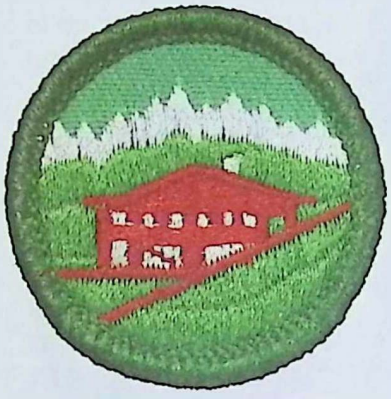
1 *Girl Scout Basics*

Girl Scouting Around the World



As a Girl Scout, you are not only a member of Girl Scouts of the USA, but also a member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, known as WAGGGS. As a WAGGGS member, you are part of a sisterhood of millions of girls who share many of your Girl Scout values and traditions. This badge will help you discover the global reach of the Girl Scout community.

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Lord Robert and Lady Olave Baden-Powell

1. Thinking Day

Thinking Day falls on February 22 each year. Lord Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of Boy Scouting, and his wife, Lady Olave Baden-Powell had the same birthdays on that day, so February 22 was chosen as a time for Girl Scouts and Girl Guides to celebrate international friendship and world peace. Plan a way to celebrate Thinking Day that recognizes your Girl Scout connection to girls around the world.

2. WAGGGS on the Web

Check out the WAGGGS Web site *www.wagggs.org* to find out about the different countries that are members of WAGGGS, and the projects that are being sponsored by that organization. Share what you learned with your troop, group, or other girls.

3. Show the World

Create a display that shows how Girl Scouts are part of a world sisterhood. Exhibit your display for Girl Scout troops or groups, your Girl Scout council, your school, or a local library.

4. Connect with Younger Girls

Create a game or storybook for younger Girl Scouts that will help them understand their connection to Girl Scouts and Girl Guides around the world. Try out your game or storybook at a neighborhood event, at camp, or at a bridging ceremony for younger Girl Scouts.

5. Just for Girls

Go to the "Just for Girls" section of Girl Scouts of the USA's Web site *www.girlscouts.org/girls* for information and activities regarding Girl Scouting around the world. Share what you learned with your troop, group, or other girls.

6. Girl Scouting's Founder: Juliette Gordon Low

Find out about the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund. What does this fund do? How do girls all around the world benefit from the money in the fund?

7. International Expert

Choose one country where Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting exists. Become an expert on that country and the activities girl members do there. Learn a game, song, craft, recipe, or activity unique to that country and share it with others.

8. World Service

Find out about a world problem that affects girls your age. You could think of a problem related to the environment, hunger, poverty, illiteracy, or another issue. Share what you have researched with other girls and think of some ways girls in WAGGGS could help solve this problem.

9. Common Roots

Learn about the lives of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. Also find out how the Girl Guide movement came about. Share your information with members of your troop/group or with a Brownie Girl Scout troop.

10. WAGGGS Travel

WAGGGS has four World Centers that any Girl Scout can visit. Find out the following about each of the four centers: Where is it? How can you get there? What types of events and activities can a visitor take part in there? You can find this information online at the WAGGGS Web site *www.wagggs.org*.

