

## World Thinking Day

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### Pre-Arrangements:

- Invite a Guide/Scout group to your meeting to celebrate
- Invite a Guide/Scout speaker—Topic: World Thinking Day Theme
- Ask ladies who have been Guides/Guiders to bring some of their items to set up a Guiding display

### Online Resources:

[http://www.girlguides.ca/world\\_thinking\\_day\\_resources](http://www.girlguides.ca/world_thinking_day_resources)

[http://www.girlguides.ca/uploads/File/our\\_history/14.3.1.3.pdf](http://www.girlguides.ca/uploads/File/our_history/14.3.1.3.pdf)

### Introduction:

February 22 is Thinking Day around the world. This date was chosen because it was the birthday of Lord Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, and of Lady Olave Baden-Powell, his wife and the World Chief Guide. Thinking Day is a time to remember what it means to be a Guide/Scout regardless of where you live in the world, and to think of others who share the experience of being a Guide/Scout.

In February 22, 2012, the theme for Thinking Day focuses on the environment. As Guides and Scouts, it is essential to look beyond themselves, to see the world in which they live, and to determine how they can join together to be good stewards of the environment in which they live. This theme of environment is a call to all of us to do the same.

### Mixer Game: Match the Trefoils

Give each lady a half of a trefoil. They must find the matching half. When the ladies have found each other, they must do the following:

- Shake with the left hand
- Welcome each other
- Learn something about each other

After everyone has found their partner, they can then introduce each other to the group.

**History of Guiding:**

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**Overview:** In 1909, Robert Baden-Powell held a gathering of boys for scouting; however, a large number of girls showed up at the same event. Robert realized that the scouting movement must move beyond a male-only event, and so, he asked his sister, Agnes, to create a program just for girls, and so began Guiding.

Guiding grew rapidly under Agnes' direction, and later, Olave Baden-Powell (Robert's wife), who gave un-ending hours in promoting Girl Guides.

In 1910, Guiding was introduced to Canada and the first unit was formed in St. Catharines, Ontario under the direction of Mary Malcolmson. Two years later, there were units in every province and the Canadian Girl Guides Association was created. Lady Mary Pellatt was Canada's first Chief Commissioner and held many Guide events at her home at Casa Loma, Ontario. In 1961, the name was changed from the Canadian Girl Guides association to Girl Guides of Canada—Guides du Canada.

**An Action Story: *What is Thinking Day?***

<http://www.dltk-kids.com/scouts/thinkingday.htm>

(This website provides an alternative way to learn some of the history of Guiding. It provides the story and participant instructions. While it does not give as much details about Guiding in Canada, it does provide a fun way to participate in learning the history.)

**Guiding Game:      Kim's Game**

Gather numerous objects on a tray; Show everyone each object; Cover the items and ask the ladies to make a list of as many of the items as she can remember. The person/s remembering the most items, gets a prize.

**Songs:**            (Ask a Guide/former Guide to lead some Guiding campfire songs)

*Frere Jacques (do it in rounds)*

*Auntie Monica*

**Song:**            *He's got the Whole World in His Hands*

**Devotional:**

**On my honor, I will try**

The aim of the Girl Guides of Canada is to develop girls who can make a positive impact on their communities and the world. This takes intentional teaching from its leaders, as well as patience, hard work, and words of encouragement and correction. Above all, it takes the dedication of a leader who has a vision of impacting a few individuals with the hope that in doing so, it will impact the wider community.

In Matthew's gospel, following the resurrection of Jesus, we read a portion of Scripture with the heading "*The Great Commission*" (Read Matthew 28: 16-20). These words can cause us to question: Is this a command? Is this a challenge? Is this wishful thinking on Jesus' part? Are the disciples themselves questioning: Who is able to do this? Is He serious?

Despite their human propensity for failure, discouragement, and doubt, the disciples took these words of Jesus as a command and as a challenge to do His will in the world—to make the world a better place. From the beginning of His ministry and His calling of the first disciples to this present age, and in the ages to come, the command and challenge of Jesus remains the same. He calls upon all who seek Him as Lord and Savior to be dedicated workers, to follow through with the aim of His ministry which is to re-establish a fallen humanity's relationship with God, thereby making the world a better place in which to live.

What kind of impact are we making in our community? The Guiding aim is to make a 'positive' impact- are we doing this? For those placed in our care, are we being intentional in our teaching about Christ? Do we teach with patience, using words of encouragement and do we gently correct when necessary? Above all, are we dedicated to Him who calls us to share His vision of a better world? May it be so for each one of us.

**Prayer**

**Song "Taps":**      *Day is done, gone the sun*

