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Welcome Note

It's Thinking Day month! This February 2011 edition of the Program Jewels newsletter is aimed at sharing some ideas on

how you can celebrate and recognize Thinking Day with your units. Make sure you collect some CWFF money

this month to donate!



World Thinking Day 2011

The theme of the 2011 World Thinking Day is “**empowering girls will change our world**”. The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) has prepared a [World Thinking Day Activity Pack for 2011](#). There are activities for all ages which will

help you to learn what you can do to make a difference.

You can earn a badge by completing six activities from the activity pack, including at least one [fundraising idea](#). Order your badges online from the [WAGGGS online store](#).



Canadian World Friendship Fund (CWFF)

If you have a great idea to share in a future edition of **Program Jewels**, send it to: program@monasheegirlguides.com.

Ideas could include:

- Games your girls love
- Successful crafts that help meet your program
- “Instant meeting” plans
- Field trip ideas
- Helpful website URLs
- Any activity for Girl Guide meetings (any branch!) that you think others need to know!

The Canadian World Friendship Fund (CWFF) consists of money raised by **all members of Girl Guides of Canada**. This means that your group should be collecting money for donation! February is typically the month that we focus on this fundraising effort.

This money is used for many different worthwhile projects that help Canadian girls and Guiders as well as our sisters in Guiding worldwide!

CWFF money is used to support:

- Disaster relief
- Twinning projects
- Mutual aid projects
- World Centers

- WAGGGS
- International travel
- In/out travel grants
- Western Hemisphere region work

Thanks to the hard work and compassion of Members across Canada, GGC raised over \$130,000 for the CWFF in 2010. These funds provided disaster relief for Haiti, Chile and Pakistan and supported our Guiding sisters in Kenya the Maldives, Georgia, Sudan and Zimbabwe.

This year, Girl Guides of Canada will again designate Canadian World Friendship Fund donations to provide mutual aid to assist the people devastated by the recent disasters in **Queensland**

Australia, Brazil, Sri Lanka and the Philippines.

All donations, big and small, are gratefully accepted, but Guiders and units are encouraged to strive for an average of \$5 per member as their CWFF donation.

If you raise at least \$5 per member before June 30, 2011, then you are eligible for the [Alberta CWFF Challenge](#) crest, available from the Alberta provincial office at a cost of \$1.25 per crest.*



For ideas on how to raise funds for CWFF, check out the [Fundraising for World Thinking Day 2011](#) document online.

* note: \$1.25 is the cost for BC Guiders to purchase these crests. AB Guiders pay less as they are subsidized by their provincial council.

Sing

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There's Guiding Everywhere

Words & Music by Dorothy Lind

voice 1

voice 2

vo 1

vo 2

vo 1

vo 2

Chords: D, A7, D, D7, G, A7, D, A7, D

Oh, the sun nev - er sets on Guid - ing. It's a

Guid - ing ev - ery - where,

dream all the world can share; For our Law and our Prom - ise

For the world to share. Guid - ing

span the globe. Yes, there's Guid - ing ev - ery - where!

span the globe. Yes, there's Guid - ing ev - ery - where!

HAPPY THINKING DAY!

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Read

Thinking Day Action Story

Source: Modified from [The Guidezone](#)

This story can be used to help teach girls about the history of Guiding and about what Thinking Day is.

First, divide the girls into eight groups. Each group will be given one word or phrase to listen for and to react to.

Here are the groups:

Lord Baden Powell: Salute

Lady Baden Powell: Curtsy

Brownies: (say) "Tu-whit, Tu-whit, Tu-woo"

Thinking Day: (shout)
"February 22nd"

Girls or Girl Guides: (shout)
"Girl Power!"

Boy Scouts: Hold up three fingers (scout sign) and say "Be Prepared"

World: Spin in a circle

Canada: (say) "Maple Leaf Forever!"

Read the following story to the girls, pausing as you go in order for them to correctly identify their participation spots.



There once lived a man whose name was LORD BADEN POWELL. He spent a long time in the British Army in India and Africa, and created the BOY SCOUTS. The boys learned new and exciting things from him and soon the GIRLS wanted to join in the fun, and joined in a BOY SCOUT parade at Crystal Palace, in London. LORD BADEN-POWELL was very surprised and began to think of fun things for GIRLS to do to help them grow in their own way and not just copy the boys.

In 1910 he asked his sister, Agnes, to set up the GIRL GUIDES and many units were formed as soon as they could find enough leaders and meeting places. The younger GIRLS also wanted to join in the fun and so the BROWNIES were started for them. They were first called Rosebuds. Later, LORD BADEN-POWELL went on an ocean cruise and met a lady named Olave Soames. They had many things in common, including the same birthdate, and were married that same year. 10,000 BOY SCOUTS each gave one penny to buy a



Rolls Royce car for their leader and his young wife.

LADY BADEN-POWELL was a very enthusiastic and friendly person who wanted GIRL GUIDES and BROWNIES to be known everywhere. She visited many countries, including CANADA and helped set up an International Council, which is now called "The WORLD Association of GIRL GUIDES and Girl Scouts, which we call W.A.G.G.G.S.

February 22nd was the birthday of both LORD BADEN-POWELL and LADY BADEN-POWELL. This very special day was called

THINKING DAY, and on this day, BOY SCOUTS, GIRL GUIDES and BROWNIES remember their friends all over the WORLD.

Every THINKING DAY, GIRL GUIDES and BROWNIES in CANADA collect money for the WORLD Association to help girls in other countries share in the fun and friendship. Now each year, we remember LORD BADEN-POWELL who started the BOY SCOUTS, and LADY BADEN-POWELL, along with all our GIRL GUIDES and BROWNIE friends around the WORLD on THINKING DAY.

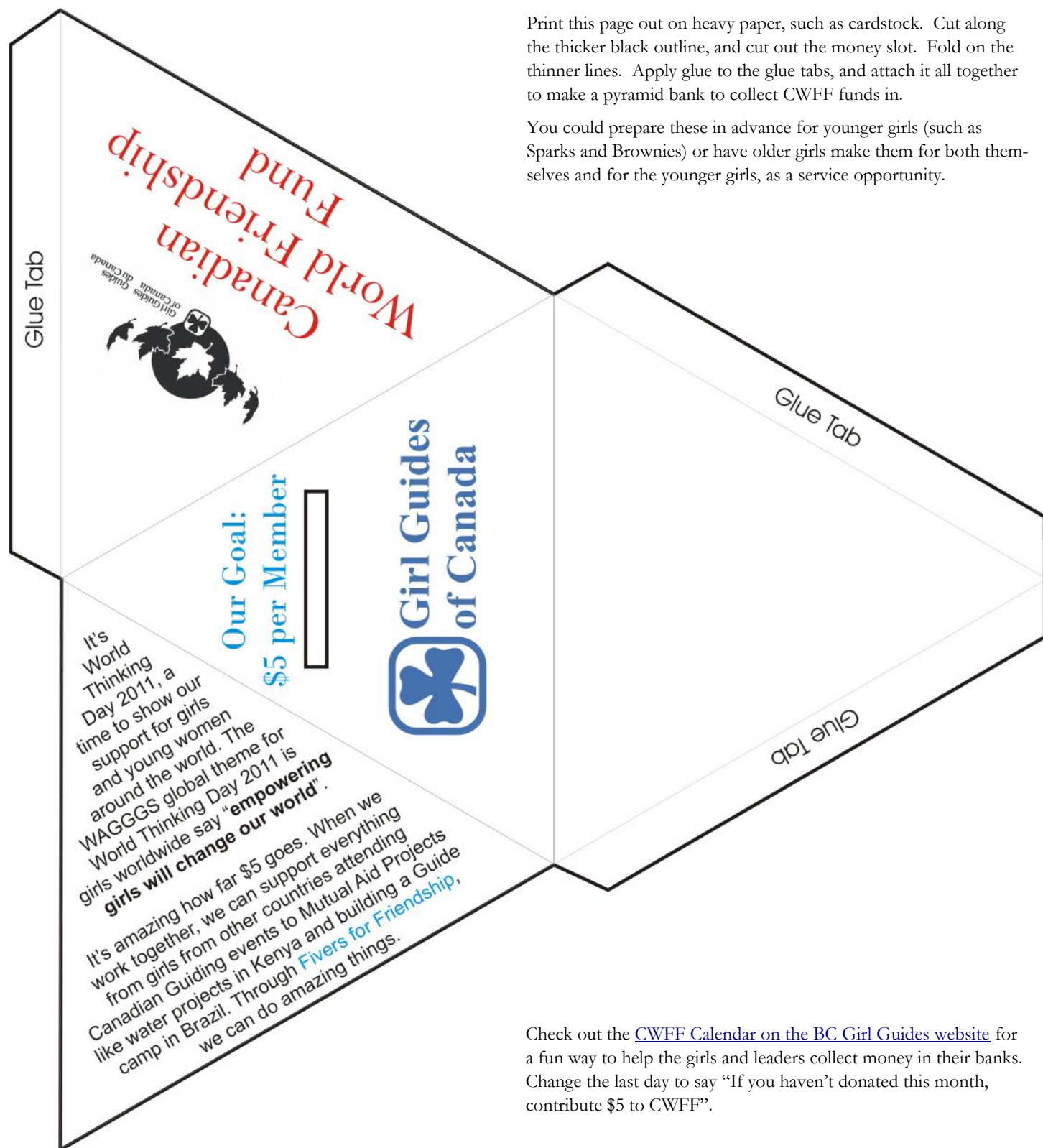
Participation stories help children to develop listening skills as they respond to the story.

Craft

CWFF Pyramid Bank

Print this page out on heavy paper, such as cardstock. Cut along the thicker black outline, and cut out the money slot. Fold on the thinner lines. Apply glue to the glue tabs, and attach it all together to make a pyramid bank to collect CWFF funds in.

You could prepare these in advance for younger girls (such as Sparks and Brownies) or have older girls make them for both themselves and for the younger girls, as a service opportunity.



Check out the [CWFF Calendar on the BC Girl Guides website](#) for a fun way to help the girls and leaders collect money in their banks. Change the last day to say "If you haven't donated this month, contribute \$5 to CWFF".

Games

Lemons and Limes

Source: [*World Thinking Day 2011 Activity Booklet*](#)

This activity shows that there are differences even in things you assume are the same. It can provoke a discussion about what makes us different and what similarities we have to each other.



Supplies:

A lemon or lime for each player, a permanent marker pen.

Instructions:

1. Give every player a lemon or lime. Ask the players to write their name on the fruit. The players have two minutes to get to know their fruit, noticing the shape, texture and any marks on it.
2. Ask the players to sit together shoulder-to-shoulder in a close circle, with their hands behind their backs. The players should be facing the centre of the circle so they can't see anyone's hands.
3. Give each player a fruit, distributed at random. Ask them to feel the fruit and if it is not their fruit, pass it to the left. If they think they have their fruit, they hold it and continue to pass the rest of the fruits to the left.
4. Let this go on for 5 mins, or until they have all found their own fruits.
5. Ask the players to look at the fruits in their hands to see if they guessed correctly. What makes us different from each other? How might this cause problems in communities?

Different Ways with Paper

Source: [*World Thinking Day 2011 Activity Booklet*](#)

This aims to demonstrate that we all have different ways of learning and doing things. No one person's way is necessarily better than another's, it is just different! Use this activity to start discussing how people's differences might prevent them from getting a good education or finding work.

Supplies:

A small piece of scrap paper for each player.

Instructions:

1. Each player has a piece of paper and needs to follow the instructions. No one is allowed to ask questions. Every person must concentrate on their paper without looking at what others are doing. Call out the instructions:
 - a) Fold your piece of paper in half
 - b) Fold it diagonally
 - c) Rip off a corner
 - d) Fold it in half again
 - e) Fold in one third
 - f) Rip off a corner
2. Ask everyone in the group to unfold their sheets of paper. What do they look like? Are they all different?
3. Discuss the fact that everyone had an identical

sheet of paper, followed the same instructions and yet ended up with a different result! Discuss how these differences can be advantages or disadvantages when trying to get a good job or qualification.



Trier: a game from Trinidad

Source: [*Bringing International Into the Program*](#) resource

This game is suitable for older girls. Check out the source of this game for many more international games for all ages.



This game involves quick reflexes and lots of practice. Children in Trinidad play this anywhere they can find a few small pebbles. This game can be

played with any number of players.

Supplies:

Each player needs 5 pebbles or dried beans.

Instructions:

1. Players should practice throwing their beans up in the air and catching them. Once the players have mastered throwing the beans with one hand and catching them all with one hand they can go onto the next step.
2. The second step is for the players to throw the beans up but rather than catch them in their palms they must catch them on the back of their hands.
3. Finally, with one smooth motion, tell them to flip the beans resting on the backs of their hands to their palms.
4. At the end of three rounds, the player with the highest score wins.

Thinking Day Singing Game

Source: [Becky's Guiding Resource Centre](#)

Sing this song to the tune of "Here we go Round the Mulberry Bush"

Here we go round and round the world,
Round the world, round the world.
Here we go round and round the world,
To visit all the Brownies. *(skip while singing)*

England is where the Brownies began,
Brownies began, Brownies began,
England is where the Brownies began,
According to the Founder's plan. *(skip)*

In Hollarnd the Brownies all wear clogs,
All wear clogs, all wear clogs
In Holland the Brownies all wear clogs,
And clomp around in jigs and jogs. *(heel out - touch foot each time)*

Each Brownie in India is called a Bulbul
Called a Bulbul, called a Bulbul,
Each Brownie in India is called a Bulbul,
She might wear a sari which looks nice and cool. *(flap arms)*
(note: a Bulbul is a brightly coloured cheerful bird in India)

In Australia the Brownies see kangaroos
See kangaroos, see kangaroos,
In Australia the Brownies see kangaroos,
Hoppity, skippety, jump! *(hop like kangaroos)*

Japanese Brownies all have fans
All have fans, all have fans,
Japanesse Brownies all have fans
And wave them gently with their hands. *(pretend to have a fan and fan yourself)*

When German Brownies wave "good-bye"
Wave good-bye, wave good-bye,
When German Brownies wave good-bye,
The say "Auf Wiedersehen" *(wave good-bye)*

In every land they lend a hand,
Lend a hand, lend a hand
In every land they lend a hand,
That's the Brownie motto! *(make Brownie sign)*

Thinking Day Traders

Is your District participating in a Thinking Day event?
What a fantastic opportunity to introduce Traders to the younger girls, and to give everyone the chance to meet other girls in their district in a fun way.

There are many international craft ideas that can be made into Traders, or SWAPS
(Special Whatchamacallits

Affectionately **P**inned
Somewhere or **S**hare **W**ith **A**
Pal).

Here are some websites to help you find Traders for your group to make and bring to your District Thinking Day event.

- The [Making Friends website](#) has several SWAPS ideas for 17 different countries.

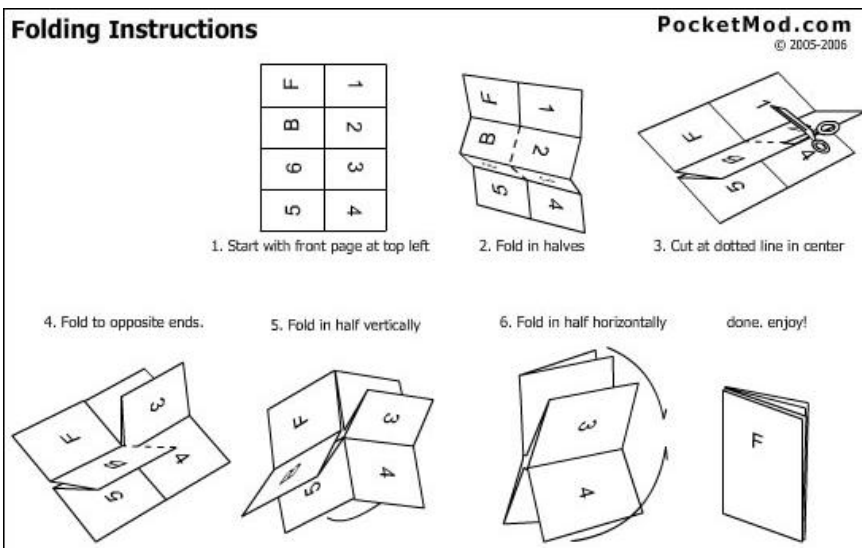
- Create international pin flags to trade using patterns from the [About.com website](#).
 - The [Scout Swaps website](#) is an excellent resource.
 - Although the Swaps a Lot online store is no longer operating, you can view their [Thinking Day SWAPS](#) to get ideas.
 - Tie two ribbons together to make [WAGGGS Friendship Knots](#) to trade.
 - These [beaded bears of the world](#) are cute.
- While this is by no means an exhaustive list, it will give you a starting place, and I'm sure you can find something fun for your girls to create using these online resources.

Thinking Day Passport

If you haven't already heard of them, PocketMods are origami-like 8 page mini booklets that are constructed by folding 1 sheet of paper. On the next page you will find a Thinking Day passport template to print. Once you have it printed, fold it to create a "Pocket Mod" booklet passport.

View a video on how to fold the booklet on [YouTube](#).

Make your own PocketMod using the online [PocketMod creator](#).





*World Association of
Girl Guides and*



PASSPORT

NAME - NOM	
SEX - SEXE	BIRTHPLACE - LIEU DE NAISSANCE
NATIONALITY - NATIONALITE	BIRTH DATE - DATE DE NAISSANCE
SIGNATURE OF BEARER - SIGNATURE DU TITULAIRE	

- World Centres

Canada

Our Chalet

England

145 Birthday

Lord Baden Powell

CWFF

Trefoil

Feb 22
- Start on the date of Thinking Day
 - Thinking Day was chosen because it is the ____ of two important people.
 - The man who started Scouting.
 - The wife of the man who started scouting - they share a birthday!
 - The country where scouting started.
 - Our country
 - There are four ____ that Girl Guides from around the world can visit.
 - At this World Centre in Switzerland, you can go skiing.
 - What is the short name for the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts?
 - We collect money to help our sisters in Guiding around the world. What is the short name for the Canadian World Friendship Fund?
 - This is how many countries have Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in them.
 - This is the name of the shape you just made



World Centre: _____

Country: _____

World Centre: _____

Country: _____



World Centre: _____

World Centre: _____

Country: _____

Country: _____