



# World Thinking Day

## WAGGGS Focus Countries

2011 Theme: "Empowering girls will change our world."



### BOLIVIA



Located in South America, Bolivia is the size of California and Texas combined. Most of the people live in the western part on a high plateau enclosed by the Andes Mountains. Spanish is one of three official languages. Potatoes are the main food and are served at every meal. The National Association for Girl Guides was founded there in 1958. There are four age levels starting with Brownies. Bolivian Girl Guide programs focus on health, the environment and women's rights.

Democratic Republic of the

### CONGO



Located in west central Africa, the Congo is  $\frac{1}{4}$  the size of the U.S. The country has rainforests, savannas and mountains. French is the official language, but there are 250 languages spoken by the various ethnic groups. The Congolese raise corn, tomatoes, yams, rice, pumpkin and peas and use these in their diet. They are known for their art (masks and statues). Girl Guides began there in 1937 and has six levels starting with Bengalis at age 5. Guide programs focus on AIDS prevention, decreasing violence to women and helping children suffering from malnutrition.

### CYPRUS



Located off the coast of Turkey and Syria, Cyprus is the third-largest island in the Mediterranean and is  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times the size of Delaware. Greek and Turkish are the official languages. Cypriots raise olives, grapes, citrus, barley, sheep, hogs and chicken and use all of these in their cooking. The first Girl Guide units were formed in 1930 and there are five age levels. The level for 7-9 yrs olds is called Butterfly. Guide programs focus on AIDS prevention, peace and human rights.

### NEPAL



Located between India and China, Nepal is the size of Arkansas and contains Mt. Everest, the tallest mountain in the world. Nepali is the official language. The Nepalese eat two meals a day: jyona (lunch) and beli (dinner). They eat vegetable and meat curries with rice or lentils. The Nepal Scouting Association was founded in 1952. There are three age levels. Scouting program topics include safe drinking water, the environment, literacy and leprosy awareness.

### YEMEN



Located on the southernmost tip of the Arabian Peninsula in the Red Sea, Yemen is about the size of France. The Yemeni people speak Arabic. Their foods are usually hot and spicy. Meat is served only once a week because it is in short supply. The Yemeni sit on the floor to eat their meals out of large bowls and pots using only the fingers of the right hand. The Yemen Scouts and Guides Association was established in 1987 and there are three age groups. Programs focus on home economics, health care, income-generating projects and handicrafts.

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## Fast Facts and Fun Links



- Girl Scouts of the USA is a member of the World Association of Girl Scouts and Girl Guides (WAGGGS) which has 10 million members in 145 countries worldwide.  
*(Find out more about WAGGGS at [www.wagggs.org](http://www.wagggs.org))*
- Thinking Day was established in 1926 as a special day for Girl Scouts and Girl Guides to “think” of each other and give thanks and appreciation to their “sister” scouts.
- February 22 was chosen because it is the mutual birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of Boy Scouts and his wife, Olave, who served as World Chief Guide.
- In 1999, the name was changed to World Thinking Day (WTD) to emphasize the global aspect.
- The Juliette Low World Friendship Fund was established in 1927 by GSUSA to support the WAGGGS World Thinking Day Fund which helps to offer Girl Scouting/Girl Guiding to more girls worldwide. The JLWFF also makes it possible for Girl Scouts in the U.S. to connect with their counterparts in other countries through international travel opportunities and WAGGGS leadership projects.  
*(Girl Scouts are encouraged to contribute to the JLWFF on World Thinking Day through the council.)*
- Every part of the World Trefoil Pin has a meaning:
  - gold trefoil on blue background represents sun shining on the children of the world;
  - three leaves represent the three parts of the Promise;
  - the base of the stalk represents the flame of the love of humanity;
  - the vein pointing up represents the compass needle pointing the way;
  - the two stars represent the Promise and Law.*(Girls can receive the pin at a troop ceremony on WTD)*
- Girl Scouts can earn the World Thinking Day Patch by completing one or more of the activities listed by age level at [www.girlscouts.org/world\\_thinking\\_day/](http://www.girlscouts.org/world_thinking_day/)  
*(Patches may be ordered through Juliette’s Boutique stores.)*
- Check out the great ideas for planning Thinking Day events/activities in the World Thinking Day Resource Guides at [www.girlscouts.org](http://www.girlscouts.org).
- Another great resource for Thinking Day activities/ceremonies is [www.scoutingweb.com](http://www.scoutingweb.com).

♪ Singing Game for ♪  
**World Thinking Day**

*From Canada*

*(Sing to the tune of "Mulberry Bush" standing in a circle)*



Here we go round and round the world  
Round the world, round the world  
Here we go round and round the world  
To visit all the Girl Scouts  
*(Action while singing: clapping)*

England is where all Scouting began  
Scouting began, Scouting began  
England is where all Scouting began  
According to the Founder's plan  
*(Action while singing: skipping)*

In Holland the Girl Scouts all wear clogs  
All wear clogs, all wear clogs  
In Holland the Girl Scouts all wear clogs  
And clomp around in jigs and jogs  
*(Action while singing: tapping heel then toe)*

In Australia the Girl Scouts see kangaroos  
See kangaroos, see kangaroos  
In Australia, the Girl Scouts see kangaroos  
Hoppity, skippity, jump!  
*(Action while singing: hopping)*

When German Girl Scouts wave goodbye  
Wave good-bye, wave good-bye  
When German Girl Scouts wave good-bye  
They say "Auf Wiedersehen"  
*(Action while singing: waving good-bye)*

# World Thinking Day Scavenger Hunt



1. What year was Thinking Day established?
2. In which year was its name changed to World Thinking Day?
3. What do the two stars on the World Trefoil Pin mean?
4. What color is the flag of Yemen?
5. What kind of art is the Congo known for creating?
6. What are 7-9 year-old Girl Guides in Cyprus called?
7. What is the main food of Bolivia?
8. Which countries have Guide programs on AIDS prevention?
9. Which country has the highest mountain in the world?
10. How many meals do the people of Nepal eat daily?
11. Which country's Guide program includes leprosy awareness?
12. Which focus country is an island?
13. Which country has the tradition of sitting on the floor to eat?
14. What is the official language of the Congo?
15. What three focus countries have mountains?
16. Which country is located in South America?
17. Which country has six scouting levels like the US?

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