

# SHORT & SNAPPY: Girl Scout Special Days

## What is a Short and Snappy?

- It's a short interactive group discussion provided at a Service Unit meeting
- Any Service Unit team member, interested volunteer, or learning facilitator may guide a Short and Snappy (S&S)
- Ideas for presentation: One person can facilitate to a group, or small groups can present an assigned section to the room.

## Objectives

- Volunteers will learn about the annual Girl Scout special days.
- Supply volunteers with resources to use for celebrating these special days.

## Additional Resources

- [Traditions and Ceremonies](#)
- [World Thinking Day Activity Guide](#)
- [Ways to Celebrate JGL's Birthday](#)
- [Celebrate Faith Event](#)
- [Volunteer Appreciation Activity](#)

## More Information

- World Thinking Day is also a time Girl Scouts and Girl Guides across 150 countries celebrate. It has been celebrated since 1926.
- In Girl Scout Week, Girl Scout Sunday kicks off the week and the Sabbath ends on Friday or Saturday.
- Girls can earn the My Promise, My Faith pin by exploring the connections between the Girl Scout Law and their faith.
- In addition to gifts or services to say thanks, appreciation can be shown for leaders by nominating them for council and GSUSA awards.

## Elements/Activities

The Girl Scout calendar has a few days during the year where we like to celebrate!

- World Thinking Day (WTD) (Feb 22)
- Founder's Day (Oct 31)
- Girl Scout's Birthday (Mar 12)
- Girl Scout Week (week of Mar 12)
- Leader's Day (Apr 22)
- Volunteer Appreciation Month (April)

### The Basics:

- World Thinking Day- celebrates international friendship & world causes to make a difference
- Founder's Day- Juliette Gordon Lowe's birthday
- GS Birthday- Day Girl Scouts was established
- Leader's Day- Day of appreciation for our Troop Leaders

### Fun Additions:

- Participate in WTD Award Activities
- Juliette Gordon Lowe Candle Ceremony
- Have the Girl Scout Proclamation signed by the mayor
- Encourage girls to participate in Girl Scout Sabbath with their faith
- Encourage gifts or events to celebrate volunteers and leaders

## Special Days Activity

On a separate piece of paper/note card, display each of the special days mentioned (6), the specific date or month of each special day (6) and a quick definition of each special day (6). Divide up your audience into multiple groups. Give each group the 18 pieces of paper and challenge the groups to connect the special day to the appropriate date/month and definition. For some friendly competition, race to see who can match each day, date, and description correctly first.