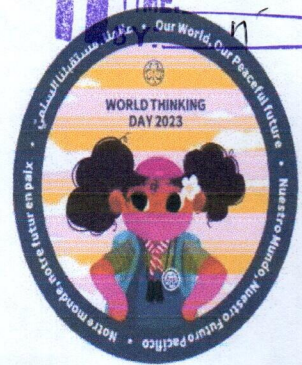


**CHQ CIRCULAR No. 4
Series of 2023**

**TO : DISTRICT SUPERVISORS, PRINCIPALS, HEAD
TEACHERS, GSP DISTRICT FIELD ADVISERS, GSP
SCHOOL COORDINATORS AND GSP TROOP
LEADERS**

RE : WORLD THINKING DAY (WTD) 2023

DATE : February 06, 2023



Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world celebrate the World Thinking Day (WTD) every 22nd of February. It is an extraordinary time to connect with each other by having fun together, learning about and take action on the global issues that affect their local communities and raise funds for 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world in support of the World Thinking Day Fund.

WTD 2023 theme, *“Our World, Our Peaceful Future: The Environment & Peace”*, explores what we can learn from the environment and how we can work with nature to create a more peaceful and secure future for girls everywhere. We explore topics of stewardship, harmony, and the role the environment plays in peace and security.

This year’s theme is a continuation of the three-year journey for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts to become environmentally conscious leaders which came from a survey during the International Day of the Girl 2020 wherein the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) asked Girl Guides and Girl Scouts under 18 from 100 countries what issues they were most concerned about and what they wanted to change about the world. From this data, it was learned that the number one worry is the environment.

The past few years have been more challenging than most as the COVID-19 pandemic took hold across the globe.

As our world continues to recover and you can meet again with your units, troops, and fellow girl scouts to complete the activities for 2023, we hope you will continue to donate to the World Thinking Day Fund as you have before. You may send your WTD Fund contribution at the GSP Baguio Council. Remember that any amount you send will help fund programs and projects to empower girls and young women around the world.

The activity pack can be adapted to suit delivery in an online environment. If you are not able to hold a face-to-face meeting, either select activities that have been labelled as online friendly or adapt the activity to suit your needs in the online space. There is also information to support those who will be holding activities predominantly offline or who are not able to use some online tools.

In this regard, we encourage Girl Scouts from Regions and Councils to celebrate the joint birthday of our founders Lord Robert Baden Powell and Lady Olave Baden Powell by holding a WTD Ceremony and participate in the WTD activities to earn the WTD badge by adopting the attached suggested activities (Attachment A) and materials. Digital copy of the WTD Activity is also available for download through this link https://duz92c7qaoni3.cloudfront.net/documents/WTD_English_22.10.07.pdf.

Around the globe, we must explore methods of stewardship and consideration of both the natural world and our fellow human beings. These different aspects of a peaceful environment can help us all achieve a world with a peaceful future.

In order to earn the 2023 WTD badge, please follow these five-simple steps:

- 1) Create a brave space - Follow the steps on the previous page to create an environment where everyone is valued and able to fully participate. Everyone should feel included, respected, and heard as they bravely stand up for what they believe in and tackle difficult issues.
- 2) Choose one activity to complete for each of the three sections.
 - **The Corn Maidens and the Mouse Section**
 - **The Earthquakes Section**
 - **The Amrita Section**
- 3) Read the story and complete your chosen activities when you get to an action point.
- 4) Complete the pack by creating a plan to participate in the final activity, the 'Walk the World' challenge under the Rebuilding the Forest Section
- 5) Share your letter and activity photos on your Facebook Account and tagged GSP Official Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/girlscoutsofthephilippines> and use hashtags #OurWorldOurPeacefulFuture and #WTD2023.


Moreover, the annual activity of the International Friendship Exchange (INFEX) and DX Contest will not be conducted this year, but Councils are encouraged to hold a Ham Radio Orientation as one of the suggested activities for the WTD Celebration. Kindly coordinate to your respective partner Amateur Radio Club and Enthusiasts to assist you.

Please submit your report to the GSP Baguio Council, email address gsp_2096@yahoo.com.ph by using the World Thinking Day Celebration Report Form (Attachment B) along with action photos and narrative report on or before March 01, 2023.

WTD badge will be made available at the GSP Baguio National Equipment Service. Please fill out the attached WTD badge pre-order form (Attachment C) and submit the form at email address gsp_2096@yahoo.com.ph

We look forward to your active participation in this year's WTD celebration.

Happy World Thinking Day!

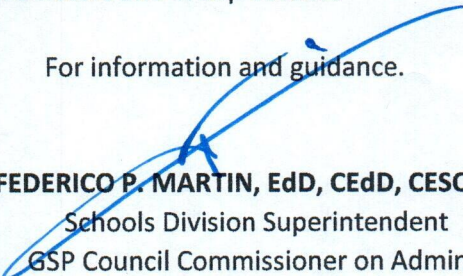

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Council Executive

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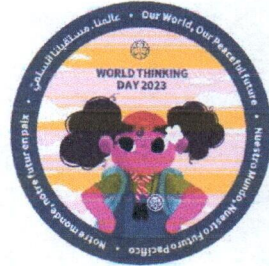
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Manila

Attachment A

WORLD THINKING DAY CELEBRATION 2023

February 22, 2023



"Our World, Our Peaceful Future"

<p>THE CORN MAIDENS AND THE MOUSE SECTION</p>	<p>"Importance of World Thinking Day"</p> <p><i>Suggested Activities:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a World Thinking Day Ceremony • Contribute to World Thinking Day Fund • Brainstorm a fundraising idea to help collect donations for the World Thinking Day Fund • Hold an Essay Writing Contest about the importance of World Thinking Day • Find a way to say "Happy World Thinking Day" without using words. • Have an interactive story telling about the life of Lord and Olave Baden-Powell historical milestones • Organize a Quiz bee about the life of Lord and Olave Baden-Powell.
<p>THE EARTHQUAKE SECTION</p>	<p>"Learning the Five (5) World Centers"</p> <p><i>Suggested Activities:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize a Quiz bee about the Five (5) World Centers <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pax Lodge in United Kingdom 2. Our Cabaña in Mexico 3. Our Chalet in Switzerland 4. Sangam in India 5. Kusafiri (no fixed location) • Learn as much as possible about the five World Centers. • Call a patrol meeting and run an activity to help everyone think about different cultures and attitudes. • Fact or Fiction? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Give fun facts about Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting. • Make and share different special handshakes.
<p>THE AMRITA SECTION</p>	<p>"What kind of world you want to live in?"</p> <p><i>Suggested Activities:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct of a Council Wide Ham Radio Orientation Seminar by coordinating to your respective Amateur Radio Club and Enthusiasts • Reflect, share idea and give one wish you want to change your community for the better. • Hold a forum and present to the group the things you think are important for the organization to focus on through (e.g. poem, song, sketch, speech or poster). • Conduct a Photo Card Contest. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take a creative fun photo card to show how you or your group can take the lead to protect the environment. • Facilitate a dialogue between stakeholders to talk about concerns and issues of the community and how they can work together for a certain cause. • Organize a Sustainable Development Goals Fair with booths of different Girl Scout partners-Government Agencies, NGOs, private institutions and other stakeholders highlighting their significant contribution in helping achieve the Global Goals. • Brainstorm what Global Goals are the most important for children and young people in your community. Think of one way you could help achieve

this goal in their daily lives.

- Initiate or join a community project like coastal clean-up, tree planting, beautification of an area, vegetable gardening, etc.
- Help reduce plastic waste by avoiding the use of disposable cups, plates, straw, spoon and forks, etc.
- Make and post on your Facebook account memes, slogan and posters on reducing plastic wastes. Use hash tags **#OurWorldOurPeacefulFuture** and **#WTD2023**
- Conserve energy and water. Record how much energy and water your household consumes and make an effort to lower it by practicing energy and water conservation. This will not only help our environment but will also mean extra savings for your family.
- Influence people and take decisions that will improve our life and the lives of others.



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WORLD THINKING DAY

Ceremony (Sample)

Wednesday, 22 February 2023



Setting: A table is placed at the center of the stage, with the pictures of Lord Baden Powell, Thinking Day Symbol, one large candle and Thinking Day boxes/baskets. Each participant should have her own candle.

Formation: Horseshoe

Entrance Song: **THINKING DAY SONG**

Hey, hey, hey it's Thinking Day! (3x)
All over the world it's Thinking Day.

In Mexico, it's Thinking Day,
In Switzerland, it's Thinking Day,
In Canada, it's Thinking Day,
All over the world it's Thinking Day.

Refrain:

Hey, hey, hey it's Thinking Day! (3x)
All over the world it's Thinking Day.

In Singapore, it's Thinking Day,
In USA, it's Thinking Day,

In Philippines, It's Thinking Day!
All over the world it's Thinking Day.

Refrain:

Hey, hey, hey it's Thinking Day! (3x)
All over the world it's Thinking Day.

In Bangladesh, it's Thinking Day,
In Maldives, it's Thinking Day,
In Monaco, It's Thinking Day!
All over the world it's Thinking Day.

Refrain:

Hey, hey, hey it's Thinking Day! (3x)
All over the world it's Thinking Day.

(Each speaker lights a candle and reads the following)

SPEAKER 1

Girl Scouts all over the world celebrate Thinking Day on February 22 of every year, to signify the great efforts and vital contribution made by the Scouting Movement towards promoting world fellowship and peace. Which commemorates the joint birthdays of the Founder of the Scouting Movement, Lord Robert and her wife Lade Olave Baden Powell. It is especially designated as international day to symbolize the unity of members of the World Family of Scouting, a day for "thinking of each other and for circling the world with a chain of warm, friendly thoughts."

SPEAKER 2

The idea for World Thinking Day first came to life when Girl Guides and Girl Scouts met in the USA at the fourth WAGGGS World Conference. It was created for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts to share their thanks and appreciation for our global movement.

SPEAKER 3

Thinking Day is also a way for girls and young women to learn about the life of their peers in other countries and to explore the Girl Guide and Girl Scout experience across the globe. This special day serves as an opportunity to celebrate international friendship, learn about and take action on important issues, and fundraise in support of the World Thinking Day Fund.

SPEAKER 4

As we celebrate Thinking Day, we should remember that in the fellowship of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts we have sisters from 152 countries around the world; that we owe a debt of love and gratitude to our Founder and World Chief Guide; that our dearest debt is to our Heavenly Father who has inspired our leaders with such vision of the unity of mankind.

PATROL 1

On Thinking Day, distances shrink, age differences vanish, nationalities, cultures and creeds blend, people stand united as kind thoughts, love and understanding circle the world. It is also a special time for our-reaffirmation of the PROMISE made and rededication to the challenges and tasks ahead. As the lines in our World Song go... "We must unite for what is right... To give to all both great and small all we can give."

Song (All):

GIRL SCOUTS TOGETHER

Girl Scouts together, that is our song,
Winding the old trails, rocky and long,
Learning our motto, living our creed,
Girl Scouts together, in every good deed.

Girl Scouts together, happy are we,
Friendly to neighbors, far oe'r the sea.
Faithful to country, loyal to home,
Known as true Girl Scouts wherever we roam.

PATROL 2

The COVID-19 pandemic took hold across the globe and has been more challenging and hugely affected the World Thinking Day Celebration and the funds that many of you are normally able to raise to support Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world. With less donations, some of the projects the fund supports like leadership workshops for young women, support to Girl Guide and Girl Scout Associations around the world, and the development of the World Thinking Day Activity Pack, have been adversely affected.

PATROL 3

The World Thinking Day 2023 theme, "***Our World, Our Peaceful Future: The Environment & Peace***", explores what we can learn from the environment and how we can work with nature to create a more peaceful and secure future for girls everywhere. We explore topics of stewardship, harmony, and the role the environment plays in peace and security.

PATROL 4

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PATROL 5

Using the knowledge gained from the previous year, we will work together to create a more peaceful and secure future for girls everywhere. Building on an understanding of the role climate change plays in disrupting global peace and security, we will focus on what we can learn from the environment to create a balanced and peaceful world. While peace in nature will look different for everyone, for the purpose of this pack, we will examine the different levels of relationships to nature - personal, communal, and global.

PATROL 6

And for yourself, consider how you fit into the natural world and when you feel at peace with the environment. At a communal level, peace comes about by considering how to balance diverse needs and finding ways to work together to find a natural harmony that celebrates and respects differences. Around the globe, we must explore methods of stewardship and consideration of both the natural world and our fellow human beings. These different aspects of a peaceful environment can help us all achieve a world with a peaceful future.

All

This World Thinking Day, and every day, we recognize the importance of working to build a world where this is true for everyone, wherever they live. As the global Movement with 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 152 countries - all with diverse backgrounds and experiences - we can learn a huge amount about ourselves, others and the world by connecting and sharing our experiences.

Thinking Day gives us a major opportunity to help each other through our voluntary efforts. Every centavo that we share will go a long way to support Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting programs all over the world. The World Thinking Day Fund also helps girls' voices to be heard globally, have access to unique and empowering non-formal educational experiences, and delivers leadership training to young women. Our contributions will strengthen our existence as a World Association.

(Slide for GSP GCash and Bank Accounts will be shown while singing "The World Song")

Song (All): THE WORLD SONG

Our way is clear as we march on
And see our flag on high
Is never furled throughout the world
For hope shall never die
We must unite for what is right
In friendship true and strong
Until the earth in its rebirth
Shall sing our song!
Shall sing our song!

Paglakad natin ay mapanatag
Ang bandila ay masdan
Mananatiling nakawagayway,
ang pag asa'y may buhay
Pagkakaisa'y nararapat,
magmamahalan ng tapat
Kapag ang daigdig ay nagkakaisa,
tayong lahat liligaya

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