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With 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from 146 countries, the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) is the largest voluntary Movement dedicated to girls and young women in the world.

WAGGGS's mission is: "To enable girls and young women to develop their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world." To achieve this mission, WAGGGS is creating strong partnerships at all levels that empower girls and young women to take action and make the world a better place.

This year's WTD theme is Millennium Development Goal (MDG) 8: Develop a global partnership for development. This is the last in a series of WTD themes focusing on the MDGs, and the last element of the Global Action Theme, "together we can change our world". Through the Global Action Theme, WAGGGS members have been taking action on the MDGs since 2009.

Experiencing the power of partnerships is a great way to celebrate this worldwide Movement. The MDGs as a whole represent a global partnership for development, and establishing successful partnerships is not something new for the members. Every day, Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world are working in partnership at all levels. Those partnerships could be:

Local: among groups in the same movement or with other partners in the local community.

National: Member Organizations forming partnerships with NGOs and other Member Organizations depending on the expertise of each one.

Regional: regional teams sharing knowledge by providing support through trainings and workshops.

Global: WAGGGS partners with global stakeholders (UN WOMEN, Dove, UPS and many more) that share the vision for girls and young women.

In a partnership of 10 million, imagine what we can achieve!

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The WTD 2015 activity pack is a great way to introduce the MDGs, especially MDG 8, to girls and young women.

Take part to...

- Be inspired by the history and impact of the global Movement.
- Celebrate World Thinking Day and feel like one in ten million!
- Take action in partnership that changes your community.
- Connect with the worldwide sisterhood of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting.
- Make a difference by fundraising for WAGGGS projects around the world.

Source: <http://www.worldthinkingday.org/>



Key facts about World Thinking Day

- In 1926, during the 4th World Conference, it was agreed that the Girl Guides and Girl Scouts would have a special annual day to celebrate. They named it Thinking Day.
- Thinking Day was created for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts to share their thanks and appreciation for the global movement.
- The date 22nd February was chosen because it was the birthday of both Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scout Movement, and his wife Olave, who was the World Chief Guide.
- In 1932, Olave Baden-Powell wrote a letter to all Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, and introduced the idea of fundraising for Thinking Day. She asked them to spare a penny to help support Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting around the world.

"Though you cannot visit sister Guides in France or Finland, in Austria or Australia, in Italy or Iceland, Canada or Chile, Ghana or Guatemala, U.S.A. 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

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World Thinking Day & the Millennium Development Goals

Since 2009, each World Thinking Day has been themed on one of the United Nation's (UN) Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The MDGs are a set of eight goals that, together, set out to end poverty by 2015.

The Millennium Declaration promises to "free all men, women, and children from the abject and dehumanizing conditions of extreme poverty" and was adopted by 189 nations and signed by 147 heads of state.

The 8 Millennium Development Goals are:



Goal 1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger: the aim is to halve the number of people living in poverty on less than \$1 USD a day and halve the number of people who suffer from hunger.



Goal 2. Achieve universal primary education: the aim is to make sure that all girls and boys complete a full course of primary schooling.



Goal 3. Promote gender equality and empower women: the aim is to remove gender differences in primary and secondary education at all levels.



Goal 4. Reduce child mortality: The aim is to reduce the rate of death among children under five by two thirds.



Goal 5. Improve maternal health: maternal health includes family planning, preconception, prenatal and postnatal care. The aim is to reduce the number of mothers dying by three quarters.



Goal 6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases: the aim is to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS and reduce the number of cases of malaria and other diseases.



Goal 7. Ensure environmental sustainability: the aims are
a. to add the value of sustainable development into country policies and programmes, and
b. to halve the number of people without access to drinking water and to improve the lives of 100 million slum dwellers.



Goal 8. Develop a global partnership for development: the aim is for all the countries to work together and provide the necessary support needed in order to meet the above goals.

WAGGGS believes that everyone can use the MDGs to make a difference. In every country and every community, there are different challenges and opportunities for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts to take action.

The WAGGGS Global Action Theme activity pack has reached over 70,000 Girl Guide and Girl Scout groups! 41% of members who completed the pack went on to set up their own community action projects.

We hope that by the end of 2015 we've made an even bigger difference!

What is MDG 8?



MDG 8: "Develop a Global Partnership for Development" encourages everyone, including governments, businesses and NGOs, to build partnerships as a way to achieve all the MDGs.

MDG 8 relies on countries, companies, organizations, and individuals investing in each other, and sharing their resources. These resources could be financial, but could also be skills, knowledge or experience. For developing countries, a big part of the solution to poverty is tackling debt, better trade rules, and more effective aid from developed countries. These big issues won't change unless developed countries take action, and soon.

Four pathways to global partnerships!
Global partnerships can make a real difference particularly when they address these important areas:

- **AID:** help or support other people, communities, or countries, to achieve their goals. For example, working together to ensure developing countries have access to the medicines they need at an affordable price.
- **DEBT:** a sum of money that is owed or due. Many countries have "unpayable debts" that only push them into poverty.
- **TRADE:** the action of buying and selling goods and services. For MDG 8, it needs to be fair and sustainable, supported by transparent financial systems.
- **TECHNOLOGY:** The benefit of new technology for development, particularly information and communication technologies (the Internet, wireless networks, cell phones, etc.)

All countries benefit from strong partnerships. Developed countries offer good living conditions and face challenges like growing strong communities, protecting the environment or tackling the gap between rich and poor. Developing countries are finding innovative ways to tackle poverty, spread technology, and build local economies that keep communities together.

Source: <http://www.worldthinkingday.org/>



***World Thinking Day
Activity Pack**
is now available for
download at

<http://www.worldthinkingday.org/>

Share Your Guiding Light

In addition to the various World Thinking Day activities, you can also do something super fun that will rock social media!

Here's how:

All Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world will be challenged to find a creative way to share their #guidinglight. The light of a candle has been used for years by Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world to feel connected, and now it's your chance to connect, share, and shake the world and social media with your Girl Scout spirit!

All you have to do is think of a way to show the world your #guidinglight. You can simply light a candle, or you can get creative and use the sun, your laptop, a lantern, the torch on your phone, a spark from two pieces of flint, or even a campfire! You can also get your family and friends to participate!

Take a selfie, upload it with a message to share with this worldwide movement, and challenge someone else or a whole country to do the same!

Share your picture using the #guidinglight hashtag.
Tag: @girlscouts, @waggs_world

**What form will your #guidinglight take?
Start planning now!**

Source: www.worldthinkingday.org



Free Being Me

This educational programme engages participants around the world in exploring ideas about body confidence and beauty that will affect them as they grow up. Free Being Me shows participants that there isn't just one way to be beautiful, and that what's inside them matters the most.

Through fun and interactive activities, Free Being Me shows young people that body confidence and self-esteem come from valuing their bodies, standing up to social pressures, and supporting others to become more body confident! Participants taking part in Free Being Me will learn leadership skills and feel empowered to make a difference in their local and global communities.

WAGGGS and Dove believe that every child and young person should be given the opportunity to fulfil her potential in life. Body confidence is an important building strategy of self-esteem.

FREE BEING ME

Uses the Girl Scout methods:

- Learning in small groups
- Individual self-development
- Learning by doing
- Community focus
- International experience



*Activity Packs can be downloaded at www.free-being-me.com

International Women's Day

International Women's Day is annually held on March 8 to celebrate women's achievements throughout history and across nations. It is also known as the United Nations (UN) Day for Women's Rights and International Peace.

Background

Much progress has been made to protect and promote women's rights in recent times. However, nowhere in the world can women claim to have all the same rights and opportunities as men, according to the UN. The majority of the world's 1.3 billion absolute poor are women.

On average, women receive between 30 and 40 percent less pay than men earn for the same work. Women also continue to be victims of violence, with rape and domestic violence listed as significant causes of disability and death among women worldwide.

The first International Women's Day occurred on March 19, 1911. The inaugural event, which included rallies and organized meetings, was a big success in countries such as Austria, Denmark, Germany, and Switzerland. The March 19 date was chosen because it commemorated the day that the Prussian king promised to introduce votes for women in 1848. The promise gave hope for equality, but it was a promise that he failed to keep. The International Women's Day date was moved to March 8 in 1913.

The UN drew global attention to women's concerns in 1975 by calling for an International Women's Year. It also convened the first conference on women in Mexico City that year. The UN General Assembly then invited member states to proclaim March 8 as the UN Day for Women's Rights and International Peace in 1977. The day aimed to help nations worldwide eliminate discrimination against women. It also focused on helping women gain full and equal participation in global development. International Men's Day is also celebrated on November 19 each year.

Symbols

The International Women's Day logo is in purple and white and features the symbol of Venus, which is also the symbol of being female. The faces of women of all backgrounds, ages, and nations are also seen in various promotions, such as posters, postcards and information booklets, on International Women's Day. Various messages and slogans that promote the day are also publicized during this time of the year.

Source: <http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/international-womens-day>



GSP Terno

We are pleased to inform you that the design for the Girl Scout Terno for adults was approved by the Executive Committee at its meeting on November 19, 2014 (ExeCom Decision No. 2014-404) and confirmed by the Central Board on January 31, 2015.

The Girl Scout Terno is a Mestiza-style gown in jade green peach twill fabric. Its design is princess cut, with round neckline, embroidered sleeves, and embroidered and beaded sash.

It will be worn in formal Girl Scout and non-Girl Scout occasions/events in both the Philippines and other countries, with a maiden presentation (or launching) during the 23rd National Council Convention, at dinner, on May 30, 2015, in Iloilo City.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

GSP 38TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT . 11-16 April 2015

Alano Regional Program and Training Center, Toril, Davao City
Hosted by Davao del Norte Council and Eastern Mindanao Region
Theme: "I Imagine. I Achieve. I Serve."

GSP 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION . 26 May 2015

GSP PHL Auditorium, Manila
9:00 - 10:00 AM - Thanksgiving Mass
10:00 - 12:00 NOON - Awarding Ceremonies for the Search for the National Awards for GSP 75 Young Achievers and Winners of the Diamond Jubilee Song Writing Contest

GSP 23RD NATIONAL COUNCIL CONVENTION . 28-31 May 2015

Diversion 21 Hotel, Iloilo City
Hosted by Iloilo Council
Theme: "Girls First: Imagine. Commit. Serve."

GSP DIAMOND JUBILEE SONGWRITING CONTEST

Open to all registered Girl Scouts from Junior to Cadet level and Adult Leaders as of January 31, 2015
Deadline of submission of entry: March 31, 2015
For more info, pls visit our official Facebook page: www.facebook.com/girlscoutsofthephilippines

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GSP Official Uniforms for Muslim Adult Members

We are pleased to inform you that the following designs for the GSP Official Uniforms for Muslim Adult Members were approved by the Executive Committee at its meeting on November 19, 2014 (ExeCom Decision No. 2014-446), and confirmed by the Central Board on January 31, 2015.

a. Formal Long Sleeves Blouse and Long Skirt Uniform – Kesley Cloth

b. Formal Dress with over Long Sleeves Blouse Uniform – Kesley Cloth

c. Alternative Uniform – White Embroidered Long Sleeves Blouse with Dark Green Vest and Pants

d. Alternative Uniform – White Embroidered Long Sleeves Blouse and Long Skirt Uniform



CAMPING TRIVIA IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Camping Trivia Questions

- Which of these things is NOT a good idea to do, when choosing a place to pitch your tent?
 - Clear away all debris from the place where you will pitch your tent.
 - Pitch your tent near the fire for extra warmth at night.
 - Place a ground cloth underneath the tent for extra protection from rain puddles.
- What is a chuckbox?
 - A box to chuck your garbage into.
 - A box to chuck your laundry into.
 - A container for keeping your camp kitchen organized.
- Which is an important piece of camping essential?
 - Bug repellent
 - Crayons and coloring books for the kids
 - Portable refrigerator
- What is the difference between a double and single wall tent?
 - A double has two walls and a single has one.
 - A double wall has two tents put together where a single only has one.
 - A double uses a rainfly over the tent where a single does not.
- What is a billy can?
 - A can to feed your billy goat with.
 - A clean food can used to boil water over a campfire.
 - A can with Billy's name on it.

Source:

<http://www.diva-girl-parties-and-stuff.com/camping-trivia.html>

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