn a traditional song that local kids sing. Sing it at camp fires and events.
- Host a dance party and only play music from your host country.
- Find a couple girls (or boys!) that are part of your host nation's scouting program and invite them to join one of your troops field trips.
- International Friendship Day is on July 30, 2020. Organize an event to celebrate it with local kids from your host community

