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World Thinking Day 2012: February 22

Each year on February 22, **World Thinking Day**, girls participate in activities, games, and projects with global themes to honor their sister Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in other countries around the world. **World Thinking Day** not only gives girls a chance to celebrate international friendships, but is also a reminder that Girl Scouts of the USA is part of a global community – one of nearly 150 countries with Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

World Thinking Day is part of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) Global Action Theme based on the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals, which aim to improve the lives of the world's poorest people. Girls and women of all ages in many countries do not have the same opportunities as men. They do not have the same access to education as boys and men. Women are underrepresented in the world's governments and in the workforce, and earn far less than men.

The theme for **World Thinking Day 2012** is **girls worldwide say "we can save our planet."** This theme is based on the United Nation's Millennium Development Goal 7 focused on environmental sustainability.

The **World Thinking Day** award activities are designed to complement the Girl Scout Leadership journeys and reinforce the Girl Scout Leadership Experience goals of: **discovering** oneself and one's values; **connecting** via teamwork with other members and by reaching out to the local and global communities; and **taking action** to improve the world.

For more information regarding the 100th Anniversary Take Action Project on how we can save our planet, visit www.girlscouts.org/geforevergreen. Be sure to take the Girl Scout Forever Green Pledge www.girlscouts.org/geforevergreen/GSFG-Pledge.asp.

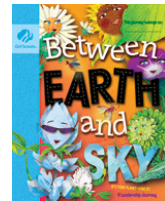
Go to http://www.girlscouts.org/who_we_are/global/global_action_award/ to learn more about the Millennium Development Goals and to participate in the Girl Scouts Global Action Award



World Thinking Day 2012 Activities for Girl Scout Daisies

The **World Thinking Day** award is now an OFFICIAL Award and therefore it may be worn on the front of the Official Uniform sash or vest. To earn the award, girls complete one or more activities found below.

- ✿ Look around the room you are in and try to find all the things that came from nature. For example, a wooden table was made from a tree or the glass window came from sand. With your Girl Scout Daisy friends, make a collage showing the links between the objects in the room and the natural world from where they came.
- ✿ Pick a country that you would like to visit someday. With an adult's help, learn about the country's national tree, flower, bird and animal. Then try to find some pictures showing nature in that country and ways people are working to protect their natural environment.
- ✿ Learn about an endangered species in your area. Where does it live? What does it eat? What animals eat it? What are its habits? Why is it threatened with extinction? What can we do to help? Draw a picture or present a skit about what the environment would be like if that species goes extinct.
- ✿ Think of different ways to save water at your house and school. Draw a picture of them or make a list to display at your school, home or Girl Scout meeting place.
- ✿ Make creative "Switch-Me-Off" reminder notes and stick them on the light switches, electric appliances and water taps in your house, school or Girl Scout meeting place.
- ✿ Take a nature walk with your Girl Scout Daisy friends and try to remember all the things you see on the walk. What are their shapes, sizes, colors and textures (how do they feel?). Afterwards, share with your friends what you saw. If you would like to do more things like this, take the ***Between Earth and Sky*** Leadership journey.
- ✿ Take Action by joining other girls in [Girl Scouts Forever Green](#) Community Take Action Project and take the [Girl Scouts Forever Green Pledge](#). This information can be found on the Girl Scouts of the USA website (www.girlscouts.org).



World Thinking Day 2012 Activities for Girl Scout Brownies

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- ❁ Go take a hike! Or walk in a forest or park. Take along a camera or sketch pad and colored pencils. When done, choose five things you enjoyed such as the scent of plants or flowers, the sight of wildlife, or the feeling of clean air. Share your experience with your group.
- ❁ Make World Thinking Day cards (or other greeting, birthday or holiday cards) with reused materials and send them to your family members or friends explaining the importance of recycling and protecting the environment.
- ❁ Invite a returned Peace Corps Volunteer to speak to your group about how the natural environment impacts people's lives in the country where she/he served and compare her/his experiences with your own community.
- ❁ Think of all the things you know that use electricity. Make a list with your Girl Scout Brownie friends. Then go home and spend an hour without electricity – no TV, no lights, or other plug-ins. What did you miss most? Make a picture of what it was like and share with other Girl Scouts.
- ❁ Interview a grandparent or an elderly friend to find out what it was like when they were children. What type of home did they live in? Did they have television, electricity and running water in their home? What did they do for entertainment? How is your life different? How is your use of energy different? Draw the things which are different and the things which are the same.
- ❁ Find out if your tap water is safe to drink. Then find out how much energy goes into the plastic needed to make water bottles. Encourage your friends and family to carry recyclable water bottles with them at all times. If you would like to do more things like this, take the **Wow – the Wonders of Water** Leadership journey.
- ❁ Take Action by joining other girls in [Girl Scouts Forever Green](#) Community Take Action Project and take the [Girl Scouts Forever Green Pledge](#). This information can be found on the Girl Scouts of the USA website (www.girlscouts.org).



World Thinking Day 2012 Activities for Girl Scout Juniors

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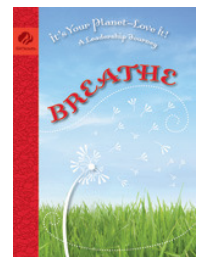
- Find out how much time it takes some common garbage items (paper napkins, eggshells, plastic bags, and sponges) to decompose in a landfill. Share this information with your parents, teachers, and friends.
- Plan a trip to the local market or store to learn about local and imported products and textiles made from local natural fibers.
- Invite a returned Peace Corps Volunteer to speak to your group about how the natural environment impacts people's lives in the country where she/he served and compare her/his experiences with your own community.
- Learn about renewable energy and start an education campaign for wider uses of renewable energy sources in your community.
- Choose a country and learn as much as possible about the food and eating habits of the people in that country. Make a presentation to other Girl Scouts or your classmates.
- Have you ever thought about the energy use in your home? What about your family's recycling efforts? Make a list, recording your family's use of energy and recycling. Show your family your findings and try to make improvements over the next two weeks. For example, you can lower the thermostat by a degree or two, add cardboard packaging to your recycling efforts, unplug appliances while not in use, etc. Write down your achievements and share with your group. If you would like to do more things like this, take the **Get Moving** leadership journey.
- Take Action by joining other girls in [Girl Scouts Forever Green](#) Community Take Action Project and take the [Girl Scouts Forever Green Pledge](#). This information can be found on the Girl Scouts of the USA website (www.girlscouts.org).



World Thinking Day 2012 Activities for Girl Scout Cadettes

The **World Thinking Day** award is now an OFFICIAL Award and therefore it may be worn on the front of the Official Uniform sash or vest. To earn the award, girls complete one or more activities found below.

- ✿ Is this sometimes too hot or too cold in our home – what do you do? Find out how people warmed up and cooled their homes back in the days before air conditioning and central heating. What are some things you can do? For example, during the winter turn down the heat and put on a sweater. Make sure your windows and doors are draft proof?
- ✿ Collect information about natural disasters such as droughts, heavy rains, heat waves, tropical cyclones, tornados, floods, tsunamis, or fires. How do they affect people's lives and food? Do you think they are caused by climate change? Create a presentation about how to respond to and prepare for them.
- ✿ Organize a trip to a farm and farmers market so you can learn about the crops (cereals, vegetables and fruit) that are grown and the animals that are raised in your area. If possible, try to see both a traditional farm and an organic farm, which does not use pesticides and chemical fertilizers.
- ✿ Invite a returned Peace Corps Volunteer to speak to your group about how the natural environment impacts people's lives in the country where she/he served and compare her/his experiences with your own community.
- ✿ Have you ever built a solar oven? With the guidance of adult volunteers, learn how: <http://www.hometrainingtools.com/build-a-solar-oven-project/a/1237/>. Then discuss when and where this might be useful.
- ✿ Find out about renewable energy used around the world and build a demonstration model of a renewable energy source or organize a trip to a recycling center or a renewable energy plant, for example, a wind turbine. If you would like to do more things like this take the **Breathe** Leadership journey.
- ✿ Take Action by joining other girls in [Girl Scouts Forever Green](#) Community Take Action Project and take the [Girl Scouts Forever Green Pledge](#). This information can be found on the Girl Scouts of the USA website (www.girlscouts.org).



World Thinking Day 2012 Activities for Girl Scout Seniors

The **World Thinking Day** award is now an OFFICIAL Award and therefore it may be worn on the front of the Official Uniform sash or vest. To earn the award, girls complete one or more activities found below.

- ✿ For one week, monitor the amount of packaging that comes into your home. Record types of packaging and what materials are used to make them. Make a sculpture out of the materials to show your group how much waste has been accumulated. How much of the packaging can be recycled? What can be done to reduce the amount of packaging? Discuss ways to improve the situation.
- ✿ Learn to sew, repair and adapt clothing and hold a fashion show with clothes made from items you can recycle.
- ✿ Research ways to travel to an environmentally-friendly tourist destination (see ecotourism, geotourism or sustainable tourism). Share with others how such tourism can contribute to the prevention of climate change.
- ✿ How can a change in weather patterns affect food production? Learn about the impacts of climate change on farming, forestry, livestock, fisheries and aquaculture. Find out who is especially vulnerable to climate change. Where do they live? Share these facts with your class, group or friends.
- ✿ Find out about the possible impacts of climate change on your area, town or village. Share your results with your peers and discuss ways you can prepare for the changes.
- ✿ Investigate how much energy, water, or other resources are needed to produce the food you like to eat. How can you change the food you eat so that you have a nutritious diet that has a smaller impact on the environment? Then, create informational posters which show how many resources are needed to produce each type of food like these examples: www.fao.org/nr/water/promotional.html. If you would like to do more things like this, take the **Sow What?** Leadership journey.
- ✿ Take Action by joining other girls in [Girl Scouts Forever Green](#) Community Take Action Project and take the [Girl Scouts Forever Green Pledge](#). This information can be found on the Girl Scouts of the USA website (www.girlscouts.org).



World Thinking Day 2012 Activities for Girl Scout Ambassadors

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- ✿ Organize a trip to a local landfill, analyze if it is sustainable and speak to community leaders about what solutions are being proposed.
- ✿ Find out more about global climate change and the environment by getting in touch with those working on these issues (scientists, meteorologists, environmental groups, etc.). Ask what they are doing and find out ways to take action.
- ✿ Inspire others by making a presentation to your school about environmentally friendly habits like: heating and air conditioning classrooms, recycling of paper and other rubbish, using energy-efficient appliances and lights, or other environmentally friendly ways to live your lives and sustain the planet.
- ✿ Consider how your daily life has an impact on your environment. How much energy, water and resources does it take to produce the things you eat, wear and use? Make a list of the ways you can reduce the energy and resources you use. Make a plan and follow your plan for a month. Then share your experience with your class or other Girl Scouts and encourage them to follow your example. How much did you reduce your impact by? Where are you finding it hard to improve?
- ✿ Today lots of residential and commercial buildings are going green. Find examples in your community. Then discuss as a group how you would convert one building that you know into a green building. What can you do to support that effort?
- ✿ Men and women are affected differently by the changing climate. And many of the world's poorest people are rural girl and women in developing countries who depend on farming to feed their families. Find out how climate change could affect their food and water supply and how that affects their work. If you would like to do more things like this, take the **Justice** Leadership journey.
- ✿ Take Action by joining other girls in [Girl Scouts Forever Green](#) Community Take Action Project and take the [Girl Scouts Forever Green Pledge](#). This information can be found on the Girl Scouts of the USA website (www.girlscouts.org).



History of World Thinking Day

Thinking Day was first created in 1926 at the fourth Girl Guide/Girl Scout International Conference held at Girl Scouts of the USA's Camp Edith Macy (now called Edith Macy Conference Center). Conference attendees decided that there should be a special day for Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from around the world to "think" of each other and give thanks and appreciation to their "sister" Girl Scouts. The delegates chose **February 22** as the date for Thinking Day because it was the mutual birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scout movement, and his wife, Olave, who served as the World Chief Guide.

In 1932, at the seventh World Conference, held in Poland, a Belgian delegate suggested that since birthdays usually involve presents, girls could show their appreciation and friendship on Thinking Day not only by extending warm wishes but by offering a voluntary contribution to the World Association. This is how the World Association's Thinking Day Fund began. The fund helps offer Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting to more girls and young women worldwide. Girl Scouts of the USA, through its **Juliette Low World Friendship Fund** contributes to the World Thinking Day Fund.

To emphasize the global aspect of Thinking Day, members at the 30th World Conference, held in Ireland in 1999, changed the name from **Thinking Day** to **World Thinking Day**.

Juliette Low World Friendship Fund

Donations to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund are used to support girls' international travel and participation in training and other international events. These unique opportunities for fostering international friendships connect Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from nearly 150 nations.

Donations also support the World Thinking Day Fund, which helps sustain efforts to encourage the development of Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting in new countries.

Juliette Gordon Low had friends around the world and was committed to offering the benefits of Girl Scouting to girls around the globe. To honor Juliette's love of travel, of experiencing different cultures, and of making new friends, GSUSA created the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund (JLWFF) in 1927.

Donations may be sent at any time of the year, but popular times are **World Thinking Day** (February 22), **Juliette Low's birthday** (October 31), and during **Girl Scout Week** (the week that includes March 12).

See the suggested calendar below or use it as a template and have the troop come up with their own suggestions. The girls in your troop can also designate funds from their troop account for the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund.

Troop or service area donations should be sent to your local Service Center.



JULIETTE LOW
WORLD FRIENDSHIP FUND



Making Friends
Around the World

**Juliette Low World Friendship Fund
World Thinking Day 2012**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 A penny for every year you've been a Girl Scout.	2 A penny for every smile you have given today.	3 A penny if you own a Girl Scout Journey book.	4 A penny for every year of your age.
5 DAY OFF!	6 A penny if you attended the Cookie Rally.	7 A penny for every cell phone your family owns.	8 A penny for every pair of white socks you own.	9 A penny for every CD you own.	10 A penny if you have ever been to resident or day camp.	11 A penny if you have ever attended a service area event.
12 DAY OFF!	13 A penny for every President you can name.	14 A penny for every Valentine you received.	15 A penny for every member of your family.	16 A penny for every inch of snow so far this year.	17 A penny for every patch, Try-It, Badge or IP you have received.	18 A penny for every girl in your troop.
19 DAY OFF!	20 A penny for every fruit or vegetable you ate today.	21 A penny if you have gone on an overnight trip with your troop.	22 Happy World Thinking Day!	23 A penny if you have attended a GSCI sponsored event.	24 A penny for each service project completed this year.	25 A penny if you participated in a World Thinking Day Activity.
26 DAY OFF!	27 A penny for every box of cookies you sold.	28 A penny for every light switch you find in your home.	29 A penny for every activity you have done this month from this calendar.			

World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts

The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) is currently comprised of 145 member organizations, including Girl Scouts of the USA. WAGGGS not only unites all of its member organizations, but also promotes and establishes Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting organizations around the world. The goal of WAGGGS is to enable girls and young women to develop their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world. Headquartered at the World Bureau in London, WAGGGS also owns and operates the four World Centers.

Sir Robert Baden-Powell founded the Boy Scouts in England in 1908. When girls showed up at a Boy Scout rally in 1909, Sir Robert decided that girls needed their own movement. In 1912 he and his sister, Agnes, founded the Girl Guide movement. In 1918, Sir Robert's wife, Olave, became the United Kingdom's Chief Guide, and the following year formed the International Council, which officially became the World Association of Girl Guide and Girl Scouts in 1928.

World Association Pin

The World Association Pin is the unifying symbol of WAGGGS. Every registered Girl Guide, Girl Scout, and member of the World Association wears the World Association Pin. Each part of the pin has meaning.

- The colors, blue and golden yellow, of the background elements, represent the sun shining down on all the children of the world.
- The upwards pointing vein is the compass needle leading the way.
- The two stars inside the Trefoil stand for the Promise and Law, a philosophy shared by all members.
- The stalk represents the flame – the eternal love of humanity.
- The three trefoil leaves represent the three-fold promise: "To serve God and my country, to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law."
- The flowing border shows we are a world-wide and growing Movement.



The World Association Pin (sometimes referred to as the World Trefoil Pin) is often presented at a ceremony highlighting what the girls have learned about the world-wide Movement and/or at a World Thinking Day event or ceremony.

World Flag



A new World Flag was introduced in 1991. The three golden squares represent our three-fold Promise. The white blaze in the corner is the symbol of world-wide peace, which all Girl Guides and Girl Scouts work for in their families, communities and wider world.

World Centers

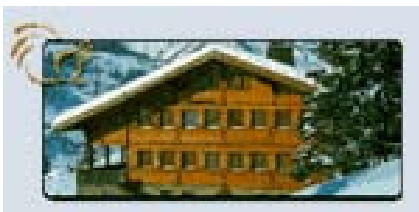
The four World Centers, Our Cabana in Cuernavaca, Mexico; Our Chalet in Adelboden, Switzerland; Pax Lodge in London, England; and Sangam in Pune, India, are owned and operated by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). Staffed by volunteers and paid international staff, the centers offer Girl Scouts and Girl Guides a comfortable, inexpensive, and safe place for short stays or long-term accommodations, seminars, trainings and international events. Members of Girl Scouts of the USA and their families are encouraged to visit the centers, meet girls from other countries and build lasting friendships.



Our Cabana, located 47 miles from Mexico City, is a beautiful retreat in historic Cuernavaca. Our Cabana is the largest of the four world centers, can accommodate up to 90 guests, and offers 5, 8 and 9 night sessions throughout the year to girl and adult members of WAGGGS and GSUSA, including Girl Friendship sessions and Adult Adventure programs.

The word 'Cabana' is used as a term for a hideaway cabin in the woods surrounded by nature. Our Cabana was opened in July 1957 and adopted the "Tree" symbol of Cuernavaca, the nearby town as their logo. The Cabana Tree's red roots signify the warm friendships which start at Our Cabana and grow deep; the brown trunk indicates the strength of WAGGGS and its continual growth; the three branches with green leaves are for the three parts of the promise; and, the blue drop of water has two meanings – one is the symbol of life, and the drop is the Aztec symbol for communication and Our Cabana strives to communicate with all Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in the world.

For more information contact Our Cabana at <http://www.ourcabana.org/en/home>



Our Chalet, was the first world center built by WAGGGS. Located in the picturesque Swiss Alps, Girl Scouts, Girl Guides and their families can explore the network of trails and footpaths that lead to snow-capped peaks, crystal-clear waters, alpine forest and wild flower meadows. Our Chalet offers a wide array of programs from high adventure activities such as skiing or hiking to leadership seminars.

Our Chalet is the first WAGGGS World Center and was built in 1932. For almost eighty years, it has given Girl Guides and Girl Scouts the chance to meet and share experiences. On July 31, 1932, Our Chalet was formally opened by the World Chief Guide, Olave Baden-Powell and Mrs. Helen Storrow, an American Girl Scout Leader, who donated the money for the construction and the first four years of operation of Our Chalet.

For more information contact Our Chalet at <http://www.ourchalet.ch/en/home>



Pax Lodge, located in Hampstead Village, 20 minutes by subway from the center of London, is an ideal base for exploring the city's rich history, tradition and culture. This world center offers a vibrant selection of cultural programs for youth and adults as well as leadership seminars and day activities.

The first World Center in England was called "Our Ark" and officially opened on May 2, 1939. Over the years, there was a need for a larger building, so the World Center moved. On August 1, 1990, the new World Center, renamed Pax Lodge (for Peace) opened.

For more information contact Pax Lodge at <http://paxlodge.org/en/home>



Sangam, situated along the banks of the Mula River in Pune, India, is a few hours from Mumbai (Bombay). Sangam, which means 'coming together' in Sanskrit, brings Girl Scouts and Girl Guides together from around the globe. Events scheduled from June to March, emphasize cultural sharing, common Girl Scouting/Girl Guiding links and the rich cultural heritage of India.

Sangam is the newest of the four World Centers. Sangam was officially opened on October 16, 1966, by the World Chief Guide, Olave Baden-Powell, who compared Sangam to a powerhouse generating light and the power of love.

For more information contact Sangam at <http://www.sangamworldcentre.org/en/home>

Additional World Thinking Day activities through WAGGGS can be found by visiting: http://www.wagggsworld.org/en/take_action/activities/wtd

The Activity pack includes activities for all ages, which will help you learn that "empowering girls will change our world" and what you can do to make a difference.

50 Things to do for World Thinking Day

1. Visit a community with an international heritage or attend an international festival.
2. Learn songs from another country.
3. Visit an international restaurant.
4. Make a currency display using currency from several countries.
5. Invite someone from another country to your meeting to tell you about life in that country.
6. Learn about World Thinking Day celebrations in other WAGGGS countries.
7. Learn about a holiday celebration in another country.
8. Find out about the Girl Guide/Girl Scout uniforms in other WAGGGS countries.
9. Learn about a person from another country who was/is prominent in American history.
10. Learn to say "grace" in another language.
11. Learn about the World Centers.
12. Invite a person to your troop meeting who has visited one of the world centers.
13. Learn about Girl Scout **destinations** available to older Girl Scouts.
14. Learn about the requirements for becoming a U.S. citizen.
15. Learn about the requirements of becoming a citizen of another country.
16. Learn the word "friend" in three other languages.
17. Write a letter to a troop in another country.
18. Learn about music in other lands.
19. Locate WAGGGS countries on the map.
20. Learn to say "hello" in three other languages.
21. Find out about common modes of transportation in other countries.
22. Find out about recreation in other countries.
23. Make something that people in other countries use every day.
24. Have the girls learn and share something about a country from their heritage.
25. Make a display of dolls from other countries.
26. Make a display of flags from other countries.
27. Learn a dance from another country.
28. Learn how food is commonly prepared in other countries.
29. Know how one loses their U.S. citizenship.
30. Invite a speaker to talk about collecting stamps from all over the world.
31. Have a "tasting" of international goodies.
32. Learn about the responsibilities girls your age have in other countries.
33. Learn about famous women from other countries.
34. Learn about five major religions of the world.
35. Learn to say "thank you" in four other languages.
36. Learn about types of housing in other countries.
37. Learn the songs from the four world centers.
38. Mark the International Date Line on a map. Find where the first Guides start the day.
39. Know the requirements and procedures for visiting one of the world centers.
40. Know how to apply for a passport and learn about international travel laws.
41. Learn about "jet lag" and how to counteract its effects.
42. Learn about the origin of your name and how it is said in another language.
43. Learn about popular New Year's Day foods in other lands and when they celebrate.
44. Make a piñata and use it in a celebration.
45. Learn how to place a phone call to another country and be aware of the time difference.
46. Learn about international pen pals.
47. Learn about *USA Girl Scouts overseas*.
48. Watch a TV program made in another country.
49. Learn about how animals live in other countries. What animals are considered pets?
50. Make a troop nationality tree.

Games from Around the World

Rabbit Without a House – Brazil

Supplies needed – none

This game from Brazil is best when you have at least 11 people. Pick someone to be “it” (the rabbit without a house) and someone to be the caller. Divide the others into groups of three. Each group makes a rabbit in a house by two girls holding hands (the house) and one girl (the rabbit) standing inside. The caller yells out “Find a House!” and all the rabbits, including the one without a house, have to run to find another house. The rabbit left without a house becomes “it”.

The Leopard Trap – Sudan

Supplies needed – none

Two players make a ‘bridge’ or ‘trap’ with their raised arms in the middle of the room. The other players form a large circle and dance round, passing through the trap! The circling players sing a song and clap to its rhythm.

In Sudan, the girls sing:

“Lion and leopard, lion and leopard, two night hunters,
Lion and leopard, lion and leopard, hunt their prey.”

On the last syllable the ‘trap’ falls; a player is caught and must drop out. The others continue circling and singing until another player is caught. The two captured players form another trap. The game goes on in the same way until only two players remain untrapped; they are the winners!

Mr. Bear – Sweden

Supplies needed – none

You will need at least three people, a place for “home,” and the bear’s den.

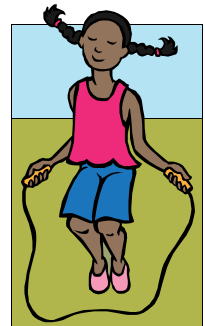
One person is Mr. Bear. He is trying to sleep in his den. The other players sneak up to Mr. Bear and whisper, “Mr. Bear, are you awake?” Mr. Bear pretends not to hear them. Then the players yell, “MR. BEAR, ARE YOU AWAKE?” This makes Mr. Bear furious! He chases them all and tries to catch them before they reach home, which is the safe place.

Everyone tagged by the bear before reaching home becomes one of Mr. Bear’s cubs. They go back to the den with Mr. Bear. When the remaining players come back to wake up Mr. Bear again, the cubs help Mr. Bear catch them. When everyone has been caught, someone else becomes Mr. Bear.

El Reloj – Argentina

Supplies needed – long jump rope

Two players hold each end of the rope and swing it. The other players stand in line. The first player jumps over the rope once and says, “One o’clock.” The second player jumps over the rope twice and says, “Two o’clock.” The game continues until a player reaches twelve o’clock and jumps rope 12 times without missing. If a player misses, everyone must start at the beginning.



The Story of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell

Action Story

Divide participants into eight groups. Explain each group action and have them practice. Read the story slowly so each group can perform its action when its word is read.

Actions:

B-P or Baden-Powell – stand at attention, salute, and shout, “Rule Britannia!”

Scouts – stand up and say in a very deep voice, “I promise.”

Guides – stand up and sing the phrase, “Make new friends.”

Africa/African – stand up and sing, “Kum ba ya, my lord.”

Olave – stand up and sing, “Here comes the bride.”

Agnes – stand up and say in a high-class-type voice, “Lah! De! Dah!”

Army – stand up and shout, “Ten-Hut!”

World Thinking Day – stand up and sing, “Happy birthday to you!”

There are **Guides** and **Scouts** in countries all around the world, and all because of a man called **Robert Baden-Powell** (pronounced Pole).

Baden –Powell, or **B-P** for short, was born in England over one hundred years ago. When **B-P** finished school, he joined the **Army** and spent time in India and **Africa**. While **B-P** was in **Africa**, he practiced many of the training ideas he would later teach the **Scouts**, and he developed a love for the **African** countryside that would stay with him all his life.

When **B-P** retired from the Army, he started the Boy **Scouts**. They had great fun hiking and camping and playing games and learning things. In fact, **B-P** and his **Scouts** enjoyed themselves so much that the girls wanted to join.

So **B-P** started the Guides and asked his sister, **Agnes**, to take care of them for him. **Agnes** was kind of old-fashioned and the **Guides** didn’t have much fun with her.

About that time, **B-P** wasn’t thinking too much about **Scouts** or **Guides**. He had a certain lady on his mind named **Olave**. They met aboard a ship to Jamaica and fell in love. In 1912, **B-P** and **Olave** were married and went on a camping honeymoon to **Africa**.

When they returned, the **Guides** were very unhappy with the way **B-P’s** sister was running things. She wouldn’t let them do any of the fun things that **Scouts** did, so **B-P** had a talk with **Agnes** and then asked **Olave** if she would like to direct the **Guides**.

And that’s how it all got started. **B-P** and **Olave** had the same birthday in February, which we call **World Thinking Day**. Every year on February 22, we celebrate this special day by thinking about all the **Guides** and **Scouts** around the world and by remembering **B-P** and his wife **Olave**. It has been a very long time since **B-P** had his first **Scout** camp on Brownsea Island, but on **World Thinking Day**, when we remember, all the fun they had then is exactly like all the fun we have today.



World Thinking Day

Action Story

Divide the participants into ten groups. Each group will have a group action. Have them practice their assigned action. Read the story slowly so each group can perform its action when its word is read.

Actions:

World Thinking Day – stand, look thoughtfully, and tap the side of your head.

Birthday/Birthdays – stand and blow out imaginary candles and say, “Happy Birthday!”

Party/Parties – stand and raise one hand in the air and say “Yahoo!”

Lord Baden-Powell (pronounced Pole) – stand and bow.

Lady Baden-Powell (pronounced Pole) – stand and curtsy.

London – stand and make a bridge with your partner.

Boy Scouts – stand, hold up two fingers, and say, “Be Prepared.”

Girl Scouts – stand, place fist on hips, and say, “Girl Power!”

Friends – stand and shake hands with your partner.

World – stand and spin in a circle like a globe.

World Thinking Day is a very special **Birthday**. It is the **Birthday** of **Lord Baden-Powell** and **Lady Baden-Powell**. On **World Thinking Day**, girls all over the **World** have **Parties** to celebrate **Lord Baden-Powell** and **Lady Baden-Powell’s Birthdays**. On this special **Birthday** we think of the Sparks, Brownies, and Guides all over the world. And they think of us in the same way on this day.

Lord Baden-Powell was born in England over 150 years ago! When he was an adult, he wrote a book about camping, first aid, animals, and lots of other things. He called this book “Scouting for Boys.” Lots of boys in England bought the book. They loved it so much they started little groups called **Boy Scouts**. In the groups they did all the activities **Lord Baden-Powell** talked about in his book and they talked to their **Friends** about how much fun it was. In just a little while, **Boy Scout** groups began popping up all over the **World**.

Lord Baden-Powell had no idea how many boys there were in these groups so he decided to call them all together for a big **Party** in **London**. He invited “anyone doing Scouting” to come to the **Party**. Was he ever surprised when eleven thousand boys showed up? But he was even more surprised by the small group of girls that came as well! **Lord Baden-Powell** stood in front of the girls and asked, “Who are you?” Together they replied proudly, “We are the **Girl Scouts**.”

Lord Baden-Powell’s sister **Lady Agnes Baden-Powell** was at the party too. She smiled at the girls and then turned to **Lord Baden-Powell** and said, “It looks like you’re going to have to write a book for the girls, too.”

“Hmmm. How about you doing it, Agnes?” replied **Lord Baden-Powell**.

And so **Lady Agnes Baden-Powell** wrote a handbook for the girls. Over time younger girls wanted to join in the fun too, so the Brownies were formed. Just like the **Boy Scouts**, the Girl Guides and **Girl Scouts** spread all over the **World**!

World Thinking Day Ceremonies

Promise Ceremony

Supplies: "Cue" cards with each participant's part written on it.

Divide the group into two sections. Each group will rotate readings in the ceremony. However, all will say the Girl Scout Promise at the end.

Leader: "All over the world Girl Scouts and Girl Guides make this Promise. It is made in many different languages. The words will be different in French, Japanese, Spanish and Swedish, but the meaning will be the same. It is easy to make a promise. To keep a promise may be difficult unless you understand it. When you are invested as a Girl Scout and make this Promise, you are saying..."

First Group: "On my honor..."

Second Group: "I can be trusted to do and to mean what I say."

First Group: "I will try..."

Second Group: "I know it is not easy to live up to the Promise at all times, but I will try hard."

First Group: "To serve God..."

Second Group: "I will honor God in the finest way I know and will be faithful to my own religion."

First Group: "and my country..."

Second Group: "I will try to make my country a place where everyone can live and work in safety and freedom. I will respect my country's laws."

First Group: "To help people at all times..."

Second Group: "I will think of ways I can help others. I will think of others first and not myself."

First Group: "And to live by the Girl Scout Law..."

Second Group: "I know that I have taken a code of honor. I will try to live by the code."

All: On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Golden Link Ceremony

This simple ceremony is based on the Dutch Girl Guide's benediction, ***"I am a link in the golden chain of Girl Scouting (or world friendship), and I must keep my link strong and bright."***

Supplies: A paper strip with tape on one end or a piece of rope for each participant. The paper strip or piece of rope should be long enough to make a chain that can be held by the group. A simplified version can be done by linking arms.

Participants stand or sit in a circle, each with her own chain "link." The leader can begin the ceremony by taping a girl's paper link to the link of another girl. Or the girls can do this themselves. If a rope is being used, a square knot can tie the two girl's ropes together. As each link or rope is joined, the girl repeats the benediction above. Each participant could recite a thought on friendship also. When the circle is completed, a song about international friendship could be sung.

World Association Pin Ceremony

Supplies: Large picture of the World Association Pin (World Trefoil Pin) on poster board. Cut into five pieces described below. Assemble on a bulletin board or other non-tear surface with tape or pins. "Cue" cards with each participant's part written on it.



Girl 1: (Center leaf is placed) "These leaves are emblems of our friendships with the people of the world. Upon this background we will place the trefoil, known to all Girl Scouts and Guides. I place my leaf with the hope that we may always clasp friendly hands around the world."

Girl 2: (Right leaf is placed) "I place my leaf with the hope that the world may know what it means to be safe."

Girl 3: (Left leaf is placed) "I place my leaf with the hope that hunger will be driven from far and near."

Girl 4: (Stem is placed) "This stem represents the arts and sciences."

Girl 5: (Base is placed) "This flame-like base completes the whole. I put it here with the hope that there will one day be life abundant for all ages, races, and creeds. May this flame encircle the world with goodwill."

Girl 6: "The blue of our World Association Pin stands for the sky which is over us all. The gold stands for the sun that shines on us all. The stars in the leaves of the trefoil remind us of our Promise and Law. The vein is the compass needle that guides us and points the way. The base of the trefoil is shaped like a flame, the flame that burns in the hearts of Girl Scouts and Girl Guides all around the world."

“Cue” Cards for the Promise Ceremony

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World Trefoil Presentation Ceremony

This presentation could be done on or near World Thinking Day, Juliette Low's birthday, during Girl Scout Week, or at an Investiture/Rededication Ceremony.

Supplies:

- World Association (World Trefoil) Pins
- World Association symbol cut into sections to create a puzzle. Prepare each piece with rolled tape so it will stick in place.
- World Association Flag – if available
- Large piece of poster board on which to mount the puzzle pieces

Leader: Today you are receiving your World Association Pin. As a member of Girl Scouts of the USA, you are also a part of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. There are over 10 million girls around the world who wear this same pin. The pin represents a sisterhood that spreads around the globe.

Girl 1: I place the blue field that represents the blue sky that is over us all. (place piece)

Girl 2: The gold band symbolizes the sun that shines over all lands. (place piece)

Girl 3: The world trefoil means three leaves. These three leaves stand for the three parts of the Promise that is said throughout the world. (place piece)

Girl 4: The first star is the Promise of the Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. (place piece)

Girl 5: The second star stands for the Law by which girls all over the world live. (place piece)

Girl 6: This piece is the vein. It symbolizes the compass needle that points the way to better Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting. (place piece)

Girl 7: The base of the trefoil is a flame. It is the flame of sisterhood that burns in the heart of every Girl Guide and Girl Scout. (place piece)

Leader: As you receive this pin, remember your responsibility to all the Girl Guides and Girl Scouts who wear the same symbol. You must be the best Girl Scout you can so that they all be proud to have you as their sister. (attach pin, give the Girl Scout handshake)

We will close this ceremony by singing "It's a Small World" (or other appropriate song)

Note: Ceremony can be preceded by a flag ceremony. Combine it with a collection for the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund.

(The World Association Pin is worn above the membership pin. It can be worn when not in uniform)



World Thinking Day Ceremony

- Narrator:** In 1908 Lord Robert Baden-Powell lit a torch that was destined to carry a message of peace and friendship to millions of boys and girls around the world. The flame began with the first group of Boy Scouts at a rally held in London, England. What the boys could do, girls could do, too, so they formed their own adventurous group – the Girl Guides. Thus was lighted the fire of friendship, service, learning and fun for children in many lands. Shoulder to shoulder, the youth of the world have since marched on the trail that their beloved founder laid so long ago. Today we celebrate World Thinking Day, the joint birthday of the founder, Lord Baden-Powell and our former World Chief Guide, Lady Baden-Powell. February 22 will always be a day to think about the international bond established for us all by these two inspired individuals. On this special day we remember:
- Girl 1:** That in the sisterhood of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, we have friends in over 145 countries.
- Girl 2:** That we and our sister Girl Scouts and Girl Guides can be a strong force for the peace of the world.
- Girl 3:** That we are great in number so we must be great in our loyalty to our Guide.
- Girl 4:** That we owe a debt of love and gratitude to the Founder and World Chief Guide.
- Girl 5:** That our greatest debt is to our God who inspired our leaders with such a great vision to unite mankind.
- Narrator:** And so it is with these thoughts in mind and the sense of undying friendship among ourselves that we unite with those around us to think of those member countries of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts which are so far from us yet so close in our hearts.

Flame Ceremony

Supplies: 5 candles (brown, green, red, white, and yellow) Arrange the candles with the green color in the middle, the brown and red candles on either side. The white and yellow candles are in the outside positions.

Girl Scout in Charge: Girl Scouts come from many lands, all with smiles and helping hands. Though they speak a different way, the law and promise they do obey.

First Girl: I light the brown candle in friendship for all the brown skinned Girl Scouts and Girl Guides in the world. Watch the flame closely please.

Second Girl: I light the red candle in friendship for all the red skinned Girl Scouts and Girl Guides in the world. Watch the flame closely please.

Third Girl: I light the white candle in friendship for all the white skinned Girl Scouts and Girl Guides in the world. Watch the flame closely please.

Fourth Girl: I light the yellow candle in friendship for all the yellow skinned Girl Scouts and Girl Guides in the world. Watch the flame closely please.

Girl Scout in Charge: Have you noticed the light from one candle is the same as the other, even though the outside covering is different in each one? The cultures of the nations around the world vary from one another, but we all have the same basic needs. We all wish to be shown respect for who we are and to enjoy the friendship and love of others.

(Light the green candle and extinguish the flame from the brown, red, yellow, and white candles.)

Girl Scout in Charge: The green candle represents the idea of international friendship and understanding. Let us strive each day to keep the flame alive in our own lives.