



# The Bharat Scouts and Guides

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## National Headquarters

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To  
All the State Secretaries,  
State Associations of  
The Bharat Scouts and Guides,  
**INDIAN UNION**

**Circular No.: 217 / 2024**

**Date : 12/11/2024**

### **SUB: HELEN STORROW SEMINAR-2025 AT OUR CHALET SWITZERLAND**

Dear Sir/Madam,

#### **Greetings from the Bharat Scouts and Guides, National Headquarters!**

The Helen Storrow Seminar (HSS) is an international leadership development event held every year at Our Chalet, WAGGGS's World Centre in Switzerland, offering opportunities for young women and exploring relevant issues in society since 1986. The HSS explores the theme of environmental sustainability, and empowers young women to practise leadership, explore environmental issues and take action on them in their community.

The programme focuses on leadership, environment and social change, with a specific focus on climate justice advocacy, led by girls. After the seminar, each participant implements a local, district or states project that tackles environmental challenges and creates meaningful and sustainable change.

Helen Storrow Seminar 2025 theme is "**Food**" - so we are looking for people who have an interest in exploring **the connection between food and the environment**. To share some inspiration of what the programme could cover, here are some examples of potential change projects:

- An education programme to help young people learn the effects their food choices have on the environment.
- Advocating with local authorities to make laws that will reduce the impacts of the environment on food insecurity in their local communities.
- Teaching cooking classes to help community members learn about how to use local or more environmentally friendly food products in their meal preparations.
- Setting up a food waste reduction programme at a local camp or training center.

The Helen Storrow Seminar is more than just a week in the Swiss Alps. It's a chance to tackle environmental issues in your community and join a network of young global change-makers. Participants will learn how to address global environmental

issues locally and will receive support to turn their ideas into real projects. We are looking for motivated and inspired participants who want to make a difference.

The details of the seminar are as follows:

<b>Event Name</b>	:	<b>Helen Storrow Seminar 2025</b>
Date	:	01 <sup>st</sup> to 08 <sup>th</sup> February, 2025
Venue	:	Our Chalet Hohliebweg 1, 3715 Adelboden, Switzerland.
Who can attend	:	<p><b>A. Fit the participant criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be active members of a WAGGGS Association/Member Organisation.</li> <li>• Be 18-25 years old at the start of the event.</li> <li>• Be able to understand and communicate well in English.</li> <li>• Not have attended a WAGGGS seminar (the JLS or HSS) before.</li> <li>• Care about environmental issues.</li> <li>• Want to develop their leadership and support their Association.</li> <li>• Be mature and responsible global citizens.</li> </ul> <p><b>B.</b> Be committed to designing and running an environmental change project in the wider community.</p> <p><b>C.</b> Have support from their Association to apply, share their learning, implement their project, and, if needed, apply for a travel visa. Help with grant follow-up might also be necessary.</p>
Event Fee	:	The total cost of the event is <b>880 CHF i.e. 86,102 Indian Rupee.</b>
<b>Airfare &amp; Visa Fee</b>	:	<p><b>Airfare - INR 40,000/-</b> per head by the participants (approximate). (Participants can book their own travel)</p> <p><b>VISA &amp; Travel Insurance - INR 15,000/-</b> per head by the participants (approximate).</p>
Caution Money	:	<p><b>Rs. 5,000/-</b> (Non-refundable) - As per Circular No. 110/2023) dated 06<sup>th</sup> July 2023.</p> <p>Caution Money is to be remitted through the following link under International events.</p> <p><a href="https://www.onlinesbi.sbi/sbicollect/icollecthome.htm?corpID=2784356">https://www.onlinesbi.sbi/sbicollect/icollecthome.htm?corpID=2784356</a></p>
Last date of submission	:	Kindly send the duly filled application forms with district/state endorsement to <a href="mailto:info@bsgindia.org">info@bsgindia.org</a> with a copy at <a href="mailto:intdeskqw@bsgindia.org">intdeskqw@bsgindia.org</a> on or before <b>25.11. 2024.</b>

Applications will be selected based on interest and passion for being an environmental impact leader. State Associations may submit as many applications as they wish depending on the potential of the volunteer.

For any queries feel free to contact Ms Shivangi Saxena – International desk on +919868880090.

State Associations are requested to select the interesting and deserving candidates.

Thanking you with regards,

Yours Sincerely,



**(DARSHANA PAWASKAR)**  
**JOINT DIRECTOR OF GUIDES**  
**(PROGRAMME AND TRAINING)**

**Encl.: Participant Application Form**

**Copy to:-**

1. All the NHQ Office Bearers of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, National Headquarters.
2. Chairman/Secretary, Railway Scout and Guide Board, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, 18 Institutional Area, Shahid Jeet Singh Marg, New Delhi - 110016.
4. The Commissioner, Navadaya Vidyalaya Samiti, Institutional Area, B-15, Sector - 62, Noida, Uttar Pradesh – 201309.
5. The Director, DAV
6. All the District Secretaries, District Association of Dammam, Riyadh, Muscat and Jamiat Youth Club.
7. All Assistant Director, Bharat Scouts and Guides for follow-up.