

Changemakers Bucket List

Are you ready to be a changemaker? Let's think about what a changemaker is and how Girl Scouts can make changes in their communities. This bucket list will be available from **October 2024 through**

July 2026, culminating with the GSUSA National Council Session and the 250th birthday of the United States of America. Complete the Girl Scout level-appropriate activities. If you complete the activities by Election Day and want to be entered into a special drawing, please visit **bit.ly/gsnc-changemaker** and submit the form. Patches will be available in the GSNC shop for purchase.

Daisies and Brownies:

Complete three activities from any categories of your choosing. (Ask an adult for help if needed.)

Explore

- Create your own country's flag! The flag of the United States has 13 red and white stripes representing the 13 original colonies. And 50 white stars on a bluebackground represent the 50 states. Create your own flag with meaning. Have your colors and or shapes represent something important to you.
- Coin Scavenger Hunt: Find different states on different coins. Find Virginia, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New York, and more. Be sure to only look for quarters and 25 cents. What images are on the back side of these coins? With your troop or family, find out why these images are important.

Life Skills

- Take a vote! Gather your family or Girl Scout troop and make decisions collectively by voting on everything from your next activity to what's for dinner. Share ideas and take a vote.
- Respecting others' opinions, being a good listener, and voicing your opinions respectfully are all important characteristics to have as a leader. With your family, Girl Scout troop, or friends, list what qualities a good listener has.

Community Engagement

- President for a Day. If you were president of your school, name the first three things you'd change and explain why.
 Make an illustration showing the three things you'd change.
- To stay informed, go to your local library and get a library card. Check out a new book and set a goal time to read it.

Juniors and Cadettes:

Complete four activities from any categories of your choosing.

Explore

- Create a slideshow presentation showing something you are passionate about and why. Present it to your family, friends, or Girl Scout troop. Be prepared to answer any questions they may have about the topic you selected.
- Think about an adult figure that impacted your life. It can be a teacher, neighbor, troop leader, etc. Write a letter to them expressing your gratitude.

Life Skills

- With your Girl Scout troop or family, think about some topics you are passionate about. Take time to have a mock debate with each other. Have one person be for the topic and one against the topic and debate your side. Conclude with a vote and see who wins the debate.
- Public speaking is an important skill because we use our voices daily. Research different acceptance speeches, monologues, historical speeches, etc. List the similarities and differences between the two speeches you pick.

Community Engagement

- Visit your local library and attend an age-appropriate program. After the program, reflect on what you liked and maybe disliked about it.
- Create a community support tree. The people on this
 tree are those in your community that you can contact
 for different issues. Whether it be your local senator
 sharing your opinions on acts and statutes or even the
 board of education president at your school sharing
 something about your school. Look up who the person is
 and save their information in a place you can access in
 case you ever need it.

Seniors and Ambassadors:

Complete four activities from any categories of your choosing. (Ask an adult for help if needed.)

Explore

- Prepare to vote. Review a sample ballot and all its categories to gain an in-depth understanding. Create a voting plan with your family or friends for when you can vote. Your plan should include where you will go to vote, whether at your local library or school.
- Look up a TED talk or podcast about something you are interested in. Listen through a critical lens and analyze it. Consider the speaker's structure, what makes their delivery effective, how their visuals enhance their talk, and other components. Now, if you were to have your own TED talk or podcast, what would you do and not do to ensure your message is delivered?

Life Skills

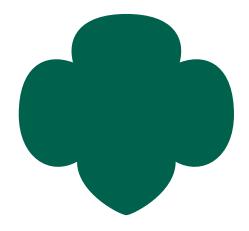
- With a parent's permission and a valid driver's license, offer to drive a local neighbor(s) to the voting poll. Mark your calendar and coordinate the times that work for your schedule and neighbors.
- Let your voice be heard and make your own commercial. Think about a commercial you see on TV. What are the key things you notice? Is it the graphics they use or maybe even the background music? Get creative and make a short commercial about a topic you are passionate about.

Community Engagement

- Volunteer to be a poll worker with a parent's permission.
- Get involved with GSNC. Take some time to explore leadership opportunities, such as Girl Delegate, Gold Award, etc.
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Civic Engagement Resources:

- Nassau County League of Women Voters: https://lwvofnassaucounty.org/
- Find Your Local League: https://www.lwv.org/local-leagues/find-local-league?field_zip_code_value= League of Women Voters: https://www.lwv.org/
- New York State Board of Elections: https://elections.ny.gov/
- Register Online: https://elections.ny.gov/voter-registration-process
- Request a Ballot: <u>https://elections.ny.gov/request-ballot</u>
- Election Deadlines: https://elections.ny.gov/
 registration-and-voting-deadlines
- Ways to Vote: https://elections.ny.gov/ways-vote
- Voter Registration Process: https://elections.ny.gov/voter-registration-process
- U.S. Vote Foundation's Election Office Directory for Nassau County, NY: https://www.usvote foundation.org/nassau-county-ny-election-office
- Vote411 (New York Voting Information): https://www.vote411.org/