

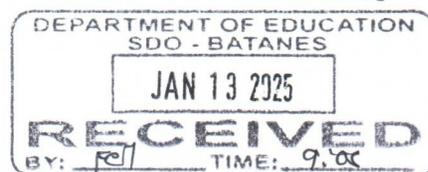


GIRLS SCOUT OF THE PHILIPPINES

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Dear Sir,

Greetings from Batanes Girl Scout Council!

We are please to inform you that the Girl Scouts of the Philippines will celebrate World Thinking Day (WTD) on February 22, 2025 with the theme "OUR STORY" it invites us to reflect on the rich history, symbolism, and values of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGS).

In this regard, may we encourage every Elementary and Secondary schools to celebrate World Thinking Day.

Attached herewith is the copy of the National Headquarters Circular No 02 Series of 2025.

Thank you and hoping for your approval and continued support of girl scouting.

Truly yours,


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National Headquarters

Manila

NHQ CIRCULAR No. 2

Series of 2025

TO : REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS, OFFICER-IN-CHARGE AND
COUNCIL EXECUTIVES

RE : **WORLD THINKING DAY (WTD) 2025**

DATE : JANUARY 8, 2025

World Thinking Day is a special occasion that brings together Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from around the world to celebrate our shared values, friendship, and commitment to making the world a better place. On February 22, 2025 we:

- Celebrate World Thinking Day and be one in ten million!
- Be inspired by the history and impact of our global Movement
- Connect with the worldwide sisterhood of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting
- Take action and speak out on issues we most care about
- Make a difference by contributing to World Thinking Day Fund for projects around the world.



This year, the focus of **World Thinking Day 2025** is on the theme "**Our Story**", it invites us to reflect on the rich history, symbolism, and values of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). It gives us the opportunity to explore what it has meant to be a Girl Guide or Girl Scout over the years, celebrating the journey we have taken together as a global sisterhood. We are encouraged to look back at our past achievements, reflect on the present-day impact of our movement, and envision the future we want to create. Through this theme, we are reminded that each of us plays a part in shaping the ongoing story of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting—creating a future where every girl feels empowered, safe, and free to be her true self.

WTD activity pack can be adapted to suit delivery in an online environment. If you will not able to hold a face-to-face meeting, you can 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 an information to support those who will be holding activities predominantly offline or who will 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 adapting the attached suggested activities (Attachment A) and materials. Digital copy of the WTD Activity is also available for download through this link <https://campfire.waggs.org/topic/world-thinking-day-2025-activity-pack>.

The pack is divided into four sections.

- **Part One: Our Past** - Reflect and learn more about the history of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting.
- **Part Two: Our Present** - Feel connected to Girl Guides and Girl Scouts by participating in activities from current programs in WAGGGS and Member Organizations.
- **Part Three: Our World Centers** - Discover more about 5 World Centers, learning about the global movement of WAGGGS.

- **Part Four: Our Future** - Take part in a special activity to celebrate World Thinking Day, joining a global action to spread the guiding light and look towards the future of the Girl Guide and Girl Scout movement.

In order to earn the 2025 WTD badge, please follow these three-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 from each section (4 activities total).
- 3) Take part in the final activity and share your amazing messages to the future on your Facebook Account and tag GSP Official Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/girlscoutsofthephilippines> using **#GSP_WTD2025** **#GSP_OurWAGGGSStory**.

Together we can create a more prosperous future where all girls thrive in a world free of poverty.

Please submit your report to the National Headquarters, Program Division at email address nhqprogram@gmail.com by using the World Thinking Day Celebration Report Form (Attachment B) along with action photos and narrative report on or before **March 30, 2025**.

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

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

Happy World Thinking Day!



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WORLD THINKING DAY Ceremony (Sample)

22 February 2025



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 (everybody sings the Thinking Day Song as they go to the formation)

Entrance Song: **THINKING DAY SONG**

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

Refrain:

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

In Bangladesh, it's Thinking Day,

Refrain:

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

Refrain:

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

(1st speaker lights the large candle and reads the following)

Girl Scouts all over the world celebrate Thinking Day on February 22 of
SPEAKER 1 every year, to signify the great efforts and vital contribution made by the Scouting Movement towards promoting world fellowship and peace.

Thinking Day commemorates the joint birthdays of the Founder of the
SPEAKER 2 Scouting Movement, Lord Robert and her wife Lady 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."

In 1912, Lord BADEN POWELL met OLAVE St. Clair Soames on a cruise.
SPEAKER 3 OLAVE and BADEN POWELL not only shared the same birthdays, but by the end of the cruise, they were secretly engaged! Although born 32 years apart, Olave and Robert found out they had much in common: love of the outdoors, sports and music. They were married later that year, and OLAVE became Lady BADEN POWELL and World Chief Guide.

Thinking Day is also a way for girls and young women to learn about the life

our dearest debt is to our Heavenly Father, who inspired our leaders with such a 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 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.

This year, we'll celebrate the final part of our three-year journey for Girl
PATROL 3 Guides and Girl Scouts to become environmentally conscious leaders with the **2024 World Thinking Day Theme, "Our World, Our Thriving Future"**. It is an exciting learning journey to explore environmental issues through the lens of gender equality (2022 theme), peace (2023 theme) and poverty.

This environmental theme was born out of the 2020 youth consultations
PATROL 4 for the International Day of the Girl (IDG), where Girl Guides and Girl Scouts under 18 from 100 countries reported that the environment was their number one concern that they wanted to address. In the 2022 IDG consultation, girls continued to report a strong interest in the environment, with 30% of respondents wanting to further explore the topic of climate change and nature.

Over the last thirty years the world has made great progress towards
PATROL 5 eradicating poverty which is now within our reach. However, climate change threatens this global progress. If not addressed, it could push an additional 130 million people into poverty over the next ten years. Climate justice involves taking action to combat the climate crisis through a holistic approach that recognizes that not all people have contributed the same to this issue. As you continue to learn about climate change and take action to tackle the problems it has created, remember to use your worldly mindset and think about how these problems are affecting others around the world.

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.

(For Online Ceremony: Slide for GSP Bank Account will be shown while singing "The World Song")

(For Face-to-Face Ceremony: Participants sing the WORLD SONG, as they stand in place. At the second round of the song they exit, passing by the table at the center where they drop their Thinking Day contributions in the basket.)

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