

Short and Snappy Session

World Thinking Day

girl scouts 
of the green and
white mountains

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.

What's a Short and Snappy?

- Short training/information segment provided at a meeting
- Any interested volunteer may lead a Short and Snappy
- Short and Snappies are 15-20 minutes in length.

History & Tradition

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 Scout 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...?

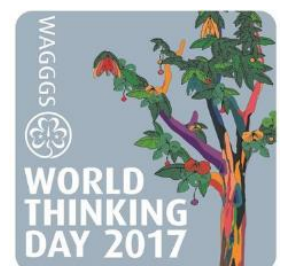
The theme for World Thinking Day 2017 is “grow”.

- There are approximately 800 million girls around the world and only 10 million are Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.
- Your troop/group can go on a treasure hunt to find the “seeds of change” and then use them to grow our Movement.

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

What You'll Need for this Snappy:

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



The World Thinking Day award is now an official award and can be worn on the front of the official uniform. Girls can earn this award at any time and can do so by completing activities in the World Thinking Day Activity Packet.