



Short and Snappy

Learning Opportunity for Volunteers

What is a Short and Snappy?

- These short trainings can be provided at a service unit meeting.
- Any interested volunteer may lead a Short and Snappy.
- Short and Snappys are usually 10-45 minutes in length.

What you'll need

- Short and Snappy outline
- World Thinking Day Activity Packet and materials for activity you choose

Things to Remember

- Stay within the allotted time.
- If you don't know the answers seek the correct answer from the appropriate support person.

Questions? Comments?

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World Thinking Day

20 minutes

Each year on Feb. 22, World Thinking Day, girls participate in activities and projects with global themes to honor their sister Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in other countries. Every World Thinking Day has a different theme for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world to learn about and take action on. You can find the steps to earn the World Thinking Day badge on the WAGGGS website.

World Thinking Day was created in 1926 at the fourth Girl Guide/Girl Scout International Conference. The goal was to have a special day that Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from around the world would *think* of each other and give thanks and appreciation. Delegates chose Feb. 22 — the birthday of both Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scout movement, and his wife, Olave, who served as World Chief Guide.

In 1932, at the seventh World Conference, 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 was the beginning of the World Association's Thinking Day Fund, which helps offer Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting to more girls and young women. Girl Scouts of the USA's (GSUSA's) Juliette Low World Friendship Fund goes toward the World Thinking Day Fund.

The Juliette Low World Friendship Fund supports training, international events and programs that foster friendships among Girl Scouts from 144 nations. Your troop or service unit can donate: You might ask everyone to bring in a dime for every year they've been in Girl Scouts, recycle cans and bottles, or host an event and donate a percentage of proceeds.

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

Many service units host World Thinking Day events. Not sure where to begin? Take the Event and Series Director training and find out!

Through your World Thinking Day event, you can raise funds for your service unit as well as the Juliette Low World Friendship fund. Ideas (alter donation amount as desired):

- Bring in \$1 for every inch of your hair, height, etc.
- Donate \$1 for every year you've been in Girl Scouts.
- Hand of friendship: Measure your hand and give \$1 for each inch.
- A penny for your thoughts: Every time you speak, put \$1 in a jar.
- Send home baby food jars a few weeks before World Thinking Day. Every time you do a good deed, put \$1 in the jar.
- Draw a map of the country you're learning about and fill it in with pennies.
- Decorate a piggy bank and collect money at troop meetings.
- Make banks out of recycled objects to take home and fill with spare change.

Activity: Ask group for suggestions for World Thinking Day activities. Fill out with ideas below:

- Each troop picks a country and tells stories, does a skit, sings a song, or makes a meal to share that country's culture or history.
- Each troop makes a presentation on a specific country to the large group.
- Invite multicultural dance or music groups.
- Play games from around the world.
- Ask troops to volunteer to host booths. Give a certificate to each troop that does.
- Refer to the World Thinking Day Guide for opening/closing ceremonies.
- Do a presentation on the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund and collect donations.
- Connect with Girl Guide and Girl Scout troops around the world! Sign up for a pen pal at waggs.org/en/what-we-do/glow/.
- Create a World Thinking Day Pinterest board.
- Print "passports" with each country's name on a page to get stamped as the girls tour different stations.

Check out waggs.org for program ideas every year!