

Short and Snappy – World Thinking Day



Objective

To learn about World Thinking Day and how it can be celebrated.

Length

15 minutes

Materials Needed

Pencils and paper, poster board/white board

Information to Share (spend 5 minutes on this section)

On February 22nd of each year, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from 146 countries celebrate World Thinking Day (WTD) by participating in various activities and projects with a global theme.

World Thinking Day was started in 1926 by the delegates at the 4th World Conference. They decided that every year, February 22nd would be a day to celebrate and honor Girl Scouts and Girl Guides around the world. They chose February 22nd because it was the birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Boy Scouts, and Olave Baden-Powell, the World Chief Guide.

In 1932 it was decided at the 7th World Conference that World Thinking Day should focus on showing appreciation of the global movement by offering gifts to Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting through fundraising or donating. These gifts go toward the World Association's Thinking Day Fund, which helps to offer the Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting program to more girls around the world.

Girl Scout councils, communities, and troops celebrate World Thinking Day by hosting fun and exciting fundraising events and activities every year.

Activity (spend 10 minutes on this section)

1. Break up into groups and tell each group to come up with 6 ideas for celebrating World Thinking Day (including both fundraisers and fun activities).
2. Bring everyone back together to share their ideas. Write the ideas up on a poster or white board for everyone to see.

Possible examples include:

- Host a multicultural evening fundraiser, where traditions and art from around the world are presented.
- Each troop picks a country and tells stories, does a skit, sings a song, or makes a meal to share that country's cultural history.
- Invite multicultural dance or music groups to perform.
- Play games from around the world.
- Do a presentation on the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund and collect donations.
- Bring \$1 for every inch of your hair, height, etc.
- Draw a map of the country you are thinking about and fill it in with pennies.
- Sign up for a pen pal on the WAGGGS website (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts).