



# **Activity Guide for Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors**



# World Thinking Day

**I**n Girl Scouts, you are part of a special group of girls that stretches across the world. On February 22 of each year, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from 150 countries celebrate World Thinking Day. (That's one big celebration!) World Thinking Day is a way to celebrate with girls all over the world by doing the same activities. The 2019 World Thinking Day theme is "Leadership."

To earn your World Thinking Day award, learn the different ways to be a leader, discover how to bring the change you want to see in the world, and celebrate being part of the global sisterhood that is Girl Scouts and Girl Guides.

## World Thinking Day Award Activities

Choose one activity from each category on the following pages (three total) to earn your World Thinking Day award. You only need to do one activity in each category to earn the award, but don't let that stop you—you can do as many as you like!



## CATEGORY 1

# Discover Your Leadership Style

**Consider all the roles.** With your Girl Scout friends, brainstorm all the different roles you play and the roles women and girls play in the world. Write each role down on a sticky note and add it to a big pile. Some examples to get you started are to the right.

Once you have finished writing your notes, have one person say “go.” When she says go, everyone has one minute to grab some roles and stick them on themselves and one another. When you think a role is a good fit for you, put the sticky note on yourself. When you think a role is a good fit for someone else, put it on her. When the leader calls “time,” everyone freeze! Then gather together and share what you think of the roles that are stuck on you.

### Some questions to think or talk about:

- What roles did you choose for yourself? Why did you choose them?
- How can you be a leader in one of the roles that you chose?
- What roles did others choose for you? What do you think about those roles?
- What roles do you have right now?
- What roles do you want to have someday?
- Which roles feel right to you? Which aren't a good fit at all? Why?
- How did it feel to have other people assign roles to you? What does it feel like when someone else assumes something about who you are?
- Are there any stereotypes of the roles shown on the notes? Can you think of other roles that weren't listed?

Now that you've learned about the roles you have (or want to have), discover some of the worldwide roles of other girls. Around the world the most common chores for girls are cooking or cleaning the house, shopping for the household, fetching water or firewood, washing clothes, and caring for other children.

Talk with your Girl Scout sisters about chores that you have and compare them to the most common chores for girls listed above. Do any of you do the same kind of chores? Are any of them different? If you had to spend more time on chores, what do you think you might have to give up?

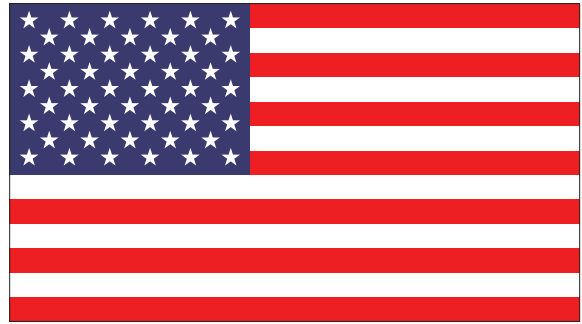


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- veterinarian
- world traveler

**Wave your flag.** Flags are used to represent countries, communities, beliefs, ideas, and ideals. Every country has a national flag. The flag of the United States has 50 stars to represent the 50 states and 13 stripes to represent the original 13 colonies. Even the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS for short) has a flag to represent the 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world. The WAGGGS world flag is blue, white, and gold. The white blaze in the right-hand corner represents WAGGGS' commitment to peace. The three gold blocks symbolize the three parts of the Girl Scout/Guide Promise: to serve God\* and country, to help others, and to live by the Girl Scout/Guide Law. The gold trefoil on the blue background represents the sun shining over all the children of the world.

Look for pictures of flags from some other countries and choose your favorite. Find out what the colors and symbols represent.

Now think about how you could represent your leadership in a flag. What colors would you use? What shapes, animals, or plants would you include? Why? Design a flag that incorporates one element from the WAGGGS world flag, one element from the flag you learned about, and one element that represents you as a leader. When you're finished, share your flag with your Girl Scout sisters and tell them what it represents.

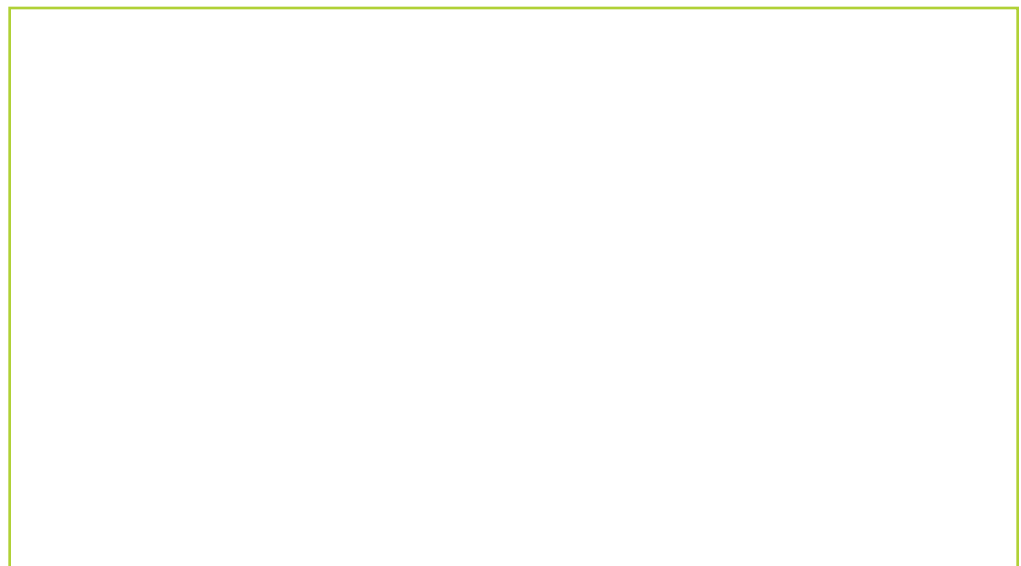


**United States flag**



**WAGGGS flag**

**Draw your flag here**



\*Members may substitute for the word God in accordance with their own spiritual beliefs

**Examine the words of leadership.** Girl Scouts across the country share our Girl Scout Promise and Law. But did you know that Girl Scouts and Girl Guides in each country have their own promise and law? Take a look at the promises and laws from Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in other parts of the world on this page and the next, and compare them to the Girl Scout Promise and Law. How are they the same? How are they different? How do they relate to leadership or your leadership style? You can learn more about Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world at [www.waggs.org/en/our-world/](http://www.waggs.org/en/our-world/).

## Uganda



### Promise

I promise, on my honour, to do my best: To do my duty to God and my country, To help other people at all times, and To obey the Guide Law.

### Law

A Guide is reliable and speaks the truth

A Guide is loyal

A Guide's duty is to be useful  
and to help others

A Guide is a friend to all and a sister  
to every other Guide

A Guide is polite and considerate

A Guide respects God's creation and  
protects plants and animals

A Guide obeys orders

A Guide smiles and sings  
under all difficulties

A Guide makes good use of time,  
talents and possessions

A Guide is pure in thought, word and deed

## Panama



### Promise

With the grace of God I promise on my honour to do my best: To fulfill my duties to God and my country, To help other people in all circumstances, To obey the Guide Law.

### Law

A Guide is a person of honour

A Guide is loyal

A Guide is useful and helps other people

A Guide is a friend to all and  
a sister to all other Guides

A Guide is courteous

A Guide loves plants and animals and sees  
in nature the work of God

A Guide is obedient and disciplined

A Guide smiles under all difficulties

A Guide is thrifty

A Guide is pure in her thoughts,  
words and deeds

# Japan



## Promise

I promise to: Do my duty to God (Buddha); Be responsible for my community, My country and the world; Try to be helpful to other people; and Live by the Girl Scout Law.

## Law

I am cheerful and courageous at all times.  
I respect all living things.  
I am a friend to all, and a sister to every Girl Scout.  
I am courteous.  
I use time and resources wisely.  
I think and act on my own.  
I am responsible for what I say and do.  
I try to be sincere.

# Qatar



## Promise

On my honour, I promise to do my best: To do my duty to God and his prophet, To be loyal to my country and the Emir, to help others And to obey the Guide Law.

## Law

A Guide's honour is to be trusted.  
A Guide is loyal to God then her country, the Emir, parents and superiors  
A Guide's duty is to be useful and to help others  
A Guide is a friend to all and a sister to every other Guide  
A Guide is a friend to animals  
A Guide obeys orders of her parents, head of division and Unit Leader  
A Guide smiles when facing difficulties.  
A Guide is thrifty.  
A Guide is pure in thought, word and deed.

# Portugal



## Promise

I promise, on my honour and with God's help, to do my best: To do my duty to God and country, To help other people at all times, and Obey the Guide Law.

## Law

A Guide's honour is sacred, and her word worthy of complete trust  
A Guide is loyal  
A Guide is useful and does a good deed every day  
A Guide is a friend to all and a sister to every other Guide  
A Guide is kind and courteous

A Guide sees the hand of God in nature and protects plants and animals  
A Guide is obedient  
A Guide is always cheerful  
A Guide is thrifty, likes good order and respects the property of others  
A Guide is pure in thought, word and deed



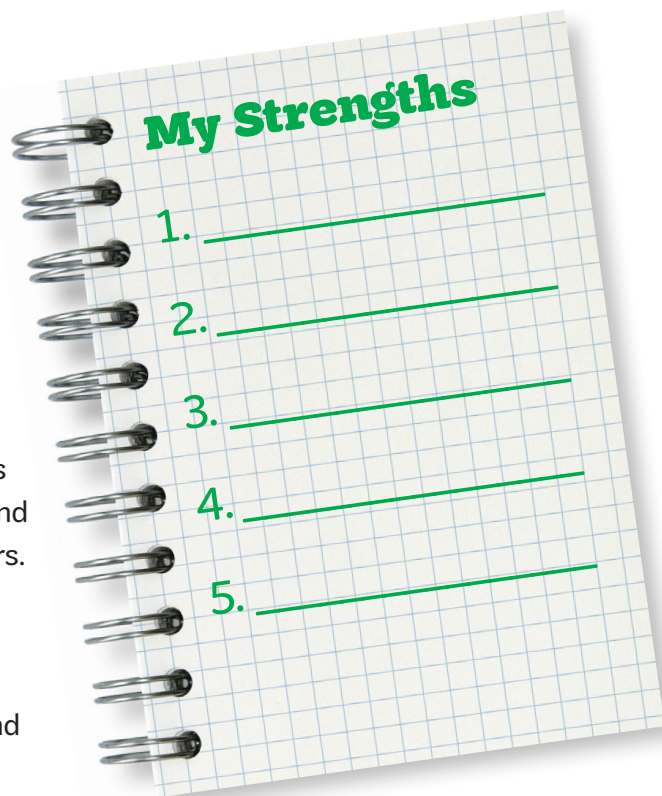
## Pinpoint your strengths and struggles.

Being a leader doesn't mean getting everything right or perfect every time! Everyone has things that they do very well and things that are hard for them. Think about your strengths—something you are really good at and might be able to help someone else with. Make a list of five of your strengths and talk with your Girl Scout friends about one of the strengths you wrote down and how you might use that strength to help others.

Now think about your struggles—things you sometimes have a hard time with. Make a list of five struggles you have and talk with a friend about how someone could help you.

Now that you have your lists of strengths and struggles, draw a picture of how you might use your strengths to be a leader.

- Draw another picture showing how your struggles can also make you a stronger leader.
- When you are finished, share your drawings with your Girl Scout friends. As a group, talk about these questions:
- Why is it important to know our own strengths?
- Why is it important to talk about our struggles in addition to our strengths?
- How do you think knowing each other's strengths and struggles can help us be a better, stronger community?
- How can you use your strengths to enact change?



## CATEGORY 2

# Celebrate a Sisterhood of Leaders

**Connect with a global leader.** The Peace Corps is a program that sends American volunteers to work in other countries. The organization tackles many global issues. Visit [www.peacecorps.gov/educators/speakers-match](http://www.peacecorps.gov/educators/speakers-match) to invite a returned Peace Corps volunteer to speak to your troop or group about her experience in the country where she served. How is life different for girls your age in that country? If you aren't able to find a returned Peace Corps volunteer in your community, talk to an adult about other organizations you might connect with.

**Connect with your sisterhood.** Girl Scouts and Girl Guides are present in every region of the world, and there are five special places around the world where Girl Scouts and Girl Guides can go to learn from each other called the WAGGGS World Centers. With your Girl Scout friends, cut out the cards at the end of this activity pack and play a trivia game about the WAGGGS World Centers and world regions.

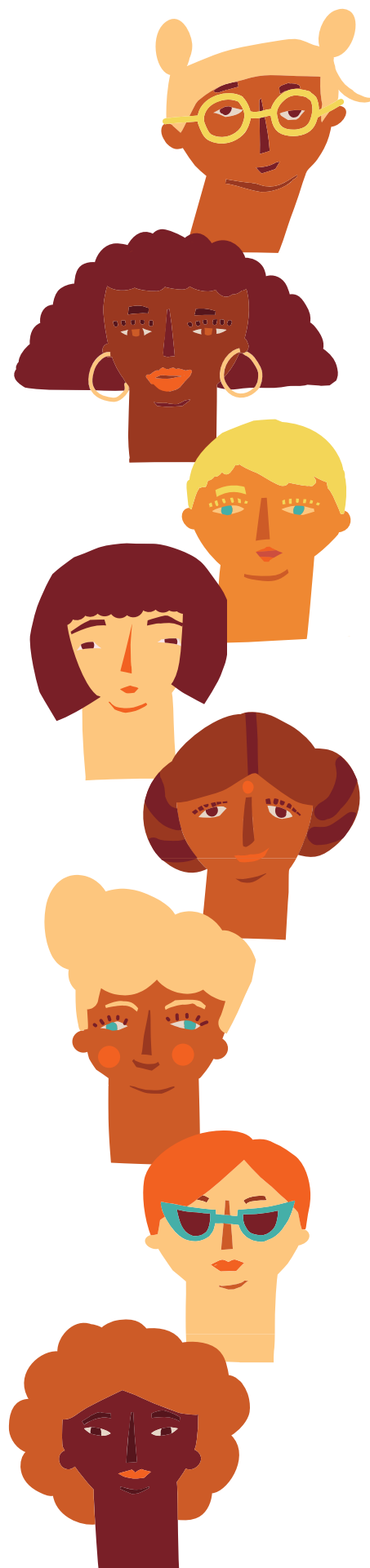
**Invite leaders to the table.** Invite your Girl Scout friends to a fancy dress-up party. The theme? Female leaders throughout history and around the world! Before the party, choose a female leader that you admire. With the help of a trusted adult, take a trip to the library and research her life. It could be a woman who lived long ago or one who is making a difference right now. If you don't read yet, that's no problem—have an adult read to you. Dress up as the female leader you chose. Then come to the party in her character and talk about what made her great.

At the party, imagine you are the female leader you are dressed as, and answer the following questions as you think she would:

- How did you change the world?
- What's the most important thing for a leader to do?

Have fun interacting with the other leaders. Remember to stay in character! At the end of the party, talk about the leadership qualities of your female leader or other leaders in the room. Which qualities do you want to adopt into your own style?

Need some ideas about who to choose? Here are a few suggestions: Delores Huerta, Malala Yousafzai, Wangari Maathai, Benazir Bhutto, Jane Goodall, Marie Curie. Need more ideas? With the help of an adult, look up a list of women who have won the Nobel Prize. Or choose a female leader who is special to you.





**Pack your bags!** The Girl Scout motto is “Be prepared,” which is great advice for any leader! Imagine you are going on a long journey—what are three things that you would need to bring with you? Choose three items. Each item you choose should symbolize a skill or characteristic you think a leader needs. For example, if you think a leader needs to be creative, maybe you could pack a colored pen. Or if a leader needs to communicate, you could bring a dual-language dictionary.

Bring these three items to your next Girl Scout meeting for a show-and-tell. Share with your troop the items you chose and what they symbolize. Together, look at all of your items and all of the leadership skills you brought. Think of one thing you could do or create with all the items combined.

Finally, think of what you could do or create as a team with all of the leadership skills your group possesses. Create a group picture of what you could do!

## CATEGORY 3 Lead by Example

### What kind of world do we want to live in?

In 2015, world leaders agreed to 17 goals they wanted to reach by 2030. The purpose was to create a better world by ending poverty, fighting inequality, and stopping climate change. Guided by these goals, it is now up to all of us to work together and build a better future for everyone. Girl Guides and Girl Scouts are already working on these goals—how can you join them?

Try this activity from WAGGGS—with a partner or in a team, brainstorm what Global Goals are the most important for children and young people in your community. Circle five goals from the table on the right. Then share these five goals with the rest of your troop. Have each person vote on the goal they care the most about.

Once you’ve chosen a goal, all pairs and teams have one minute to think of a way they could help achieve this goal in their daily lives.

Go around the pairs or teams and have everyone shout out their idea. Then in the next week, commit to carrying out your action!



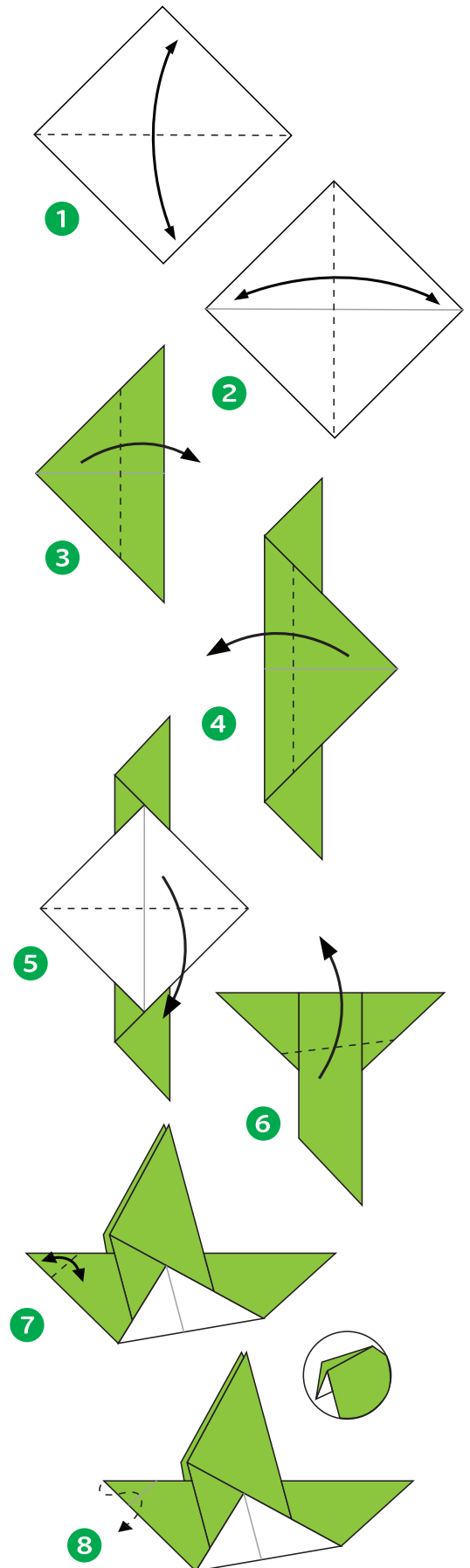
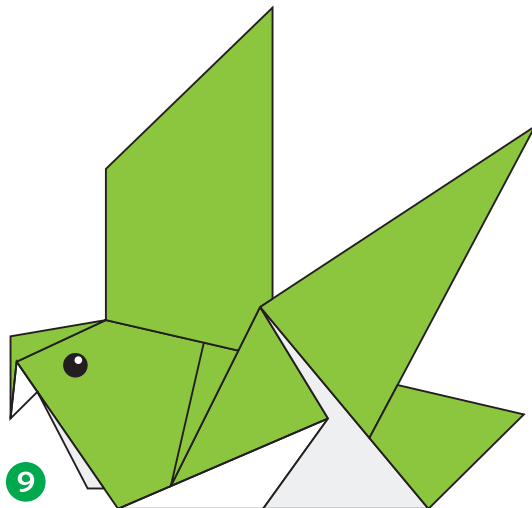
**The 17 Sustainable Development Goals established by the United Nations in 2015**

## Give peace a chance

Pax Lodge is one of the five WAGGGS World Centers where Girl Scouts and Girl Guides gather together to learn from each other. Located in London, its name means “Peace” and its mascot is the universal symbol for peace, a dove (which is named Olave). As Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, we like to make time to reflect and care for ourselves so we are prepared to make the world better for ourselves and others. Follow the instructions here from WAGGGS to make your own dove for peace:

- 1 Fold your piece of paper in half to make a crease and fold back.
- 2 Fold in half again.
- 3 Fold on the dotted line.
- 4 Fold on the dotted line.
- 5 Fold in half.
- 6 Fold on the dotted line and repeat on the opposite side.
- 7 Fold to make a crease and fold back.
- 8 Create a pocket fold across the dotted line.
- 9 Finish by drawing eyes on your dove.

Think of one way that you can be more peaceful. Write or draw your idea on one wing of your dove. Then think of one way you can create more peace throughout the world. Write or draw your idea on the other wing of your dove.





### QUESTION 1

Can you name all five WAGGGS world regions?

**Bonus point:** Which region is Girl Scouts of the USA part of?

### QUESTION 2

Which World Center's name means "to journey"?

**Bonus point:** In what language?

### QUESTION 3

Which was the first country within the WAGGGS Arab Region to start a Girl Guiding program?

### QUESTION 4

Which World Center's name means "coming together"?

**Bonus point:** In what language?

### QUESTION 5

Which WAGGGS region has grown the most in the last ten years?

### QUESTION 6

How many member organizations are part of the WAGGGS Europe Region?

### QUESTION 7

What is the name of the World Center located in London?

**Bonus points:** How many World Centers have been in London and what were their names?

### QUESTION 8

Which was the first WAGGGS World Center created?

**Bonus point:** Where is it located?

### QUESTION 9

Which World Center is located at the highest elevation?

**Bonus points:** What country is it located in? What is the elevation?

### QUESTION 10

Which country in the Asia Pacific Region has the most members?

**ANSWER 1**

Five regions: Western Hemisphere,  
Africa, Arab, Europe, Asia Pacific

GSUSA is part of the Western Hemisphere Region.

**ANSWER 2**

Kusafiri

Language: Swahili

**ANSWER 3**

Sudan, which started in 1928

**ANSWER 4**

Sangam

Language: Sanskrit

**ANSWER 5**

The Africa Region.

It represents 33 member organizations  
and over 1 million girls and young women.

**ANSWER 6**

The Europe Region supports 64 national Girl Guide  
and Girl Scout organizations in 41 countries and  
reaches more than 1.2 million young people.

**ANSWER 7**

Pax Lodge is the name of the current center.

The two previous centers were called  
“Our Ark” and “Olave House.”

**ANSWER 8**

Our Chalet

Switzerland

**ANSWER 9**

Our Cabaña

Located in Mexico  
5,059 feet(1,542 meters) above sea level

**ANSWER 10**

India with over 2 million Girl Guides