



WORLD THINKING DAY

Each year on February 22, girls participate in activities and projects with global themes to honor their sister Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in other countries. It is a special day in the Girl Scout year when we remember we are part of a worldwide movement.



Would your girls like to get to know other Girl Scouts around the country? There are a number of Girl Scout exchange activities available to help you get acquainted without leaving home. You might even have the opportunity to exchange with some Girl Guides overseas. *Step outside the box* to share with other Girl Scouts while helping your girls realize that they are part of a much larger organization.

A variety of programs, activities, information and resources are summarized below.

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THE HISTORY OF WORLD THINKING DAY

In 1926, delegates from around the globe met in the USA and agreed that 22 February would be known from then onward as a special day for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts all over the world.

Camp Edith Macy – now called Edith Macy Conference Center – in New York State, USA, was the venue for the fourth World Conference of the Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting Movement in 1926.

A special day

Conference attendees agreed that year that there should be a special annual day when Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world think of each other and express their thanks and appreciation for our international Movement. This was called Thinking Day.



The delegates chose 22 February as the date for Thinking Day because it was the birthday of both Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scout Movement, and his wife Olave, who was World Chief Guide.

Lord Baden-Powell had a little verse to help people remember how to pronounce his name:

“Man, Matron, Maiden,
Please call it Baden.
Further for Powell,
Rhyme it with Soul.

World Thinking Day Award

Each year, there is a World Thinking Day Award designed around a theme. The theme is based on one of the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals. The eight United Nations' Millennium Development Goals are:

1. Ending hunger and poverty
2. Education opens doors
3. Empowering girls
4. Helping children survive
5. Keeping mothers healthy
6. Preventing diseases
7. Saving the planet
8. Promoting peace through partnership

Check this link for grade level requirements that change each year:

http://www.girlscouts.org/who_we_are/global/world_thinking_day/

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 in the same area where the badges go, which is the same side as the Girl Scout Council identification set. The other side of the vest has been designated for the Journey awards. Journey awards are placed above all other badges on the sash. There is not a single exact location for this badge.

Girl Scouts Global Action Award

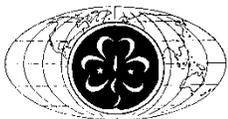
The Girl Scouts Global Action award, developed in partnership with the [World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts \(WAGGGS\)](#), is an exciting and enriching way for Girl Scout Daisies to Ambassadors to participate in realizing the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) which aim to reduce extreme poverty and impact major world concerns by 2015.

By earning the Global Action award, girls can learn, in a fun and educational way, about serious global issues affecting girls, young women, and their communities. Each Girl Scout who completes activities will join in WAGGGS' international movement of 10 million girls who together are sowing the seeds of social change.

The Global Action award is designed to complement GSUSA's national leadership journeys and reinforces the same leadership 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.

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Juliette Gordon Low World Friendship Fund

Juliette Gordon Low believed that, when girls travel internationally, they have an unparalleled opportunity to foster cultural understanding. That's why the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund was formed in 1927: to support girls as they travel internationally, connect with sister Girl Guides, and take action globally.

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 145 nations.



CCR Resource Boxes

The Center for Cultural Resources at Indiana University Southeast (CCR/IUS) in New Albany, Indiana is designated as an integral part of the IUS Curriculum Materials Center for Education students, area teachers, and others involved in diversity education. The Center is open to all persons who have attended a brief orientation session to obtain a library card and CCR-ID Code Name for use in reserving kits. <http://www.centerforculturalresources.com/>

FLAT GIRL SCOUTS

Flat Girl Scouts, the Girl Scout equivalent to [The Flat Stanley Project](#). [Friends Across America](#) is a similar program. You can download [paperdolls](#) or make a life-sized version by tracing a girl onto butcher paper.

Join the [Flat Stacie](#) program, or go to the [Flat Girl Scout](#) or [GS-GG Exchange Resource](#) yahoo groups to arrange your exchanges.



INTERNATIONAL THINKING DAY POSTCARD EXCHANGE

This website contains information about a National and International Postcard Exchange: www.mythinkingday.com

Your girls decide the extent of their participation -- exchange with troops from a few states or try for all 50! You may also have the opportunity to request exchanges with some international units. Last year there were close to 3,000 US Troops and just under 1000 International Units from 50 countries participating in this exchange. A Postcard Exchange patch is available.

Jan McKinney founded the Thinking Day Postcard Exchange and continues to provide this activity, which is 10⁺ years strong. A recognition plaque presented during her council's 2003 awards luncheon read, "Because of this Green Angel, Thinking Day has come alive for thousands of girls world-wide, and the World Association has become more than just words in a book."



PEN PALS

Although GSUSA no longer has a [pen pal program](#), there are a few unofficial programs that could be reviewed include: [Round Robin Girl Scouts](#) and the [GGGS Pen Pal Group](#) Yahoo groups.

MASCOT EXCHANGE

A mascot exchange is a fun way to open the girls' eyes to the *bigger picture*. This is a year-round project that can be started at any time, however many troops do fill up their schedules in the fall (or a year ahead!). You may select to just host a mascot, or jump right in with a mascot of your own and exchange with others. Exchanges may be arranged by joining the following yahoo groups: [GS/GG Mascots](#), or [GS-GG-Exchange Resource](#).



Mailing a package filled with your mascot, journal, swaps, photos, and tourist information can get expensive, so budget accordingly (estimate \$5-\$10 postage per box, with international mail costing triple). Although probably the most costly of the exchange projects listed, it can be the most rewarding for the girls

A mascot exchange is also a fun way to bring local troops closer together. Suggest that the girls in your service unit name a Mascot that would then visit one troop a month. Girls could make journal entries for the mascot describing what their troop is doing, read entries from other troops, add something to the mascot's outfit, enclose a troop photo, and make swaps for the next troop to be visited. The mascot's travels could be expanded to visit neighboring service units or do return visits with your local troops.

Some mascots have a theme, are dressed in uniform, or come with accessories. Let your girls be creative.





A CEREMONY FOR INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP

Supplies Needed: Ten candles

Number of Speaking Parts: 10

Each girl may carry a candle and place it in a holder or ten candles may be placed on the table, lighted separately by ten girls.



1. We carry candles of friendship. These are symbols of our pledge, as Girl Scouts, to offer friendship to all the world, especially to Girl Scouts everywhere. The flames are small but burn steadily and bright. We light them with thoughts of friendship glowing as steadily and brightly in our hearts.
2. We watch the glowing flames with grateful thoughts of Girl Scouts here and abroad who have put their friendship to a special test these last few years and found it true.
3. This candle is for the 'Founder of All Scouting and Guiding, Lord Baden-Powell.
4. This candle is for the Founder of Girl Scouting in the United States, Juliette Gordon Low.
5. This candle is for all Girl Scouts and Guides wherever they may be today.
6. This one is for service to our country.
7. This candle is for the hope of peace in every land.
8. This one says, "Good luck to all who are away from home."
9. This candle is for all our Girl Scout Laws.
10. This last is for the Promise we make as Girl Scouts together.



World Thinking Day Candle Ceremony

Setting/supplies: One large candle preferable multi colored. Six smaller candles on the table, preferable in six different colors. Each participant should have their own candle; mixed colors are best- a different colored ribbon on each candle or votives of different colors. Start with the large candle lit and light the six candles off it as the following are read:



I light this candle in friendship for all of the people who are older or younger, taller or smaller, richer or poorer than me.

I light this candle in friendship for all people who worship differently than me

I light this candle in friendship for all people of a different nationality or ethnic group than me

I light this candle in friendship for all people who are a different color than me

I light this candle in friendship for all people who come from other countries than me

I light this candle in friendship for all people who don't run, walk, see, hear or learn the same as me

I light this candle for me, for I am unique and special.(at this point we passed the light from person to person, with each saying the above line when they lit their candle--after everyone's candle is lit continue with the following parts)

Watch the flames closely please. Notice the light from each candle is the same, even though the outside of each candle is different. So, too, are all of us in the world.

We wear different clothes, speak different languages, follow different religions or beliefs, like different foods, sing different songs. And yet, we all belong to the same human race.

Inside we are all the same. We all wish to be recognized, we all wish to be called by name, we all wish for friends, we all wish for peace.

In the spirit of international understanding, we pledge ourselves to world friendship.

In the spirit of international understanding, we pledge ourselves to peacemaking.

In the spirit of international understanding, we pledge ourselves to accept the challenge to "look wider still."



Stars that shine together form a galaxy
Flowers that grow together create a garden
Buildings that stand together begin a city
People who work together make a difference.

This is what valuing differences is all about.

Author unknown



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ACTION STORY

Group is divided into 10 groups and given the following to do and say when their word is spoken:

LORD BADEN POWELL	"Rule Britannia" and Salute
LADY BADEN POWELL	"Be Prepared" (Girl Scout sign)
BROWNIES	"I have something in my pocket"
GIRL SCOUTS	"God Bless America"
THINKING DAY	(shout) February 22nd
GIRLS	(shout) Hurray!
BOY SCOUTS	"Yahoo!"
GIRL GUIDES	"Hello out there" (hand to mouth)
WORLD	"Big wound world" (make circle with hands)
CANADA	"Maple Leaf Forever"

There once lived a man whose name was LORD BADEN POWELL. He spent a long time in the British Army in India and Africa, and created the BOY SCOUTS. The boys learned new and exciting things from him and soon the GIRLS wanted to join in the fun, and joined in a BOY SCOUT parade at Crystal Palace, in London. LORD BADEN-POWELL was very surprised and began to think of fun things for GIRLS to do to help them grow in their own way and not just copy the boys.

In 1910 he asked his sister, Agnes, to set up the GIRL GUIDES and many units were formed as soon as they could find enough leaders and meeting places. The younger GIRLS also wanted to join in the fun and so the BROWNIES were started for them. They were first called Rosebuds. Later, LORD BADEN-POWELL went on an ocean cruise and met a lady named Olave Soames. They had many things in common, including the same birth date, and were married that same year. 10,000 BOY SCOUTS each gave one penny to buy a Rolls Royce car for their leader and his young wife.

LADY BADEN-POWELL was a very enthusiastic and friendly person who wanted GIRL GUIDES and BROWNIES to be known everywhere. She visited many countries and helped set up an International Council, which is now called "The WORLD Association of GIRL GUIDES and GIRL SCOUTS, which we call WAGGGS. February 22nd was the birthday of both LORD BADEN-POWELL and LADY BADEN-POWELL. This very special day was called THINKING DAY, and on this day, BOY SCOUTS, GIRL GUIDES and GIRL SCOUTS remember their friends all over the WORLD.

Every THINKING DAY, GIRL GUIDES, BROWNIES and GIRL SCOUTS collect money for the WORLD Association to help girls in other countries share in the fun and friendship. Now each year, we remember LORD BADEN-POWELL who started the BOY SCOUTS, and LADY BADEN-POWELL, along with all our GIRL GUIDE and GIRL SCOUT friends around the WORLD on THINKING DAY.



Story of the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund (JLWFF)



Read the story, girls listen for the CAPITALIZED words and do the action for each OR assign a different word to 5 groups of girls, they do the action when their word is read.

WORLD - stand and spin around

JULIETTE LOW - curtsy and say "Be my friend"

SCOUT, SCOUTS, SCOUTING OR GUIDE, GUIDES, GUIDING -big smile and Girl Scout sign

FRIENDSHIP, FRIEND, or FRIENDS - join hands with the person next to you

MONEY OR FUND - say "ka-ching!"

Once there was a lady named JULIETTE LOW, nicknamed Daisy. She became interested in SCOUTING through her friends, Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. They started Boy SCOUTING and Girl GUIDING in England. JULIETTE LOW thought SCOUTING was a wonderful idea. When she returned to America, she decided to start a Girl SCOUT troop. On March 12, 1912, in her hometown of Savannah, Georgia, JULIETTE LOW started the first Girl SCOUT troop in this part of the WORLD. Later she traveled all over our country helping to start more Girl SCOUT troops. She knew that SCOUTING would help girls to become FRIENDS and would help toward WORLD peace and good will.

After JULIETTE LOW died in 1927, her friends decided that the greatest tribute that could be paid to such a charming lady would be to continue working toward the realization of her dream of WORLD FRIENDSHIP. A memorial FUND was started. It was called the JULIETTE LOW WORLD FRIENDSHIP FUND.

Each year all Girl SCOUTS in the United States are given the opportunity to bring MONEY for this FUND which helps Girl SCOUTING and GUIDING all over the WORLD.

When Girl SCOUTS contribute to the JULIETTE LOW WORLD FRIENDSHIP FUND, they can imagine the far places of the WORLD to which this MONEY will travel and the ways it will help Girl SCOUTS and GUIDES. Maybe your MONEY will help buy a uniform for a Girl GUIDE in Belgium who can't afford one. Maybe your MONEY will help send some Senior Girl SCOUTS from our country to Our Chalet, an international camp in Switzerland, where Girl SCOUTS and GUIDES from all over the WORLD get together to learn more about each other. Or maybe you will be helping, with your MONEY, to start new Girl SCOUT and GUIDE troops in other countries.

No one knows to what parts of the WORLD this MONEY may travel. No one knows the ways in which it will one day come back to us in new FRIENDS. But we all know that as we give to the JULIETTE LOW WORLD FRIENDSHIP FUND, we are helping to spread Girl SCOUTING and GUIDING around the WORLD.