

# BRINGING INTERNATIONAL INTO THE PROGRAM



**Brownies Section**

## Brownie Program WAGGGS Ideas

### Key to Arts

#### Crafts from Afar

See package of games and crafts from different countries



#### Around the world song and dance

##### Grand ol Duke of York – Dance (origin England)

Start the girls out in two lines, facing each other.

The Grand Old Duke of York, he had ten thousand men

*(First pair at the top of the line holds hands and side-slide down the center of the two lines eight steps)*

He marched them up to the top of the hill and he marched them down again

*(First pair side-slide back to their starting position eight steps)*

And when they were up, they were up

And when they were down they were down,

And when they were only halfway up they were neither up nor down

*(First pair separates and each goes down the outside of their line, followed by the rest of the girls in that line, meets at the bottom and forms an arch with their original partner. The rest of the line(s) meet up with their partners at the bottom, hold hands and go under the arch and back up to form two lines again. This makes the first pair now the last pair of the lines. The song continues and the idea is to have all the actions complete and the next first set ready to start when the song repeats.)*

##### Lapada

We dance the Lapada, Lapada, Lapada.

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Dance: In a circle formation, everyone holds their neighbors' hands the first time through. Take 4 side-together steps to the left, then 4 to the right. Repeat for each verse with hands on the appropriate place on your neighbors' bodies, according to the question and answer with the Leader.

Leader: "Have your danced the Lapada?"

"Group: "Yes"

Leader: "Have your danced with your hands on your head?"

Group: "No"

Repeat the song, this time with your hands on your neighbors' heads. Then continue the questioning, using shoulder, waist, knees, ankles, and toes. The leader asks the same series of questions, starting with the head each time and working through the list until she receives the answer "No"

## Key to Girl Guides

### Thinking Day and Guide Scout Week

A. World Thinking Day- why do we celebrate it? It is Lord and Lady Baden-Powell's birthday. It takes place on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. It is a time when Girl Guides all around the world take time to THINK about each other.



B. Participate in a Thinking Day celebration- Here is an example of a simple Ceremony that can be used to introduce Brownies to the idea of international sisters around the world. (*Found on the Guides Zone website- <http://guidezone.e-guiding.com>*)

The Brownies sit in a circle. In the middle is a picture of the world badge; map of the world, or anything else you think is appropriate. The leader begins by talking about what Thinking Day is, why it is February 22<sup>nd</sup>, and how there are Brownies in lots of countries across the world. If you have a picture of the world badge, it is also an ideal time to introduce it the Brownies, explain who can wear it and why we wear it, and what the different parts of it mean. I've found the best way to keep the Brownies' attention at this point is to approach it as a question and answer session- plus the older Brownies love the opportunity to show their knowledge. (*It also gives you, the Leader, a bit of a boost because you feel as though you have taught the Brownies something in the past!*)

For the second part, each Brownie is given a night-light (*small, short, fat candle!*) on a foil tray. Note: it may be a good idea to check that anyone with long hair has it tied back, and also that no one is wearing loose clothing that may catch alight (*for example neckerchiefs/scarves*). An adult (*or sometimes, even an older responsible Brownie*) lights all the candles, and switches the lights off. This is also a good point to demonstrate how to light a match and candle! Each Brownie is also given a piece of card with the name of a country on it that has Guides/Girl Scouts. In turn, each Brownie picks up her candle and card, walks to the middle of the circle, says "I'm thinking about Brownies in...." put the candle and card down, and goes back to her place. (*One variation I have heard, is to light the candles one by one in the middle of the circle, so that they don't have to be carried*). At this point, each Brownie can also give in her donation (*traditionally a shiny Thinking Day penny*) in to a pot. The leader finishes off by thinking of all the other countries in WAGGGS, and scattering the names all around the circle of candles (the Brownies are always impressed by how many countries there are).

C. Find out something about the Four World Centres- great intro game for Four World Centres.

Fruit Basket Games adapted for the Four World Centres. First we named all the girls Our Chalet, Our Cabana, Sangam, or Pax Lodge. The girls sit in a circle. One girl is the caller and she stands in the middle. When she calls a name of a world centre all the girls named that centre run and change places. She has to run into one of the places of the girls that have left their seat. The person left over is the caller. This continues for as long as the girls wish to play. If you wish to make it more complicated the caller could just yell the country where that particular world centre was located. For example if the caller yelled Mexico.... all of the Our Cabana people change places. To get everyone

running, we yelled. THE WORLD! This was fun and is useful for teaching the locations of the world centers.

D. Play a game from another WAGGGS country- see package of games and crafts from other countries.

E. Find out how the Canadian World Friendship Fund helps Brownies and Girl Guides all around the world- see attached information from the Girl Guides Of Canada website.

## Canadian World Friendship Fund

Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada is part of an ever-growing worldwide organization: the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). At each triennial World Conference, Girl Guide and Girl Scout Associations who have met the criteria for membership are officially welcomed into WAGGGS. Today there are Girl Guide and Girl Scout members in 145 countries from Antigua & Barbuda to Zimbabwe.

Our membership in WAGGGS enables Canadian Guiders and their girls to have a direct and positive impact on the lives of less privileged girls and women, locally, nationally and globally. We organize this through the Canadian World Friendship Fund (CWFF). The history of CWFF dates back to the Second World War, when Girl Guides of Canada created the "Overseas Gift Fund" to provide relief for children during the World War II bombings in England. When the war ended in 1945, the money remaining in this fund was used as a foundation for an ongoing fund, designed to promote and support Guiding on an international basis. The CWFF was born.

### CWFF Contributions

Guiding members and units across Canada raise money in a variety of ways. The money is forwarded to the CWFF at the Guides Canada National Office in Toronto, where an ad hoc committee administers it. Chaired by the national international adviser, its members include the chief commissioner, director and managers of finance and administration and program delivery service. They are responsible for allocating money to a wide variety of international programs, activities, events and initiatives, including:

- **International Travel:** Some CWFF money is used to support girls and adults selected to participate in international events sponsored by national. With the focus on travel being encouraged through travel grants to provinces and areas, international trips include opportunities available at each of the four WAGGGS World Centres, as well as special events requiring national selection (such as the Leaders in Action event held in Chile in January of 2004).
- **In Travel Grants:** In Travel Grants provide provincially organized international events or camps with funds to offer financial assistance to girls from other countries participating in the event. It also allows for adults from other countries to attend specific events or training opportunities in Canada. An application form is available from provincial international advisers, for submission to program delivery service. Many provinces have made use of this grant process since it was initiated in 1999. In 2004, Quebec was able to host visitors from Honduras at "Whale of a Trip" and provide home stay before and after the event. In July British Columbia welcomed participants from Costa Rica to their "Soar 2004" adventure camp with the support of In Travel Grant funds.
- **Out Travel Grants:** Out Travel Grants encourage provinces and areas to organize travel opportunities for selected girls and accompanying leaders. Application forms are available from provincial international advisers, for submission to program delivery service.
- **National Selections and Guider Briefings:** Each year, a number of experienced Guiders volunteer for two or three days to review the tapes and

applications of adults applying for international events sponsored by national. Successful applicants participate in a briefing (held in teleconference format).

- **Mutual Aid:** Funds are made available to member countries through an application process overseen by WAGGGS. Project details are submitted to WAGGGS, where they are collated and distributed to other member countries for review. Countries choosing to support a given project forward the funds to WAGGGS, who informs and forwards the financial support to, the country. Projects may include assisting with the travel costs of trainers, developing program materials or securing program equipment, building/renovating national headquarters, and assisting with the purchase of office equipment and the development of publications, staff for pre-schools and day care Centres, in Sri Lanka, training for mothers in Peru and Distance Learning Project in the Philippines.
- **Western Hemisphere Region:** As one of the 36 member organizations in this WAGGGS region, Girl Guides of Canada has a commitment to support the work of the Western Hemisphere Committee. Funds from CWFF have supported many regional seminars: on structure and management (held in Antigua \$ Barbuda); on promoting a modern image (held at Our Cabana); for administrative leaders (Our Cabana, May 2003). Also, Canada supported and sent participants to an International leadership event for youth (Chile, December 2003) and the Western Hemisphere Regional Conference (Costa Rica, July 2004).
- **World Thinking Day Fund:** A portion of the CWFF is allocated annually to the World Thinking Day Fund. This fund is administered by the World Board to assist countries working toward membership in WAGGGS, to support Mutual Aid, or to help member countries respond to natural disasters.
- **GGC Emergence Disaster Relief Fund:** When a natural disaster strikes anywhere in the world, Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting is prepared to help. Funds are provided to aid agencies assisting where the emergency has occurred. In the past few years, through the Canadian Red Cross, GGC provided considerable assistance towards those affected by the horrific flooding in Mozambique in 2000, supported earthquake relief efforts in India and El Salvador in 2001 and the flooding relief for Badger, Newfoundland in 2003. Most recently, we provided substantial support through WAGGGS directly to our South East Asian Guiding Member Countries affected by the tsunami in 2004.
- **World Centre Volunteers:** Each year, all of the World Centres offer volunteer opportunities to Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from around the world. Canadians make great use of these opportunities and frequently serve as volunteer staff members at the Centres. CWFF assistance is provided to our members who successfully complete their staffing commitment.
- **Regional and World Conference Delegates:** As an active member of WAGGGS, it is essential that Girl Guides of Canada assists those countries whose finances would not normally allow them to attend a Western Hemisphere Region or World Conference. As these conferences are an important part of the WAGGGS decision-making process, and determine the future direction of our organization, it is imperative that as many member organizations as possible attend. As funds allow, a portion of CWFF is used for this purpose.

- **WAGGGS Volunteer Support:** A portion of CWFF is allocated to assist Canadian Guiders who have been elected or appointed to serve at the world level. At present, we are proud to have many Canadians working at the world level, on the World Board, or one of the Board Committees.
- **Twinning:** In the past, individual provinces participated in twinning projects with individual countries. Now, twinning efforts are being consolidated into one project, supported by all provinces. At present, Canada has a three-part project called, Guides in Action, in conjunction with Asociacion Nacional de Muchachas Guias de Honduras (Guides of Honduras). Using the material provided by WAGGGS and GGC funding, relating to the sensitive issue of adolescent pregnancy, Guides of Honduras are successfully working towards:
  - Expanding the Guiding Movement through the opening and consolidation of Guiding groups throughout Honduras
  - Creating awareness among the female population about the importance of subjects related to sexuality, teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases
  - Establishing contact with organizations that work towards the education of the female population, and form alliances/links, both at institutional and communal levels.

Read more about **Guides in Action, the Honduras Twinning Project!** And do the **Honduras Twinning Challenge.**

Contact your provincial international Adviser or the national international adviser for more information about this project. See the Canadian Guider for up to date information on the Honduras Twinning Project.

Through our CWFF contributions to the many components of WAGGGS, we have created bonds with Girl Guides and Girl Scouts throughout the world, and are warmly welcomed at all international gatherings of members. Working to support CWFF also enhances unit activities in Canada and our work to meet the Mission of WAGGGS and Girl Guides of Canada to encourage girls and young women to reach their potential and become active citizens of the world.

### **World Centres**

The four WAGGGS World Centres are available for Girl Guide/Girl Scout members to visit and participate in programs or events. **Pax Lodge** in London, England, together with the World Bureau, forms the Olave Centre. The other three Centres are **Our Cabana**, in Cuernavaca, Mexico; **Sangam**, in Pune, India; and **Our Chalet**, in Adelboden, Switzerland.

Money from CWFF is allocated equally to each centre annually. Recently Our Chalet has used our funds to extend its dining area, and to partially fund a vehicle used to transport guests, their luggage and skis. Anyone who has walked up the hill to Our Chalet will appreciate the fact that a ride is now available! At both Our Cabana and Sangam, our funds have helped upgrade dormitory accommodations. These two centers have also used our donations to assist members from outside their regions to

attend sessions. And, at Pax Lodge, the catering staff is delighted with their new double freezer, purchased by CWFF money.

### **World Thinking Day**

World Thinking Day was first created in 1926 at the fourth Girl Guide/Girl Scout International Conference, held at Girl Scouts of the USA's Camp Edith Macy (now called Edith Macy Conference Center). Conference attendees decided that there should be a special day when Girl Scouts and Girl Guides all around the world think of each other and give thanks and appreciation to the "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 also 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, gives to the Thinking Day Fund.

To emphasize the global aspect of Thinking Day, members at the 30<sup>th</sup> World Conference, held in Ireland in 1999, changed the name Thinking Day to World Thinking Day.

