

International Girl Scouts

Here are the four steps to earn your World Thinking Day award. You can learn more by visiting GSUSA and WAGGGS.

1. Explore World Thinking Day
2. Experience World Thinking Day with purpose
3. Investigate this year's World Thinking Day theme
4. Share what you learned and commit to a better future



[GSUSA](https://www.girlscouts.org)

Part 1: A Special Day - In 1926, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from around the world met in the United States and created a special day where we can all think of one another and express thanks for our community of Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from around the world. They called it Thinking Day. They chose February 22 because it was the birthday of both Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of the Boy Scouts, and his wife Olave Baden-Powell, who founded the Girl Guides.

Part 2: A Birthday Gift - In 1932, at the 7th World Conference in Buczek, Poland, it was pointed out that since a birthday often involves presents, it would be a good idea to offer gifts on Thinking Day to support Girl Scouts and Girl Guides around the world. Olave Baden-Powell wrote a letter asking Girl Scouts and Girl Guides to “send a penny with their thoughts” on Thinking Day.

Part 3: World Thinking Day - In 1999, at the 30th World Conference in Dublin, Ireland, Thinking Day changed to World Thinking Day as a better name to show our connection with Girl Scouts and Girl Guides around the globe.

Part 4: Coming Together - Each year, World Thinking Day focuses on a theme where the whole community of Girl Scouts and Girl Guides around the globe works together to find ways to help.

Though you cannot visit sister Guides in France or Finland, in Austria or Australia, in Italy or Iceland, Canada or Chile, Ghana or Guatemala, USA, or U.A.R., you can reach out to them there in your MIND. And in this unseen, spiritual way you can give them your uplifting sympathy and friendship. Thus do we Guides, of all kinds and of all ages and of all nations, go with the highest and the best towards the spreading of true peace and goodwill on earth.

— Window on my heart (1983), Lady Baden-Powell and Mary Drewery, p. 182



[WAGGGS](https://www.wagggs.org)