

2014 World Thinking Day

First held in 1926, it is a special day for Girl Scouts around the world to think about each other and to give thanks and appreciation for their "sister" Girl Scouts and Girl Guides

Today, there are 145 different Girl Scouts and Girl Guide organizations around the world that are part of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) and many will participate in World Thinking Day. The theme for World Thinking Day 2014 is ***"education opens doors for all girls and boys."***

So, on February 22, 2014, we will join Girl Scout Troops to share what we have learned about the United Kingdom (England, Scotland and Wales) and to learn about the other countries being represented. We will be making SWAPS to share, passports to be stamped, and we can also bring some food to share.

Over the next few meetings, we will be learning about WAGGGS, World Thinking Day, and the UK.

Here are some of the topics and questions that we will be exploring:

1. Check out the WAGGGS Web site to find out about the different countries that are members of WAGGGS, and the projects that are being sponsored by that organization. Share what you learned with your troop, group, or other girls.
2. WAGGGS has four World Centers that any Girl Scout can visit. Find out the following about each of the four centers: Where is it? How can you get there? What types of events and activities can a visitor take part in there? You can find this information online at the WAGGGS Web site.
3. What is the history of World Thinking Day? Who established it and why?
4. Go to the "Global Girl Scouting" section of Girl Scouts of the USA's web site for information and activities regarding Girl Scouting around the world. Share what you learned with your troop, group, or other girls.
5. Find out about the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund. What does this fund do? How do girls all around the world benefit from the money in the fund?
6. Where is the United Kingdom?
7. What are their national landmarks or special symbols and flags?

8. What are the languages?
9. What kinds of food are special to the UK?
10. What do their traditional clothes look like?
11. What kind of houses do they live in?
12. What kinds of arts, songs, dances, or games do girls in the UK do?
13. How is their education system different than ours?
 - (a) how children travel to school;
 - (b) what they study and how they learn;
 - (c) typical class sizes;
 - (d) how long children attend school during the day; (e) the length of the school year;
 - (f) extra-curricular activities available; and
 - (g) any other questions you have.
14. What are Girl Scouts in the UK called?
15. What is the history of Girl Scouts in the UK?
16. What do they wear/what does their uniform look like?
17. How do the Girl Scout Promise and Laws differ?