

## **IDEAS FOR ACTIVITIES AND CELEBRATIONS**

### **For World Thinking Day**

#### **At council or service unit level**

World Thinking Day provides special opportunities to educate our membership and the general public about Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting for the new millennium, including:

- Its mission
- Its worldwide nature
- Its work with other INGOs (International Non-Profit Groups and Organizations, such as through the United Nations)
- The Building World Citizenship theme, and
- Specific issues being pursued nationally by the Member Organizations, and/or regionally and internationally.

#### **What you might do:**

Consider interviews on local radio, TV, and in the press. Highlight girls and adults in your area who have done activities with Girl Guides.

- Do displays for local libraries or schools (using WAGGGS Thinking Day logo and other materials).

Have women in prominent positions speak in support of Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting.

- Update your council or service unit Web sites to include information, activities, and links about Thinking Day.
- Flying the WAGGGS flag at your council office or on a public building.

#### **World Thinking Day celebrations and activities can take many forms. At**

#### **the Local level**

Hold a Thinking Day party, dinner, or gathering. Use decorations, favors, activities, and foods to celebrate our global sisterhood

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- Arrange a get-together with national costumes from one or several WAGGGS' member organizations.
- Hold a musical event with songs from Girl Guide/Girl Scout countries. Refer to the GSUSA catalog for songbooks and tapes, or check with **your council office**.
- Hold a traditional "camp fire." Have a ceremony with the ashes, giving everyone a listing of where **they have traveled**. (You need a campfire ash sample and list from someone who has attended such a ceremony.)
  - **Hold a "sharing event" -**
    - Host a slide show about Girl Guide/Girl Scout events or places in other countries that others have visited through wider opportunity travels.
    - Use slides, pictures, and newspaper clippings about other countries in general.
    - Invite someone from another country to be a guest/speaker.
    - Ask a former Girl Scout to share her experiences (contact your local Girl Scout council for former Girl Scouts).
    - Invite girls/young women of a variety of nationalities in the local community (look for high school exchange students or higher education students).
    - Host adult women of various nationalities in the local community so that they can meet former members.
    - Show the video *Sisters all...Friends forever*. (Your council may have a copy of this video, or you might help purchase it for your council library.)
- **Make Posters or displays**
  - Depict Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting in other countries. (Use information from *Trefoil Round the World Our World News*, WAGGGS' Web site [//www.wagggsworld.com](http://www.wagggsworld.com), or the World Centers Web sites.)

#### Hold a "Building World Citizenship" evening

- Share information about the patch and projects. (See <http://www.girlscouts.org/girls/GS/recognitions/WorldCitizen/Worldcitizenship.htm> for more specific information on the patch.)
- Undertake a project on the evening of the event (such as doing literacy packages for overseas).
- Plan a community service project around the theme areas of "Building World Citizenship"

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- **Direct communication**
  - Visit the WAGGGS Web site and leave a message on the visitors' page (<http://www.wagggsworld.org/>)
  - Visit GSUSA's Just for Girls Web pages to check what others are doing for Thinking Day or to leave a message. (<http://www.girlscouts.org/girls>)
- **Create a game about WAGGGS or member countries**
  - Make up questions about WAGGGS, the four World Centers, and Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting around the world using information from *Trefoil Round the World* or the Internet.
  - Create an Internet scavenger hunt.
  - Create a "game or wide game with passports, foreign stamps, money, postcards, and special challenges or projects in each of the countries "visited". (Use different countries from different regions of WAGGGS.)
- **"Other language" activities**
  - Play miming games to describe places and things.
  - Learn some word phrases from other languages from someone who is bilingual, or read newspapers, magazines, or children's books.
  - Visit a Girl Guide or Girl Scout Internet site written in a different language.
  - Learn some songs in other languages.
- **Geography and Global activities .**
  - Play games based on identifying the locations of countries on a map or globe.
  - Learn the flags of member nations.
  - Complete activities in *Girl Scouts Go Global! Take a Closer Look at the World* and earn a participation patch.
- **Publicize Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting**
  - Wear uniforms at school and at work on Thinking Day.
  - Wear the WAGGGS "Year 2000 logo", the World Thinking Day Badge, or the World Badge.
- **Rallies and marches**
  - Bring together larger groups of Girl Scouts at an indoor or outdoor gathering.
  - Hold a gathering to celebrate the spiritual dimension of Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting.
  - Participate in dawn meetings (be part of the chain of World Thinking Day which starts at dawn in the Pacific on February 22 and travels around the world, ending at dusk *on the* West Coast of the Americas).

## Ceremonies

**World Thinking Day ceremonies will take place in many countries and are of many different kinds. Here are some components of these activities:**

- **Flag ceremonies**
  - Include the World Flag in your flag ceremony (and explain the significance of its various elements).
  - Include uniforms and/or members of other WAGGGS countries in your flag ceremony.
  - Carry the flags of other countries or member organizations.
- **Candles**
  - Use candles in various ways to highlight:
    - The original Promise and Law
    - Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting
    - Some or all of the 140 member organizations in WAGGGS
- **"Friendship chains or friendship circles"**
  - Make a friendship circle, joining hands.
  - Make paper chains, with each link representing a country, a wish for the future, or a girl.
- **Reflections and the Arts**
  - Use readings, quotations, slides, or music drawn from the cultures and traditions of other countries for a Girl Scouts Own ceremony or other event.
  - Set up a Peace Pole or hold a ceremony at a Peace Pole.
  - Hold a literacy event, reading stories from around the world.
  - Teach and use the World Song.
  - Use the World Thinking Day Song.
  - Use discs, tapes, CDs of Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting music from other countries. (See <http://www.girlscouts.org/girl/How/Leadership/songleading.htm> for ideas.)

### **The birthday aspect**

- Include birthday cakes with suitable decorations (blue and yellow, the Trefoil, etc).
- Use blue and yellow decorations.

## Collecting Money for Thinking Day

**Many councils, service units, or troops contribute to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund on Thinking Day. This fund is the way Girl Scouts here in the USA contribute to WAGGGS' Thinking Day Fund. The contributions from the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund are used to support the work of WAGGGS and provide funding for activities that support world friendship. To learn more about the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund, you can ask for copies of the annual report sent to all Girl Scout councils.**

- o Hold a special World Thinking Day bazaar or fun fair.
- o Contribute a coin for every year that you have been a Girl Guide/Girl Scout..
- Decide to contribute a portion of your troop money to Thinking Day.
- Have a special collection at your World Thinking Day Ceremony-notify participants that this will be taking place ahead of time. Collect coins or cans that can be recycled for money.

## GSUSA and WAGGGS Resources for Thinking Day

{ Available from your local Girl Scout shop, resource library, or from GSUSA's National Equipment Service.}

Building World Citizenship patch. The requirements can be found online at

<http://www.girlscouts.org/girls/GS/recognitions/WorldCitizen/Worldcitizenship.htm>.

The patch (if not available from your local council) can be ordered by calling GSUSA at (800) 221-6707. It is item 26711.

*Canciones de Nuesfra Cabana. World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts of the USA, 1980. Songs that are favorites at Our Cabana in Mexico.*

*The 4 World Centres-The Story of Four World Centres, by Anna Borzello. (London: World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, 1993.)*

*Girl Scouts Go Global/ Girl Scouts take a Closer Look at the World. (New York: Girl Scouts of the USA, 1999.) A great resource and participation patch for Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts.*

*Girl Scouts Sing and Dance Around the World. Songs and LingoRaps for Daisy, Brownie, and Junior Girl Scouts. (Booklet and tape.)*

*Sangam Songbook, Sangam GJL (New York: Girl Scouts of the USA: 1997.) Prepared by the Friends of Sangam Committee; this spiral-bound songbook has a great selection of songs, with a good international choice as well.*

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*Trefoil Round the World*, World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. (London: World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, 1997). Great for finding out about Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting in *other* countries. . .

*World Games and Recipes*, World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. (London: World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, 1979)

### Other Resources for Thinking Day

*Children Just Like Me: A unique celebration of children around the world*, Barabas and Anabel Kindersley. (New York: Darling Kindersley, 1995.) Published in conjunction with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of UNICEF, this book is a visual banquet of children's lives 'around the' world. Suitable for all ages.

Legend Music Web site at <http://www.gsmusic.com>. Contains information on recent recordings by Melinda Carroll in Hawaii.

- *Girl Scouts Greatest Hits I*. CD and cassette tape, has We Change the World, Our Cabana song, and Our Chalet song.
- *Girl Scouts Greatest Hits H*, CD and cassette tape, including the World Song and We Change the World, was recorded on a wider opportunity in Hawaii. Each song has a "karaoke" version so that girls can sing along.

*The Kids Around the World Cookbook*, by Deri Robins. (New York: ins isher, 1994.)

*Multicultural Cookbook-Food and Fun Around the World*, by Deanna F. Cook. (Charlotte, VT: Williamson Publishing Company, 1995.)

*Sidewalk Games Around the World*, by Arlene Erlbach. (Brookfield, CT: Millbrook Press, 1997.)

*World Crafts Festivals*, by Meryl Dorsey. (New York: Franklin Watts, 1996.)

