



# What is World Thinking Day?

**World Thinking Day is not just a Girl Scout holiday, it is a day of international friendship. Each year, World Thinking Day has a new theme that focuses on a different international issue and encourages girls to think about what it is like to be a Girl Scout or Girl Guide (Girl Scouts outside of the US) in another country. Celebrated every February 22<sup>nd</sup> since 1926, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides in 146 WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) countries take a day to think about the challenges that girls face across the world and how we can all help.**

## How do we celebrate Thinking Day at the Farthest North Council?

Each Service Unit hosts a World Thinking Day event and each year it is usually the largest event of the year. Months before the event, troops choose a country from one of the 146 WAGGGS countries to learn about and present at World Thinking Day. Troops sign up for their countries through their Service Unit. Troops then research their country and put together a presentation to display at the event. Participants are given a “passport” to travel the world as they learn about different cultures and traditions while discovering what it’s like to be a Girl Guide in these diverse locations. Girls trade SWAPS (Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere) from their different countries and enjoy games and foods from numerous countries. Another longstanding tradition is for each girl to bring a small cash donation for the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund which supports international travel and fostering friendships between Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. Don’t miss this Council favorite event! Contact your Service Unit Manager to get information on this year’s World Thinking Day event.



## What do troops prepare for World Thinking Day?

- Troops make an informational presentation (usually on a tri-fold presentation board) and display facts about the country’s culture and what it’s like to be a Girl Guide there.
- Troops prepare or create a flag from their chosen country to display. Ask your Service Unit if there is a flag ceremony at your event.
- Troops prepare a traditional food, game or activity from their country for other girls to enjoy. Troops will also often dress up representing the culture of their chosen country.
- Troops create SWAPS to share with each other. World Thinking Day SWAPS are tiny crafts that represent the chosen country, usually attached to a safety pin. Girls then trade these tokens with each other as they move around the event. Ask your Service Unit how many you should prepare.





# WAGGS Countries

- Albania
- Antigua & Barbuda
- Argentina
- Armenia
- Aruba
- Australia
- Austria
- Azerbaijan
- Bahamas
- Bahrain
- Bangladesh
- Barbados
- Belarus
- Belgium
- Belize
- Benin
- Bolivia
- Botswana
- Brazil
- Brunei
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Cambodia
- Cameroon
- Canada
- Central African Republic
- Chad
- Chile
- Republic of China
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Republic of the Congo
- Cook Islands
- Costa Rica
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Dominica
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- Egypt
- El Salvador
- Estonia
- Fiji
- Finland
- France
- Gambia
- Georgia
- Germany
- Ghana
- Grenada
- Guatemala
- Guinea
- Guyana
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Hong Kong
- Hungary
- Iceland
- India
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Ivory Coast
- Jamaica
- Jordan
- Kenya
- Kiribati
- South Korea
- Kuwait
- Latvia
- Lebanon
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Libya
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Malaysia
- Maldives
- Malta
- Mauritania
- Mauritius
- Mexico
- Monaco
- Mongolia
- Myanmar
- Namibia
- Nepal
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Nicaragua
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Norway
- Oman
- Pakistan
- Palestine
- Panama
- Papua New Guinea
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Philippines
- Poland
- Portugal
- Qatar
- Romania
- Russia
- Rwanda
- St. Kitts & Nevis
- St. Lucia
- St. Vincent & the Grenadines
- San Marino
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- Singapore
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Solomon Islands
- South Africa
- Spain
- Sri Lanka
- Sudan
- Suriname
- Swaziland
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Syria
- Tanzania
- Thailand
- Togo
- Tonga
- Trinidad & Tobago
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- Uganda
- Ukraine
- United Arab Emirates
- United Kingdom
- United States of America
- Venezuela
- Yemen
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe