

SHORT & SNAPPY World Thinking Day

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 S&S

Objectives

- Volunteers will learn about World Thinking Day
- Volunteers will be able to share this information as well as know how to earn the World Thinking Day Award with their girls

How It Has Grown

In 1932, at the seventh World Conference, held in Poland, a Belgian delegate suggested that since birthdays usually involve presents, girls could show their appreciation and friendship on World Thinking Day not only by extending warm wishes, but by offering a voluntary contribution to the World Association. This is how the World Association's Thinking Day Fund began. The fund helps offer Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting to more girls and young women worldwide. Girl Scouts of the USA, through its Juliette Low World Friendship Fund, contributes to the World Thinking Day Fund.

To emphasize the global aspect of World Thinking Day, members at the 30th World Conference, held in Ireland in 1999, changed the name from Thinking Day to World Thinking Day.

Ways To Celebrate

- Be inspired by the history and impact of Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting.
- Connect with the worldwide sisterhood.
- Take action and speak out on issues we care about.
- Fundraise for our movement.

Background History

Making the world a better place is Girl Scout Law, so it's no surprise we have a holiday dedicated to doing just that. Each February 22, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides across 150 countries celebrate World Thinking Day. It's a day of international friendship and a time to stand up for causes that could improve the lives of girls around the globe.

World Thinking Day was first created in 1926 at the fourth Girl Guide/Girl Scout International Conference held at Girl Scouts of the USE Camp Edith Macy (now called Edith Macy Conference Center). Conference attendees decided that there should be a special day for Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from around the world to "think" of each other and give thanks and appreciation to their "sister" Girl Scouts. The delegates chose February 22 as the date for Thinking Day because it was the mutual birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scout movement, and his wife, Olave, who served as World Chief Guide.

Earning the Patch

Every year, World Thinking Day has a different theme. Check out the [GSUSA website](#) to learn more about World Thinking Day and this year's global effort. Here, you will find activity guide downloads available to use with your troop to lead them through exploring World Thinking Day, information on earning the World Thinking Day Award and purchasing the patch, and a reminder that you can also use the Volunteer Toolkit to access additional meeting aids and tools to incorporate this patch into your meetings.

Also, every year, the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts has a World Thinking Day Activity packet, too. To learn more about this year's selected global issue, check out the [WAGGGS website](#).