



5 Minute Global Enrichment

November 2024

Learning Opportunity for
Volunteers & Girls

World Thinking Day

What is a '5 Minute Global Enrichment'?

This is a short learning opportunity concentrating on global.

Each is unique, and will add a global aspect to your Girl Scout programming.

So be sure to share with other Girl Scout volunteers and girls.



On February 22nd each year, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides around the globe celebrate World Thinking Day as a day of international friendship and a time to stand up for causes that could improve the lives of girls.

What is World Thinking Day?

World Thinking Day is an opportunity for 10 million plus Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from 152 countries to speak out on issues that affect girls and young women.

Thinking Day started in 1962 as Girl Guide and Girl Scout delegates from around the globe met at Camp Edith Macy in New York for the 4th World Conference. The delegates agreed there should be a special annual day when Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world think of each other and express appreciation for our global sisterhood and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) movement. Delegates agreed to name this special annual day Thinking Day, and it would be celebrated annually on February 22nd.

Name Change and International Aspects: In 1999 at the 30th World Conference in Dublin, Ireland, the Girl Guide and Girl Scout delegates decided to change the name of the day from Thinking Day to World Thinking Day. The new name better emphasizes the international and global aspects of the day.

Why do Girl Scouts celebrate World Thinking Day?

Girl Scouts celebrate this day to commemorate being part of a global sisterhood. World Thinking Day is also a day to bring awareness to global issues impacting girls and young women worldwide, and to take action to address these issues as part of a global movement.

What is the theme for World Thinking Day?

The theme for World Thinking Day is set by WAGGGS.

- World Thinking Day 2023's theme was Our World, Our Peaceful Future: The Environment, Peace, and Security. Girls will explore environmental problems and learn how to work with nature to create a more peaceful and secure future for girls everywhere.
- World Thinking Day 2024's theme will be Our World, Our Thriving Future: The Environment and Global Poverty. Girls will explore crucial global issues through the lens of environmental sustainability, gender equality, peace, and poverty.
- **World Thinking Day 2025's theme is Our Story: Reflecting on the symbolism and values of our movement.**

What can Leaders and Volunteers do?

As Service Units and Troops, celebrate World Thinking Day with discussion, activities, and participating in community action. Whether at a Service Unit event or in your own troop, talk to girls about World Thinking Day, what this day means to Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, and share ideas on how as a Service Unit or Troop you can help uphold that global sisterhood. Look at the requirements to earn the GS World Thinking Day Award, and ask the girls if they would like to earn the award.

Some suggested activities to help girls explore World Thinking Day:

- Earn the GS World Thinking Day Award. Check the requirements for your troop's level on the GSUSA's website:

Daisy, Brownie and Junior: https://www.girlscouts.org/content/dam/gsusa/forms-and-documents/members/global/25_WTD_DBJ_ActivityGuide.pdf

Cadette, Senior and Ambassador: https://www.girlscouts.org/content/dam/gsusa/forms-and-documents/members/global/25_WTD_CSA_ActivityGuide.pdf

- As WAGGGS prepares for the centenary of World Thinking Day (2026) and WAGGGS (2028), World Thinking Day is taking a new direction. Over the next four years they will celebrate the Movement through broad themes which explore WAGGGS and WTD history, symbolism, people, and future.



More Information here: <https://www.wagggs.org/en/what-we-do/world-thinking-day/>

Resources

- GSUSA Global Action Days Toolkit: https://www.girlscouts.org/content/dam/gsusa/forms-and-documents/members/global/GSUSA_Global-Action-Days-Toolkit.pdf
- GSUSA World Thinking Day Award Requirements:
 - Daisy, Brownie, Junior: https://www.girlscouts.org/content/dam/gsusa/forms-and-documents/members/global/25_WTD_DBJ_ActivityGuide.pdf
 - Cadette, Senior, Ambassador: https://www.girlscouts.org/content/dam/gsusa/forms-and-documents/members/global/25_WTD_CSA_ActivityGuide.pdf
- WAGGGS World Thinking Day Activity Pack:
 - <https://campfire.wagggs.org/sites/default/files/2024-10/ENG%20-%20WTD%202025%20-%20Activity%20Pack.pdf>

Looking Ahead

December's 5 Minute Global Enrichment will be about GUSA Destinations.

Questions?

Have questions about GSUSA or WAGGGS International Day of the Girl? Or need additional resources? Send an email to inquiry@gscolorado.org, and they will put you in touch with a member of GSCO's Global Action Team.