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Visayas Region
Bohol Girl Scout Council

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TO : ALL SCHOOLS DISTRICT SUPERVISORS, CENTRAL/SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, HEAD TEACHERS, DISTRICT FIELD ADVISERS AND TROOP LEADERS FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS ALL MUNICIPALITIES AND TAGBILARAN CITY

SUBJECT : WORLD THINKING DAY (WTD) 2023

DATE : FEBRUARY 14, 2023

The World Thinking Day (WTD) which Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world celebrate every 22nd of February is an extraordinary time to connect with each other by having fun together, learning about and take action on the global issues that affect their local communities and raise funds for 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world in support of the World Thinking Day Fund.

This year's theme, "Our World, Our Peaceful Future: The Environment & Peace", is a continuation of the three-year journey for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts to become environmentally conscious leaders which came from a survey during the International Day of the Girl 2020 wherein the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) asked Girl Guides and Girl Scouts under 18 from 100 countries what issues they were most concerned about and what they wanted to change about the world. From this data, it was learned that the number one worry is the environment.

The WTD 2023 theme explores what we can learn from the environment and how we can work with nature to create a more peaceful and secure future for girls everywhere. We explore topics of stewardship, harmony, and the role the environment plays in peace and security.

In this regard, we encourage Girl Scouts from districts/schools to celebrate the joint birthday of our founders Lord Robert Baden Powell and Lady Olave Baden Powell by holding a WTD Ceremony and participate in the WTD activities. Attached are suggested activities (Attachment A) that troops, and girl scouts may do face-to-face or online, and the WTD Ceremony sample (Attachment B).

Digital copy of the WTD Activity is also available for download through this link https://duz92c7qaoni3.cloudfront.net/documents/WTD_English_22.10.07.pdf.



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We hope that you will continue to donate to the World Thinking Day Fund as you have before. Any amount you send will help fund programs and projects to empower girls and young women around the world. You may send your WTD Fund contribution through the Council.

For the information and guidance of all concerned. Widest dissemination is desired.

Your continued support to the Girl Scouting movement is greatly appreciated. Happy World Thinking Day!

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Attachment A

WORLD THINKING DAY CELEBRATION 2023
February 22, 2023



“Our World, Our Peaceful Future”

<p>THE CORN MAIDENS AND THE MOUSE SECTION</p>	<p>“Importance of World Thinking Day”</p> <p><i>Suggested Activities:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a World Thinking Day Ceremony • Contribute to World Thinking Day Fund • Brainstorm a fundraising idea to help collect donations for the World Thinking Day Fund • Hold an Essay Writing Contest about the importance of World Thinking Day • Find a way to say “Happy World Thinking Day” without using words. • Have an interactive story telling about the life of Lord and Olave Baden-Powell historical milestones • Organize a Quiz bee about the life of Lord and Olave Baden-Powell.
<p>THE EARTHQUAKE SECTION</p>	<p>“Learning the Five (5) World Centers”</p> <p><i>Suggested Activities:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize a Quiz bee about the Five (5) World Centers <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pax Lodge in United Kingdom 2. Our Cabafia in Mexico 3. Our Chalet in Switzerland 4. Sangam in India 5. Kusafiri (no fixed location) • Learn as much as possible about the five World Centers. • Call a patrol meeting and run an activity to help everyone think about different cultures and attitudes. • Fact or Fiction? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Give fun facts about Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting. • Make and share different special handshakes.
<p>THE AMRITA SECTION</p>	<p>“What kind of world you want to live in?”</p> <p><i>Suggested Activities:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct of a Council Wide Ham Radio Orientation Seminar by coordinating to your respective Amateur Radio Club and Enthusiasts • Reflect, share idea and give one wish you want to change your community for the better. • Hold a forum and present to the group the things you think are important for the organization to focus on through (e.g. poem, song, sketch, speech or poster). • Conduct a Photo Card Contest. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take a creative fun photo card to show how you or your group can take the lead to protect the environment. • Facilitate a dialogue between stakeholders to talk about concerns and issues of the community and how they can work together for a certain cause. • Organize a Sustainable Development Goals Fair with booths of different Girl Scout partners-Government Agencies, NGOs, private institutions and other stakeholders highlighting their significant contribution in helping achieve the Global Goals. • Brainstorm what Global Goals are the most important for children and young people in your community. Think of one way you could help achieve

	<p>this goal in their daily lives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initiate or join a community project like coastal clean-up, tree planting, beautification of an area, vegetable gardening, etc.• Help reduce plastic waste by avoiding the use of disposable cups, plates, straw, spoon and forks, etc.• Make and post on your Facebook account memes, slogan and posters on reducing plastic wastes. Use hash tags #OurWorldOurPeacefulFuture and #WTD2023• Conserve energy and water. Record how much energy and water your household consumes and make an effort to lower it by practicing energy and water conservation. This will not only help our environment but will also mean extra savings for your family.• Influence people and take decisions that will improve our life and the lives of others.
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WORLD THINKING DAY
Ceremony (Sample)
Wednesday, 22 February 2023



Setting: A table is placed at the center of the stage, with the pictures of Lord Baden Powell, Thinking Day Symbol, one large candle and Thinking Day boxes/baskets. Each participant should have her own candle.

Formation: Horseshoe

Entrance Song: THINKING DAY SONG

Hey, hey, hey it's Thinking Day! (3x)
All over the world it's Thinking Day.

In Mexico, it's Thinking Day,
In Switzerland, it's Thinking Day,
In Canada, it's Thinking Day,
All over the world it's Thinking Day.

Refrain:

Hey, hey, hey it's Thinking Day! (3x)
All over the world it's Thinking Day.

In Singapore, it's Thinking Day,
In USA, it's Thinking Day,

In Philippines, It's Thinking Day!
All over the world it's Thinking Day.

Refrain:

Hey, hey, hey it's Thinking Day! (3x)
All over the world it's Thinking Day.

In Bangladesh, it's Thinking Day,
In Maldives, it's Thinking Day,
In Monaco, it's Thinking Day!
All over the world it's Thinking Day.

Refrain:

Hey, hey, hey it's Thinking Day! (3x)
All over the world it's Thinking Day.

(Each speaker lights a candle and reads the following)

SPEAKER 1

Girl Scouts all over the world celebrate Thinking Day on February 22 of every year, to signify the great efforts and vital contribution made by the Scouting Movement towards promoting world fellowship and peace. Which commemorates the joint birthdays of the Founder of the Scouting Movement, Lord Robert and her wife Lade Olave Baden Powell. It is especially designated as international day to symbolize the unity of members of the World Family of Scouting, a day for "thinking of each other and for circling the world with a chain of warm, friendly thoughts."

SPEAKER 2

The idea for World Thinking Day first came to life when Girl Guides and Girl Scouts met in the USA at the fourth WAGGGS World Conference. It was created for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts to share their thanks and appreciation for our global movement.

SPEAKER 3

Thinking Day is also a way for girls and young women to learn about the life of their peers in other countries and to explore the Girl Guide and Girl Scout experience across the globe. This special day serves as an opportunity to celebrate international friendship, learn about and take action on important issues, and fundraise in support of the World Thinking Day Fund.

SPEAKER 4

As we celebrate Thinking Day, we should remember that in the fellowship of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts we have sisters from 152 countries around the world; that we owe a debt of love and gratitude to our Founder and World Chief Guide; that our dearest debt is to our Heavenly Father who has inspired our leaders with such vision of the unity of mankind.

PATROL 1

On Thinking Day, distances shrink, age differences vanish, nationalities, cultures and creeds blend, people stand united as kind thoughts, love and understanding circle the world. It is also a special time for our re-affirmation of the PROMISE made, and rededication to the challenges and tasks ahead. As the lines in our World Song go... "We must unite for what is right... To give to all both great and small all we can give."

Song (All):

GIRL SCOUTS TOGETHER

Girl Scouts together, that is our song,
Winding the old trails, rocky and long,
Learning our motto, living our creed,
Girl Scouts together, in every good deed.

Girl Scouts together, happy are we,
Friendly to neighbors, far o'er the sea.
Faithful to country, loyal to home,
Known as true Girl Scouts wherever we roam.

PATROL 2

The COVID-19 pandemic took hold across the globe and has been more challenging and hugely affected the World Thinking Day Celebration and the funds that many of you are normally able to raise to support Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world. With less donations, some of the projects the fund supports like leadership workshops for young women, support to Girl Guide and Girl Scout Associations around the world, and the development of the World Thinking Day Activity Pack, have been adversely affected.

PATROL 3

The World Thinking Day 2023 theme, "*Our World, Our Peaceful Future: The Environment & Peace*", explores what we can learn from the environment and how we can work with nature to create a more peaceful and secure future for girls everywhere. We explore topics of stewardship, harmony, and the role the environment plays in peace and security.

PATROL 4

This year's theme is a continuation of the three-year journey for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts to become environmentally conscious leaders which came from a survey during the International Day of the Girl 2020 wherein the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) asked Girl Guides and Girl Scouts under 18 from 100 countries what issues they were most concerned about and what they wanted to change about the world. From this data, it was learned that the number one worry is the environment.

PATROL 5

Using the knowledge gained from the previous year, we will work together to create a more peaceful and secure future for girls everywhere. Building on an understanding of the role climate change plays in disrupting global peace and security, we will focus on what we can learn from the environment to create a balanced and peaceful world. While peace in nature will look different for everyone, for the purpose of this pack, we will examine the different levels of relationships to nature - personal, communal, and global.

PATROL 6

And for yourself, consider how you fit into the natural world and when you feel at peace with the environment. At a communal level, peace comes about by considering how to balance diverse needs and finding ways to work together to find a natural harmony that celebrates and respects differences. Around the globe, we must explore methods of stewardship and consideration of both the natural world and our fellow human beings. These different aspects of a peaceful environment can help us all achieve a world with a peaceful future.

All

This World Thinking Day, and every day, we recognize the importance of working to build a world where this is true for everyone, wherever they live. As the global Movement with 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 152 countries - all with diverse backgrounds and experiences - we can learn a huge amount about ourselves, others and the world by connecting and sharing our experiences.

Thinking Day gives us a major opportunity to help each other through our voluntary efforts. Every centavo that we share will go a long way to support Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting programs all over the world. The World Thinking Day Fund also helps girls' voices to be heard globally, have access to unique and empowering non-formal educational experiences, and delivers leadership training to young women. Our contributions will strengthen our existence as a World Association.

Song (All): THE WORLD SONG

Our way is clear as we march on
And see our flag on high
Is never furled throughout the world
For hope shall never die
We must unite for what is right
In friendship true and strong
Until the earth in its rebirth
Shall sing our song!
Shall sing our song!

Paglakad natin ay mapanatag
Ang bandila ay masdan
Mananatiling nakawagayway,
ang pag asa'y may buhay
Pagkakaisa'y nararapat,
magmamahalan ng tapat
Kapag ang daigdig ay nagkakaisa,
tayong lahat liligaya