



**Service Unit  
World Thinking  
Day 2011-2012**



## World Thinking Day Event

February 22 is the special day set aside for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts to think about their sisters around the world. The date was selected because it was both the birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Boy Scouts, and his wife Lady Baden-Powell, one of the first World Chief Guides. To honor their sister Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in other countries, each year girls participate in activities, games and service projects with global themes.

“Think globally, act locally” is the mantra for World Thinking Day. The day is an opportunity for girls and leaders to get creative and learn more about the world. Activities should be designed to increase cultural awareness and emphasize the positive similarities between U.S. Girl Scouts and their sisters throughout the world. Service projects, cultural dances, ethnic food, arts, and research on world culture, environment, or geography are just a few of the ways to celebrate the day.

This packet contains a framework to use to develop a World Thinking Day event. Please include special traditions that are unique to your area/service unit to make it a meaningful experience for girls.

**Program Grade Level:** Girl Scout Daisy through Girl Scout Ambassador

**School Grades:** K – 12<sup>th</sup>

**Program Essentials Focus Area:** Cultural Literacy

**Program Duration:** 4 hours

**Optimal Setting:** Large open area

**Optimal Group Size:** Any size group

### Outcome Indicators:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Girls develop strong sense of self          | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls gain practical life skills                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Girls seek challenges in world                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Girls develop healthy relationships      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Girls promote cooperation and team building | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls can resolve conflicts                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Girls identify community needs                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Girls are empowered to make a difference |

**Accessibility and Inclusiveness:** Ensure that the location of your event is accessible to persons with disabilities. Please be conscious of food allergies when purchasing snack. Ask families in advance if any special accommodations need to be made. If you have questions regarding specific adaptations, please contact River Valleys at 800-845-0787.

## The Wide Game Format

When working with a large group at an event offering several activities, a wide game format is very useful. In a space large enough to accommodate the number of people you expect, each troop will set up their exhibit booth/display table for the country they selected. Participants, in groups, move in an organized manner from country to country learning and getting their passport stamped. This assures that everyone will have a chance to participate in each activity and that there are not too many or too few people at any country's exhibit/display at any given time.

Decide how many different stations there will be, based on the length of time of the event. Divide the number of minutes by the number of countries you intend to have (example: 3 hours = 180 minutes). The result is the length of time that can be given to each country. This time frame can be juggled to work in an opening address, closing address, breaks, etc. Divide the number of participants you expect by the number of scheduled exhibit booths/display tables. This will give you the number of participants for each group.

Example: 4 hour event hosting 30 countries = 4 hours x 60 minutes = 240 minutes

240 minutes divided by 30 countries = 8 minutes per country. (If each country's exhibit booth is designed for 6 minutes, there will be an extra 60 minutes left over. This can be used for the welcome, a break, extra time for people to move from station to station, wrap-up, etc.)

150 participants = 150 participants divided by 30 stations = 5 people per group

### Prep Needed:

- Complete service unit event proposal (*refer to Event Guide*)
- Prepare and distribute event registration form to troops (*sample copy included*)
- Recruit volunteers
- Get the word out
- Work with your volunteers to compile a list of responsibilities and things to do
- Make sure volunteers know when and how long they need to be at the event and responsibilities during the event

**Notes to the Event Coordinator:** Before you hold your service unit World Thinking Day event, make sure that you:

1. Read and follow all guidelines in the documents below:
  - Service Unit Event Guide  
([http://www.girlscoutsrv.org/forms\\_\\_resources/activity\\_planning\\_and\\_approval](http://www.girlscoutsrv.org/forms__resources/activity_planning_and_approval))
  - Safety-Wise Activity Checkpoints  
([http://www.girlscoutsrv.org/forms\\_\\_resources/health\\_and\\_safety](http://www.girlscoutsrv.org/forms__resources/health_and_safety)).

Remember that your service unit must purchase non-member event insurance for this event.

2. Check in with your council membership specialist to ensure that your event aligns with Program Essentials and meets all event guidelines and safety checkpoints.
3. You will need to prepare some aspects of this event in advance. Please read this guide thoroughly and note the advance preparations you will need to make and materials you will need to obtain.

# World Thinking Day Event

## The Wide Game Format

(Based on a four hour ceremony)

This service unit event program outline is designed for 150 people. It can be adapted based on the number of people attending. The recommended program grade level to register for a booth is Girl Scout Brownie through Girl Scout Ambassador. The recommended program grade level to attend the event is Girl Scout Daisy through Girl Scout Ambassador.

Time Allotment for Activity	Activity	Description	Materials Needed
5 min	Welcome, introductions	Welcome girls and guests to the celebration (See Event Planning Information for other format suggestions)	List of registrants, passport, pens/pencils
5 min	Flag Ceremony	Conduct opening flag ceremony (See Event Planning Information for more details)	Flags, flag stands, sashes, flag ceremony commands
90 min	Visit 15 countries	Girls will have 6 min visits with 15 different countries	Girls will need to travel with their passports and exhibit will need a stamp (See appendix for details)  Girls/troops will need to provide supplies for the activities at their countries station
30 min	Large group activity	Participate in a large group activity such as, dancing, sing-along, presentation, storytelling, etc	Varies on activity
90 min	Visit remaining 15 countries	Girls will have 6 min visits with 15 different countries.	Girls will need to travel with their passports and exhibit will need a stamp (See appendix for details)  Girls/troops will need to provide supplies for the activities at their countries station
20 min	Closing Remarks	Closing Ceremony (See Event Planning Information for closing ceremony variations)	Based on ceremony selected

**Celebration Adaptations:** See appendix for suggestions on larger service units, Juliette Low World Friendship Fund and other event suggestions.

## **World Thinking Day Event Planning Information**

### **Other Event Format Suggestions**

#### **Open House Format**

Each visiting participant can move freely from country to country participating in what is offered at each exhibit booth/display table, including getting their passport stamped or question answered. You can still plan a large group activity in the middle of the event when using this format.

#### **Ticket Sales Format**

Sell tickets for \$.10 each. Tickets will be exchanged for food samples. This works well in a large service unit where troops might have to make a lot of food or items. Each troop only makes enough food for a set number of samples and when the purchased tickets are gone, you are done sampling.

#### **Theme Format**

The event could focus on a specific theme for each country to display. Example: famous people, crafts, songs, amusement parks, or dances from your country of choice.

### **Other Event Suggestions:**

- Have each country present to the larger group
- Invite a multicultural dance or musical group
- Show the Four World Centres Video
- Include “games around the world” as a station
- Give a certificate to each troop who hosts an exhibit booth
- Refer to the World Thinking Guide for opening/closing ceremonies
- Do a presentation on The Juliette Low World Friendship Fund
- Collect funds for The Juliette Low World Friendship Fund

### **Set-up**

Place the exhibits around the outside edges of the room. Start each group at a different country. At the end of each time period, marked by the ringing of a bell or blowing of a whistle, each group will move to the next country, in a clock-wise fashion.

### **Passports**

Passports are used to travel from country to country during the event. To make a passport, use small sheets of paper with colored cardstock for the cover. If patches are provided, you can staple one to the front of the passport. If you will not be providing patches, the event theme or World Thinking Day symbol could be put on the cover. Each country should have a rubber stamp or some form of notary relating to their country to use in the passport as proof of travel.

Another variation is to print each country’s name on a page in the passport with a question about it. The answer will be found at that country’s exhibit to ensure girls are learning and attending each booth. This is a good way to engage older girls in learning more details about each country.

### **Older Girl Involvement Ideas**

Older girls can provide a wealth of information and insight when planning service unit events. Involving them in as much of the process as possible will allow them to develop their leadership skills and demonstrate that they are good role models for the younger girls. Possible involvement options include:

- Mistress of Ceremony
- Present Juliette Low World Friendship Fund information
- Conduct closing/opening ceremonies
- Present patches and/or tokens of appreciation

### **Juliette Low World Friendship Fund**

The Juliette Low World Friendship Fund helps extend Girl Scouting and Girl Guiding to many parts of the world. The fund supports programs that foster international friendships among Girl Scouts from 144 nations. Donations support participation in training and international events.

The Juliette Low World Friendship Fund was started in 1927, the year Juliette Low died, to honor her dream of spreading Girl Scouting around the world. She traveled to many places and believed that by spreading goodwill and friendship among children from different nations, they could bring about world peace.

Your donation will help the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts to support girls and young women throughout the world.

When collecting funds for The Juliette Low World Friendship Fund, please send one check payable to Girl Scouts of the USA to:

Girl Scouts of the USA  
Juliette Low World Friendship Fund  
P.O. Box 19611A  
Newark, NJ 07195-0611

Add **JLWFF** on the memo line to ensure the money is credited to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund.

### **Flag Ceremony**

Flag Ceremonies are an important Girl Scout tradition that reminds us that we are part of something larger. Additional information can be found in the Celebrations and Ceremony Packet at:

[http://www.girlscoutsrv.org/\\_asset/lrb01a/Ceremonies-Support-Packet---full.pdf](http://www.girlscoutsrv.org/_asset/lrb01a/Ceremonies-Support-Packet---full.pdf)

## **Additional Resources**

Girl Scouts of the USA-World Thinking Day

[www.girlscouts.org/who we are/global/world thinking day](http://www.girlscouts.org/who_we_are/global/world_thinking_day)

World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts

[www.wagggsworld.org](http://www.wagggsworld.org)

\*\*List of member countries available in the appendix

World Thinking Day

[www.worldthinkingday.org](http://www.worldthinkingday.org)

International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF)

[www.isgf.org](http://www.isgf.org)

World Foundation for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts

[www.worldfoundationgggs.org](http://www.worldfoundationgggs.org)

World Organization of the Scout Movement

[www.scout.org](http://www.scout.org)

**World Thinking Day Event Guide**  
**APPENDIX**



World Thinking Day Celebration  
Exhibit Booth registration

**SAMPLE**

DATE  
LOCATION  
TIME  
SET-UP TIME

**FOOD OR SNACK INFO HERE**

**SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR TROOPS TO BRING FOR THEIR EXHIBIT:**

- Country Flag (flags can be made or contact Business Services to check out a flag from the council.)
- Games and/or clothes
- Swaps from your country (enough for 200 people)
- Craft activity
- Sample finger food from your country (enough for 200 people)
- Dance performance
- Tablecloth, booth information, pictures about your country, books, posters, etc.

You must bring a stamp, sticker or some form of notary relating to your country to put in the passports of visiting troops.

**THE SERVICE UNIT WILL PROVIDE:**

Fill out your country preferences below. Countries will be assigned first come, first choice.  
Choices are listed on the back.

This year's event is limited to the first 30 countries to register.

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**REGISTRATION FORM FOR WORLD THINKING DAY**

Check one:  Troop # \_\_\_\_\_  Juliette

Leader/Girl's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Number of girls participating: \_\_\_\_\_

- Need a table
- Need an outlet
- Other special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Countries in order of Choice:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

You will be notified by (Date)  
of your choice.

# World Thinking Day Ceremonies



Contemporary World Association pin



## **Candlelight Ceremony** (flowers, real or artificial may be substituted for candles)

The group stands in a horseshoe formation.

**Leader:** This horseshoe, in which we stand, symbolizes the open friendship circle. In the open end of our horseshoe stand our sister Girl Scouts and Girl Guides around the world. Though we can't see them, they are there in spirit and with thoughts of friendship for you and me. We will use candles/flowers to remind us of the meaning of Thinking Day in our ceremony. My candle/flower represents Thinking Day, February 22nd.

**Scout 1:** Today we light/place these candles/flowers as symbols of our friendship with all Girl Scouts and Girl Guides around the world.

**Scout 2:** I light/place my candle/flower in memory of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of Scouting and Guiding. February 22 was his birthday.

**Scout 3:** I light/place my candle/flower for Lady Baden-Powell, Chief Guide of the World. February 22 was also her birthday.

**Scout 4:** February 22, the birthday of both Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, was set aside in 1926 as Thinking Day, the day when Girl Scouts and Girl Guides all over the world think about each other and what Scouting and Guiding means to them.

**Scout 5:** I light/place my candle/flower to represent service Girl Scouts and Girl Guides are prepared to give others.

**Scout 6:** My candle/flower represents the Girl Scouts and Girl Guide Promise made by members in all the member countries of the World Association.

**Scout 7:** Let us all renew our Promise by repeating it together.

*Everyone now repeats the Girl Scout Promise.*

Link hands as in a Friendship Circle and close with the *Dutch Padvindster's* (Girl Guide) *Goodnight*. I am a Link in the Golden Chain of World Friendship Scouting and I must keep my Link strong and bright.



## World Pin Ceremony

As soon as a girl becomes a member of Girl Scouts/Girl Guides, she is also a member of the World Association. While it is possible to present the girl with both her Girl Scout and World Association pin immediately, it is better to do so after a period of time in which the girl has been made aware what these pins stand for. Presenting the Girl Scout pin is usually done during an Investiture Ceremony; presenting the World Association pin is usually done during a Thinking Day Ceremony.

An optional prop needed for this ceremony is either a large picture of the World Association logo or a felt/flannel board in which the separate pieces of the pin can be placed by the Girl Scouts, as the ceremony progresses.

The group stands in a horseshoe formation.

Leader: (if not part of a Thinking Day ceremony, give a brief, concise explanation of the World Association)

This horseshoe in which we stand symbolizes the open friendship circle. In the open end stand our sister Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from around the world. We can not see them, but they are here in spirit with thoughts of friendship for all of us. The pin you are about to receive is a symbol of this world-wide bond. Its purpose is to encourage friendship between girls of all nations. As you receive your pin, remember that millions of girls all over the world will be receiving and wearing it also.

Scout 1: The World Association pin has a blue background. The blue stands for the sky which is over us all.

Scout 2: The gold trefoil stands for the sun which shines on us all. Its shape represents the three parts of the Promise.

Scout 3: The stars in the trefoil remind us of our Promise and Law.

Scout 4: The vein is the compass needle that guides us.

Scout 5: The wavy base of the trefoil is shaped like a flame, the flame of love of humankind in the true spirit of international friendship.

Suggested song: *Rise Up, O Flame (Sing Together Songbook)*

Leader (presents pin)

We wear the World Association Pin above the Girl Scout membership pin because we are a member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts first, then members of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.



## Fruit Salad Ceremony

Materials needed:

- paper/Styrofoam cup w/ a single fruit, cut up in bite size pieces, for each girl
- large mixing bowl
- large mixing spoon
- carton of *Cool Whip* or whipped cream
- bowl or plate and spoon for each girl

Have each girl choose a WAGGGS country to represent or assign a country.

Girls should gather around a table on which has been placed the large mixing bowl. Each in her turn empties her cup of fruit into the bowl and says, "I offer my fruit in the name of *insert country name*."

The leader says, "In the name of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, I mingle all these fruits so that each offering may touch every Girl Scout and Girl Guide around the world. (*Stir fruit*). I top it with the special joy of belonging. (*Top with the whipped cream*). Please come quietly to get your fruit salad and think about your sisters around the world."

As a closing, you may want to join hands in a circle and say, "I am a Link in the Golden Chain of World Friendship Scouting and I must keep my Link strong and bright." (You might even want to make a large paper link to use for this ending).

## World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts Members

<b>Country</b>	<b>Member Organization</b>
Antigua and Barbuda	The Girl Guides Association of Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina	Asociación Guías Argentinas
Armenia	National Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts of Armenia
Aruba	Het Arubaanse Padvindsters Gilde
Australia	Guides Australia
Austria	Pfadfinder und Pfadfinderinnen Österreichs
Bahamas	The Bahamas Girl Guides Association
Bahrain	The Girl Guides Association of Bahrain
Bangladesh	Bangladesh Girl Guides Association
Barbados	The Girl Guide Association of Barbados
Belarus	The Association of Belarusian Guides
Belgium	Guides and Scouts Movement of Belgium
Belize	The Girl Guides Association of Belize
Benin	Guides du Bénin
Bolivia	Asociación de Guías Scouts de Bolivia
Botswana	Botswana Girl Guides Association
Brazil	Federação de Bandeirantes do Brasil
Brunei	Girl Guides Association of Brunei Darussalam
Burkina Faso	Association des Guides du Burkina Faso
Burundi	Association des Guides du Burundi
Cambodia	Girl Guides Association of Cambodia
Cameroon	Association des Guides du Cameroun
Canada	Girl Guides of Canada
Central African Republic	Association Nationale des Guides de Centrafrique
Chad	Association des Guides du Tchad
Chile	Asociación de Guías y Scouts de Chile
Republic of China	Girl Scouts of Taiwan
Colombia	Asociación de Guías Scouts de Colombia
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Guides de la République Démocratique du Congo
Republic of the Congo	Association des Scouts et Guides du Congo
Cook Islands	The Girl Guides Cook Islands Association
Costa Rica	Asociación de Guías y Scouts de Costa Rica

Cyprus	Girl Guides Association of Cyprus
Czech Republic	Junák
Denmark	Pigespejdernes Fællesråd Danmark
Dominica	The Girl Guides Association of Dominica
Dominican Republic	Asociación de Guías Scouts Dominicanas
Ecuador	Asociación Nacional de Guías Scouts del Ecuador
Egypt	Egyptian Federation for Scouts and Girl Guides
El Salvador	Asociación de Muchachas Guías de El Salvador
Estonia	Eesti Gaidide Liit
Fiji	Fiji Girl Guides Association
Finland	Suomen Partiolaiset
France	Scoutisme Français
Gambia	The Gambia Girl Guides Association
Georgia	Sakartvelos Gogona Skautebis Asociacia 'Dia'
Germany	Ring Deutscher Pfadfinderinnenverbände
Ghana	The Ghana Girl Guides Association
Greece	Soma Hellinidon Odigon
Grenada	The Girl Guides Association of Grenada
Guatemala	Asociación Nacional de Muchachas Guías de Guatemala
Guinea	Association Nationale des Guides de Guinée
Guyana	Guyana Girl Guides Association
Haiti	Association Nationale des Guides d'Haïti
Honduras	Asociación Nacional de Muchachas Guías de Honduras
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Girl Guides Association
Hungary	Magyar Cserkészlány Szövetség
Iceland	Bandalag Íslenskra Skáta
India	The Bharat Scouts and Guides
Ireland	Council of Irish Guiding Associations
Israel	Hitachdut Hatsofim Ve Hatsofot Be Israel
Italy	Federazione Italiana dello Scouting
Ivory Coast	Fédération Ivoirienne du Scoutisme Féminin
Jamaica	The Girl Guides Association of Jamaica
Japan	Girl Scouts of Japan
Jordan	Jordanian Association for Boy Scouts and Girl Guides
Kenya	Kenya Girl Guides Association

Kiribati	The Girl Guides Association of Kiribati
South Korea	Girl Scouts Korea
Kuwait	Kuwait Girl Guides Association
Latvia	Latvijas Skautu un Gaidu Centrālā Organizācija
Lebanon	Fédération Libanaise des Eclaireuses et des Guides
Lesotho	Lesotho Girl Guides Association
Liberia	Liberian Girl Guides Association
Libya	Public Scout and Girl Guide Movement
Liechtenstein	Pfadfinder und Pfadfinderinnen Liechtensteins
Lithuania	Lietuvos skaučių seserija
Luxembourg	Bureau de Liaison des Associations Guides du Luxembourg
Madagascar	Skotisma Zazavavy eto Madagasikara
Malawi	The Malawi Girl Guides Association
Malaysia	Persatuan Pandu Puteri Malaysia
Maldives	Maldives Girl Guide Association
Malta	The Malta Girl Guides Association
Mauritania	Association des Scouts et Guides de Mauritanie
Mauritius	The Mauritius Girl Guides Association
Mexico	Guías de México
Monaco	Association des Guides et Scouts de Monaco
Mongolia	Girl Scout Association of Mongolia
Namibia	The Girl Guides Association of Namibia
Nepal	Nepal Scouts
Netherlands	Scouting Nederland
Netherlands Antilles	Padvindstersvereniging van de Nederlandse Antillen
New Zealand	Girl Guiding New Zealand
Nicaragua	Federación Nacional de Muchachas Guías de Nicaragua
Nigeria	The Nigerian Girl Guides Association
Norway	Speidernes Fellesorganisasjon
Oman	The National Organisation for Scouts and Guides
Pakistan	Pakistan Girl Guides Association
Panama	Asociación de Muchachas Guías de Panamá
Papua New Guinea	Girl Guides Association of Papua New Guinea
Paraguay	Asociación Guías Scouts del Paraguay
Peru	Asociación Nacional de Guías Scouts del Perú

Philippines	Girl Scouts of the Philippines
Poland	Związek Harcerstwa Polskiego
Portugal	Associação Guias de Portugal
Qatar	The Scout and Guide Association of Qatar
Romania	Asociația Ghidelor și Ghizilor din România
Russia	Rossiskaya Assotsiatsia Devochek-Skautov
Rwanda	Association des Guides du Rwanda
Saint Kitts and Nevis	The Girl Guides Association of Saint Christopher and Nevis
Saint Lucia	Girl Guides Association of Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Girl Guides Association of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
San Marino	Associazione Guide Esploratori Cattolici Sammarinesi
Senegal	Association des Scouts et Guides du Sénégal
Sierra Leone	The Sierra Leone Girl Guides Association
Singapore	Girl Guides Singapore
Slovakia	Slovenský skauting
Slovenia	Združenje slovenskih katoliških skavtinj in skavtov
Solomon Islands	The Girl Guides Association of the Solomon Islands
South Africa	Girl Guides Association of South Africa
Spain	Comité de Enlace del Guidismo en España
Sri Lanka	The Sri Lanka Girl Guides Association
Sudan	The Sudan Girl Guides Association
Suriname	Surinaamse Padvindsters Raad
Swaziland	The Swaziland Girl Guides Association
Sweden	Svenska Scoutrådet
Switzerland	Swiss Guide and Scout Movement
Syria	Scouts of Syria
Tanzania	The Tanzania Girl Guides Association
Thailand	The Girl Guides Association of Thailand
Togo	Association des Guides du Togo
Tonga	The Girl Guides Association of the Kingdom of Tonga
Trinidad and Tobago	The Girl Guides Association of Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia	Les Scouts Tunisiens
Turkey	Türkiye İzcilik Federasyonu
Uganda	The Uganda Girl Guides Association
Ukraine	Asotsiatsiya Haydov Ukrayiny

United Arab Emirates	Girl Guides Association of the United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom	Girlguiding UK
United States of America	Girl Scouts of the USA
Uruguay	Asociación Guías Scout del Uruguay
Venezuela	Asociación de Guías Scouts de Venezuela
Yemen	Yemen Scouts and Guides Association - Guide branch
Zambia	Girl Guides Association of Zambia
Zimbabwe	Girl Guides Association of Zimbabwe