

TROOP SCOOP

Chock full of short but sweet program ideas to enjoy | February 2012



World Thinking Day - February 22nd



The 2012 World Thinking Day theme -
"We can save our planet"

For the 2012 activity packs from the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts [click here](#).

Do you know the history of World Thinking Day? Check out the history at www.girlscouts.org.

Thinking Day was first created in 1926 at the fourth Girl Guide/Girl Scout International Conference held at Girl Scouts of the USA's Camp Edith Macy (now called Edith Macy Conference Center). Conference attendees decided that there should be a special day for Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from around the world to "think" of each other and give thanks and appreciation to their "sister" Girl Scouts. The delegates chose February 22 as the date for Thinking Day because it was the mutual birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scout movement, and his wife, Olave, who served as World Chief Guide.

In 1932, at the seventh World Conference, held in Poland, a Belgian delegate suggested that since birthdays usually involve presents, girls could show their appreciation and friendship on Thinking Day not only by extending warm wishes but by offering a voluntary contribution to the World Association. This is how the World Association's Thinking Day Fund began. The fund helps offer Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting to more girls and young women worldwide. Girl Scouts of the USA, through its Juliette Low World Friendship Fund contributes to the World Thinking Day Fund.

Patch of the Month

This patch will be available in all GSNETX shops for only 99 cents throughout the month of February.



Uniforms From Around the World



Have your girls ever wondered about the uniforms girls wear all over the world? To see what Girl Scouting/Girl Guiding uniforms look like from all over the world [click here](#). These Girl Guides are from Singapore.

SWAP of the Month

Do you know what S.W.A.P. stands for?

Special **W**hatchamacallits **A**ffectionately **P**inned **S**omewhere

Valentine Fortune Cookie Pin

You need:

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| Pink and Red Craft Foam | Paper |
| or Circle Foamies | Scissors |
| Jewelry Craft Pin | Package in a Chinese |
| Low Temp Glue Gun | Food Container |



Instructions:

1. Cut a 2-3/4" circle out of pink or red craft foam.
2. Fold in half and put a dab of hot glue to hold it together.
3. Put your thumb in one end and your middle finger in the other end.
4. Pinch together, using your index finger to push in the center.
5. Put a dab of hot glue where the foam comes together so the cookie keeps its shape
6. Make up tags or fortunes and glue one end inside the cookie.
7. Glue on a pin.

www.makingfriends.com



Project Troop to Troop



Project Troop to Troop (T2T) offers GSNEXTX Girl Scout Troops a chance to send the gift of Girl Scout Cookies by ordering through the Council and allowing our bakery to ship directly to military personnel at home and abroad. Girl Scout Cookies donated to T2T are transported to Fort Hood, the USO, the American Red Cross and ultimately to service men and women at home and abroad. Girl Scout

Cookies also reach local Veterans organizations and wounded soldiers. Last year, this project generated over 177,000 packages of cookies for our military personnel!

Here's how the program works: During order taking and Booth Sales, participating troops ask customers to purchase additional packages of cookies for donation to T2T. All T2T cookies are delivered by the bakery to our military personnel. Troops who collect funds towards at least an average of five (5) packages or more per girl for Project Troop to Troop will earn this cool patch!

NEW! Girl Scout Troops may direct customers to www.texascookietime.com/troop2troop where they may donate money in larger amounts by credit card toward the purchase of T2T cookies. Customers have the opportunity to include your troop number so that your troop is credited for the purchase! Please utilize the T2T information cards that are formatted for you—they include the direct link to the T2T website donation page and a space to write your troop number.



This tool, located on our website, is convenient for customers and can help increase your troop's sales! Ask your Cookie Volunteer for copies. In compliance with GSUSA national policies, girls may not give out their personal contact information to customers. A credit for these cookie purchases will be given to GS Troops to count toward their total sales but credit cannot be given to an individual girl.

Fun Dates to remember:

- 2nd – Ground Hog Day
- 4th – Thank a Mailman Day
- 7th – Send a Card to a Friend Day
- 11th – Make a Friend Day
- 14th – Valentine's Day
- 15th – National Gum Drop Day
- 17th – Random Acts of Kindness Day
- 19th – National Chocolate Mint Day
- 20th – President's Day
- 22nd – International World Thinking Day
- 26th – Tell a Fairy Tale Day
- 27th – Polar Bear Day
- 29th – Leap Day - 2012, once every four years

-www.holidayinsights.com

Coming soon in the March Issue.

Learn what new and exciting camping activities are happening this summer.

Topics for Future Editions:

Be a contributor! In March we will be featuring the Girl Scouts 100th Birthday. Submit activities and Take Action projects that your girls have already done for the Girl Scouts 100th Anniversary to eanderson@gsnetx.org by 02/15/11. If your submission is featured in the March edition, you will receive a surprise from the GSNEXTX Store.