



Girl Scouts work every day to make the world a better place. It's just what we do! But there's one day a year that's extra special, a day when girls from more than 150 countries around the world come together to explore the global dimensions of Girl Scouting and pursue positive social change to make the world a better place for everyone.

The day that we are speaking about is **World Thinking Day!** It's coming up on **February 22, 2019** so let's put some plans into place to make it an awesome one. The theme for World Thinking Day this year is leadership. Wow- what an awesome topic to explore from a Girl Scouting perspective. Remember, we build future girl leaders. So, this topic fits nicely into what we already do on a day in and day out basis in the world of Girl Scouting.

The History of World Thinking Day

It all began back in 1926, at the fourth World Conference of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) held at Girl Scouts' very own Camp Edith Macy (now [Edith Macy Conference Center](#)) in New York. The conference delegates agreed that there should be a special day every year when Girl Scouts and Girl Guides around the world think of one another and celebrate global sisterhood.

They Decided to call it Thinking Day and chose February 22 to celebrate it each year. This date was selected to honor the birthdays of Girl Guide founders Lord and Lady Baden-Powell.

In 1999, at the 30th World Conference in Dublin, Ireland, delegates from around the world wanted to emphasize the international aspect of the day and the global nature of the Girl Scout Movement, so they changed the name to World Thinking Day. For WAGGS, leadership is a shared journey which empowers us to work together and bring positive change to our lives, the lives of others, and our wider society.

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.

Olave Baden-Powell, Window On My Heart

How Can You Participate?

World Thinking Day is for everyone—from the youngest, mightiest Daisy to the almighty Ambassador working towards earning her Gold Award. And it's super easy to find your inspiration for how to take action in your community and the world at large. To get started, check out the official [2019 World Thinking Day Activity Pack Guide](#) from WAGGGS.

Complete an activity to earn the **2019 World Thinking Day Challenge Badge**. Please note that the badge is ordered online and shipped from England, so plan accordingly.



Another option is to complete program level specific activities to earn the 2019 Girl Scout World Thinking Day Badge from GSUSA.

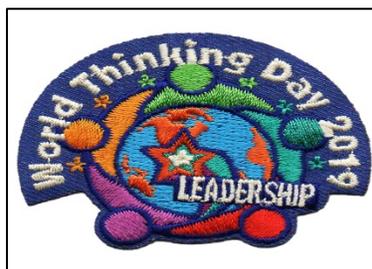
[2019 GSUSA World Thinking Day Activities](#)- Use this link for activities designed specifically for Daises, Brownies, and Juniors.

[2019 GSUSA World Thinking Day Activities Older Girls](#)- Use this link for activities designed for Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors.

In these convenient, downloadable resources, you'll find age-appropriate activities for younger girls and older girls. The activities fall into three categories: discovering your leadership style, celebrating a sisterhood of leaders, and taking on leadership roles. When girls complete one activity from each category, they'll earn the **World Thinking Day 2019 Award**. Please note that it is an award and worn on the front of the vest. Although only one activity in each category is required to earn the award. However, don't let that stop you—you can do as many activities as you like.



Lastly, also consider participating in an event where you will have the opportunity to earn a fun patch. Check with your service unit and/or **[Council Events](#)** to find upcoming events that align with the **2019 World Thinking Day** theme and or learning outcomes.



Now go out there and lead like a Girl Scout!

Looking for some extra inspiration to make World Thinking Day even more awesome? Check out this amazing story about a group of [Brownies who reimagined World Thinking Day to build community](#). Or this story of a group of [Muslim Girl Scouts extending friendship across cultures](#).

Please take the time to share with our community highlights from your **2019 World Thinking Day** events and or activities using the social media hastags **#WorldThinkingDay** and **#TimeToLead!**