

Short and Snappy Session



World Thinking Day

Helping girls identify community needs and advocate for themselves and others, locally and globally.

Each year on February 22, World Thinking Day, girls participate in activities and projects with global themes to honor their sister Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in other countries. World Thinking Day is part of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts Global Action Theme (GAT), based on the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which aim to improve the lives of the world's poorest people.

History & Tradition

Thinking Day was first created in 1926 at the fourth Girl Guide/Girl Scout International Conference held at Girl Scouts of the USA 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.

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 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 Thinking Day, members at the 30th World Conference, held in Ireland in 1999, changed the name from Thinking Day to World Thinking Day.

Did you know...?

The theme for World Thinking Day 2014 is "Education opens doors for all girls and boys."

- Currently there are more than 100 million children of primary school age not in school.
- More than one in four adults worldwide cannot read or write and two-thirds are women.
- A single year of primary school increases the wages people earn later in life by 5-15 percent for boys and even more for girls.

Every year the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts puts out a World Thinking Day Activity Packet. Go to <http://www.worldthinkingday.org/en/activities10> to download a packet. Then pick one of the activities to do at an upcoming Community meeting.

What's a Short and Snappy?

- ◇ Short training/information segment provided as a Community meeting
- ◇ Any Community Learning Coordinator or interested volunteer may lead a Short and Snappy.
- ◇ Short and Snappies are 15–20 minutes in length.

What You'll Need for this Snappy:

- ◇ Leaders
- ◇ Moderator
- ◇ Resources needed: World Thinking Day Activity Packet and materials needed for activity you choose.
- ◇ 15-20 minutes



The World Thinking Day award is now an OFFICIAL award and therefore may be worn on the front of the official uniform sash or vest.

Girls can earn the award by completing activities from the World Thinking Day Activity Packet.

Girls can earn this award at any time during the year.