



## GIRL SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES

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) 2024**

**DATE : JANUARY 31, 2024**

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The World Thinking Day (WTD), celebrated yearly on February 22<sup>nd</sup> by the Girl Guides and Girl Scouts across the world, is an extraordinary time to connect with one another by having fun together, learning about and take action on the global issues that affect the 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 Thriving Future" is the celebration of the final part of our three-year journey for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts to become environmentally conscious leaders. It is an exciting learning journey to explore environmental issues through the lens of gender equality (2022 theme), peace (2023 theme) and poverty.

This environmental theme was born out of the 2020 youth consultations for the International Day of the Girl (IDG), where Girl Guides and Girl Scouts under 18 from 100 countries reported that the environment was their number one concern that they wanted to address. In the 2022 IDG consultation, girls continued to report a strong interest in the environment, with 30% of respondents wanting to further explore the topic of climate change and nature.

In view of this, all registered Girl Scouts are encouraged to celebrate the joint birthday of our founders Lord Robert Baden Powell and Lady Olave Baden Powell by holding a WTD Ceremony in their respective schools/districts, and participate in the WTD activities. Attached are the WTD Ceremony sample (Attachment A) and suggested activities (Attachment B) that troops and girl scouts need to do to earn the WTD Badge.

Digital copy of the WTD Activity is also available for download through this link <https://campfire.waggs.org/topic/world-thinking-day-2024-activity-pack>.



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We hope that you will continue to donate to the World Thinking Day Fund as you have in the past years. The amount you send will help fund programs and projects to empower girls and young women around the world. Kindly give/send your WTD Fund contributions to the GSP Bohol Girl Scout Council at 16 Tamblot Street in Tagbilaran City.

Further information and detailed instruction on the WTD 2024 Activities will be posted on the FB Page – GSP BOHOL COUNCIL.

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

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

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## WORLD THINKING DAY

### Ceremony (Sample)

Thursday, 22 February 2024



**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 (everybody sings the Thinking Day Song as they go to the formation)

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.

*(1<sup>st</sup> speaker lights the large 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.

**SPEAKER 2** Thinking Day commemorates the joint birthdays of the Founder of the Scouting Movement, Lord Robert and her wife Lady 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 3** In 1912, Lord BADEN POWELL met OLAVE St. Clair Soames on a cruise. OLAVE and BADEN POWELL not only shared the same birthdays, but by the end of the cruise, they were secretly engaged! Although born 32 years apart, Olave and Robert found out they had much in common: love of the outdoors, sports and music. They were married later that year, and OLAVE became Lady BADEN POWELL and World Chief Guide.

**SPEAKER 4** 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 5** 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 inspired our leaders with such a 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-reaffirmation 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 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** This year, we'll celebrate the final part of our three-year journey for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts to become environmentally conscious leaders with the **2024 World Thinking Day Theme, "Our World, Our Thriving Future"**. It is an exciting learning journey to explore environmental issues through the lens of gender equality (2022 theme), peace (2023 theme) and poverty.

**PATROL 4** This environmental theme was born out of the 2020 youth consultations for the International Day of the Girl (IDG), where Girl Guides and Girl Scouts under 18 from 100 countries reported that the environment was their number one concern that they wanted to address. In the 2022 IDG consultation, girls continued to report a strong interest in the environment, with 30% of respondents wanting to further explore the topic of climate change and nature.

## **PATROL 5**

Over the last thirty years the world has made great progress towards eradicating poverty which is now within our reach. However, climate change threatens this global progress. If not addressed, it could push an additional 130 million people into poverty over the next ten years. Climate justice involves taking action to combat the climate crisis through a holistic approach that recognizes that not all people have contributed the same to this issue. As you continue to learn about climate change and take action to tackle the problems it has created, remember to use your worldly mindset and think about how these problems are affecting others around the world.

## **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.

*(For Online Ceremony: Slide for GSP Bank Account will be shown while singing "The World Song")*

*(For Face-to-Face Ceremony: Participants sing the WORLD SONG, as they stand in place. At the second round of the song they exit, passing by the table at the center where they drop their Thinking Day contributions in the basket.)*

## **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



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**WORLD THINKING DAY CELEBRATION**  
February 22, 2024



**“Our World, Our Thriving Future”**

<p><b>Part 1: ENVIRONMENTAL KNOWLEDGE</b></p>	<p><b><i>“Importance of World Thinking Day”</i></b></p>
	<p><i>Suggested Activities:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold a World Thinking Day Ceremony</li> <li>• Contribute to World Thinking Day Fund</li> <li>• Brainstorm a fundraising idea to help collect donations for the World Thinking Day Fund</li> <li>• Hold an Essay Writing Contest about the importance of World Thinking Day</li> <li>• Find a way to say “Happy World Thinking Day” without using words.</li> <li>• Have an interactive story telling about the life of Lord and Olave Baden-Powell historical milestones</li> <li>• Organize a Quiz bee about the life of Lord and Olave Baden-Powell.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Part 2: ENVIRONMENTAL SKILLS</b></p>	<p><b><i>“Learning the Five (5) World Centers”</i></b></p>
	<p><i>Suggested Activities:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organize a Quiz bee about the Five (5) World Centers             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pax Lodge in United Kingdom</li> <li>2. Our Cabaña in Mexico</li> <li>3. Our Chalet in Switzerland</li> <li>4. Sangam in India</li> <li>5. Kusafiri (no fixed location)</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Learn as much as possible about the five World Centers.</li> <li>• Call a patrol meeting and run an activity to help everyone think about different cultures and attitudes.</li> <li>• Fact or Fiction?             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Give fun facts about Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Make and share different special handshakes.</li> </ul>

**Part 3:  
OUR THRIVING  
FUTURE**

***"What kind of world you want to live in?"***

*Suggested Activities:*

- 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.
  - 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 this goal in their daily lives. 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 **#WTD2024 #OURTHRIVINGFUTURE**
- 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.

