



# THINKING DAY 2012

## *GIRLS WORLDWIDE SAY*

### **"We Can Save Our Planet"**

Date: Saturday, February 25, 2012

Time: 9am-noon

Place: Springwoods Elementary School

Participants: All levels

Estimated Cost per girl to attend: \$3.50  
(includes Patch, swap necklace & \$1 to Share)

Countries Represented:

**Guyana \* Japan\* Ivory Coast \* Russia\* Tunisia**

More info on back (including general Thinking Day information, program schedule, reference websites and more!)

#### **Important Deadlines:**

December 8: Troops will select country & presentation theme

January 12: Need head count for each troop

February 9: If pre-paying, checks payable to SU 80-9, are due (one check per troop, please!)

February 25: The Big Day! All troops should be ready to present and also have their Friendship Fund contributions collected from troop members (\$1/per girl, please) to present at Thinking Day.



#### Questions?

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## What is Thinking Day?

Each year on February 22, World Thinking Day, girls participate in activities, games, and projects with global themes to honor their sister Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in other countries. World Thinking Day is part of the WAGGGS Global Action Theme (GAT) based on the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which aim to improve the lives of the world's poorest people. The theme for World Thinking Day 2012 is **girls worldwide say "We can save our planet."**

World Thinking Day not only gives girls a chance to celebrate international friendships, but is also a reminder that Girl Scouts of the USA is part of a global community—one of nearly 150 countries with Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. WAGGGS selected five countries of focus for World Thinking Day 2012 to represent the five WAGGGS regions: **Guyana** (Western Hemisphere), **Japan** (Asia/Pacific), **Ivory Coast** (Africa), **Russia** (Europe), **Tunisia** (Arab Region).

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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.

## Troop Expectations

Each participating troop will choose a country and theme (on sign up sheet at December 8th meeting). There may be some overlap, depending on the number of participating troops. Each group should prepare a brief 5 minute presentation, based on your designated country and theme. **The 4 themes will be sent out via email over prior to the next SU meeting.** The presentations will be held on stage, complete with sound system and should be interactive, informative and exciting.

## Juliette Gordon Low World Friendship Fund

Each participating troop should collect \$1 from each troop member. This money will be donated to the Juliette Gordon Low World Friendship Fund.

## Swaps

Each participating troop should bring swaps for girls to trade (number TBD, based on number of participants). This should be something that can be pinned to a swap necklace (flag on a safety pin, etc.) We had a GREAT time with swaps last year. This is optional, but the girls love it!

## Web Resources

<http://www.worldthinkingday.org>

<http://www.wagggsworld.org>

[www.girlscouts.org](http://www.girlscouts.org)

[http://www.girlscouts.org/who\\_we\\_are/global/world\\_thinking\\_day/](http://www.girlscouts.org/who_we_are/global/world_thinking_day/)

<http://www.worldthinkingday.org/en/activities10>