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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Learn about GGC's 100 in 100 initiative and the National Service Project to Eradicate Hunger and Poverty.
- Provincial International Committees Thinking Day Card Contest
- Information on International Travel within Guiding.
- CWFF-Mutual Aid

**'10 Million
Girls...
1 Voice'**

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Global Action Theme (GAT)

WAGGGS' Global Action Theme is girls' worldwide say "together we can change our world", which focuses on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The GAT replaces 'Our Rights, Our Responsibilities' as the WAGGGS theme from 2009 onwards. It encourages girls, young women and members of all ages to make a personal commitment to change the world around them. It also affirms WAGGGS' commitment to the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals.

Through eight interlinked areas of focus, the aim is to improve the lives of the poorest people in the


world as well as raise awareness in everyone about these issues. All UN member states signed up to measurable targets with clear deadlines, the ultimate deadline being 2015, by which all goals should be achieved. WAGGGS, alongside other NGOs and civil society must act to ensure that governments keep their promises.

WAGGGS encourages everyone to take action and change the world around them. Beginning at a personal level, how can you change your friends and family to be more effective? At a national level,

how can your organization influence your community?

Find out more about the Global Action theme, how to take action and the resource pack on the 'Projects' section' of the WAGGGS Website www.wagggsworld.org/en/projects/GAT



girls worldwide say  "together we can change our world"

Millennium Development Goals and WAGGGS Messages

MDG 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger	girls worldwide say - "together we can end extreme poverty and hunger"
MDG 2: Achieve universal primary education	girls worldwide say - "education opens doors for all girls and boys"
MDG 3: Promote gender equality and empower women	girls worldwide say - "empowering girls will change our world"
MDG 4: Reduce child mortality	girls worldwide say - "together we can save children's lives"
MDG 5: Improve maternal health	girls worldwide say - "every mother's life and health is precious"
MDG 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases	girls worldwide say - "we can stop the spread of AIDS, malaria and other diseases"
MDG 7: Ensure environmental sustainability	girls worldwide say - "we can save our planet"
MDG 8: Develop a Global Partnership for Development	girls worldwide say - "we can create peace through partnerships"

Days of Action



WAGGGS features days that are of particular relevance to girls and young women and provides examples of how to celebrate the event.

The United Nations (UN) has dedicated a set of days, weeks and years to help focus on important topics in which the organization has interest and commitment.

You can find a complete list of all international UN days on a calendar on the WAGGGS website. The international days occur

every year on the same date and are often themed. As well as the UN days there are other international days, weeks, months and even years organized by alliances and coalitions to raise awareness and call for action on topics of worldwide importance.

Some examples:

March 8th International women's Day
 March 22nd World Water Day
 March 21st International Day for the Elimination of Discrimination
 April 7th World Health Day
 April - Global Youth Service Day
 May 31st World No-Tobacco Day
 Sept 8th International Literacy Day

Oct 16th World Food Day
 Oct 17th International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
 Oct 24th UN (United Nations) Day
 Nov 16th International Day of Tolerance
 Nov 25th International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
 Dec 1st World AIDS Day
 Dec 2nd International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
 Dec 3rd International Day of Disabled Persons
 Dec 5th International Volunteer Day
 Dec 10th Human Rights Day
 Dec 11th International Mountain Day



GAT Badge Curriculum

Young Women's World Forum 2010, 19 October 2010 - 24 October 2010 as part of the centenary celebrations, Girl guiding UK will be hosting the first Young Women's World Forum (YWWF) in cooperation with WAGGGS in October 2010. The forum will be discussing issues that are relevant to young women from across the globe and will focus on the Millennium Development Goals

WAGGGS has produced various educational resources to support its Member Organizations and members of all ages to work on the Global Action Theme (GAT).

Containing over 100 activities set across three levels (Basic, Advanced and Specialist), Member Organizations are encouraged to choose specific activities for each MDG to work on this curriculum.

-Basic/Orange (6 activities)
 -Advanced/Grey (8 activities)

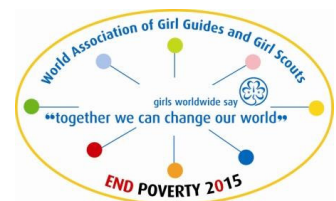
-Specialist/yellow (12 activities, 4 from one MDG topic)

The GAT Badge curriculum is an activity pack created to help children and young people learn about the MDGs and take action on the issues that affect them and their communities.

The GAT Badge curriculum contains over 100 non-formal education activities and easy-to-understand explanations of the MDGs to help girls and young women learn about the MDGs and the related issues on the

factsheets provided.

Fabric GAT Badges will be available from WAGGGS' online shop



WAGGGS Mission & Vision

Our Mission:

"To enable girls and young women to develop their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world."

Our Vision for 2011:

"We are a growing movement - the voice of girls and young women who influence issues they care

about and build a better world".

We have three main goals for our vision between now and 2011:

1. Leadership development - Capacity building
2. Strong and growing member organizations - revitalizing the movement
3. The voice of girls and young

women - building a better world The World Association aims to engage and empower young women, so that they can make a difference in their communities. We want to reach out to more girls and young women - and grow the Movement



International Travel

Independent travel: Pathfinder and Rangers units are encouraged to plan and travel internationally. Use your Area Adviser as a resource.

Intent to Travel Internationally: Guiders who intend to travel internationally with their units should complete and submit the Intent to Travel Internationally Form (IT.2) as soon as they have any thought of taking the trip, preferably before they register for an event or at World Centre and at least one year before the trip. Having the IT.2 approved not only makes the province aware of the intended trip but also en-

ables the Guider to proceed with the planning and also to request permission to fund-raise.

Nationally Selected trips: National usually offers 1-4 trips a year that girls and guiders from across Canada can apply to attend. Applications go through the provinces and they forward 1-2 names for each event. National then makes the final choices.

WAGGGS Introduction card: Units/groups/individuals traveling as Members of Girl Guides of Canada can request a WAGGGS Introduction Card

from their provincial International Adviser. One form is completed per group. Applications should be completed two months prior to departure, if possible. Use this card to collect stamps from the world centres, national guiding associations and events.

Nationally Selected Trips 2010:
-Girl Guiding UK Centenary Camp, July/August 2010, 5 girls aged 14-16 and 2 Guiders.

-Ecuador Adventure, July/August 2010, 10 girls 13-17 and 2 Guiders.

Forms to be into your Area International Adviser by Dec. 1st 2009



HIV/AIDS

-Tell 10 girls 10 facts about AIDS' is WAGGGS call to action to commemorate World AIDS Day on 1 December. The fight against HIV and AIDS is a WAGGGS priority in the area of adolescent girl's health. Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world are encouraged to join the action to help stem the spread of HIV infections, which is also the United Nation's Millennium Development Goal #6.

-Just Say Yes to talking about and taking action on

HIV and Aids' publication

-Start working towards your **AIDS prevention badge** today. Download the AIDS badge curriculum to get going. The curriculum provides background information and activities for different age groups in the three areas: Prevention, Care & Support and Human Rights - Changing Attitudes. You can order the free badges

-HIV/AIDS Training Tool Kit



-Take the pledge. On the World AIDS campaign website you will find the pledge to take the lead. Don't wait, make your pledge today!

- **HIV/AIDS Badge**, This is a Canadian-based activity pack that will make it fun and easy for all branches to earn the WAGGGS AIDS badge. This is a great activity to do with your Sparks to Rangers around World AIDS Day in December.



Thinking Day 2010



Our theme in 2010 will be **girls worldwide say "together we can end extreme poverty and hunger"**. The theme is taken from the first UN Millennium Development Goal and is part of our WAGGGS Global Action Theme.

We want you to...

TAKE ACTION!

We have developed a wide range of activities, fundraising examples and information on the theme for you to explore in order to celebrate WTD and earn a WTD badge.

SPEAK OUT!

You can start working on the World Thinking Day

theme by participating in two global campaigns taking place in October: Stand Up and Take Action and World Food Day.

Spread the word!

Start planning how you are going to celebrate World Thinking Day 2010!



Girls Worldwide say... 'we can save our planet'

-Participate in the second 'Our World, Our Climate, Our Food' competition. There are three categories 'inspire - motivate - educate' for three age groups ranging between 6 and 25 years. Download the guidelines and get started.

-Have a look at the facts on environment and climate change and see what you do can do to protect our planet. Why not start with MDG 7 - ensure environmental sustainability - to work on your GAT badge?

Scouts help the environment, which will help other people deliver similar projects. Send the project description including contact details of the responsible person to bernette@wagggsworld.org



-Check out the 'we can save our planet' activities in the brand new GAT badge curriculum.

-Submit your environment project as a best practice case study. WAGGGS will use your example to showcase how Girl Guides and Girl

Happy 100th Birthday Guiding!

Read
"Our World News"
WAGGGS quarterly
magazine
On line



-New centenary celebration day pack available on WAGGGS Website.

Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting on the 100th day of the year, 10 April. *Themes:*
2010 - Plant
2011 - Grow
2012 - Share

will be on sale through the shop. These badges could be earned for example by participating in the annual Centenary Celebrations.

-World Board Chairman, Margaret Treloar, has sent a centenary message to all our members that you can read and download from the website.

-Merchandise with the centenary message is available from the online shop. The centenary badges, bag, pens, shirts, hats etc. Every year an additional badge

-Celebration Days, Each year, we want you to celebrate 100 years of



CWFF - Mutual Aid

Through the Canadian World Friendship Fund's support of the Mutual Aid scheme, GGC assists projects that improve the lives of girls and women in poorer Member Organizations.

and building a meeting hall.

We'd like GGC Members to help decide which projects they would like to support in the future. Watch out for surveys asking you and your unit what you think.

Among the projects we've supported:

-Peru: supporting adolescent health education through the "You Decide" project.

Remember you can collect for the CWFF all year round not just in February. We recommend \$5 per member in your unit/committee. Just pass the money up the levels of Guiding.

-Honduras: their "I Know My Right" project .

-Uganda: supporting staff salaries.

-Kenya: setting up water collection, buying land



WAGGGS @ the UN

The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) works with the United Nations (UN) and many UN agencies through volunteer teams in Geneva, Nairobi, New York, Paris, Rome and Vienna. WAGGGS established the UN teams more than 60 years ago.

The UN teams are made up of women and men who want to ensure that girls and young women have their voices heard at the highest level worldwide. They play a vital role to achieve the third goal of WAGGGS strategic plan for

2006~2008: to become the voice of girls and young women. Read more about the UN teams around the world on the WAGGGS website.

WAGGGS has strong relations with the UN and its agencies since many decades. WAGGGS was awarded United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) consultative status and signed several Memorandums of Understanding with UN agencies, for example with UNICEF and FAO.

The AIDS Badge curriculum for example was created by

WAGGGS together with UNAIDS and ICASO.

In another project the World Health Organization gave support to the WAGGGS' Initiative on the prevention of adolescent pregnancy.

WAGGGS also created award schemes in partnership with various UN bodies; the WAGGGS-FAO Nutrition Medal is one example of this.



100 in 100

100 in 100: an online, interactive activity that will give girls the chance to learn about Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 100 other WAGGGS countries as we all celebrate 100 years together.

An exciting online interactive map game where girls learn about Guiding in up to 100 other WAGGGS coun-

tries. Includes letters, games, fun facts and more! New countries added weekly starting January 2010.

Ideally units will learn about 25 throughout the year (or three per girl), Challenge yourself to explore counties from all 5 world regions.

This challenge can be done individually or as a unit.

Consider posting a world map at your meeting location so the whole unit can see where they are exploring.

This Is national Girl Guides of Canada challenge and can be found on the national website.



National Service Project

The Eradicate Hunger and Poverty 2010 National Service Project is a unique way for girls to learn about hunger and poverty in their community, across Canada and around the world. There is a toolkit and documents on the national website to help your Unit plan a project to take action against hunger where you live. Your Unit can: Collect and donate food to a food bank, Plant a garden and donate the food, Volunteer at a

food bank, Write letters to local politicians, Anything else this project inspires you to do!

We're challenging all Units to donate at least 50 kilograms (approximately 110 pounds) to a local food bank. That means if all Units participate, we could possibly donate more than 300,000 kilograms of food! To help everyone reach their goal, we will be keeping an online tally on the website throughout

2010. Each Unit will be able to log in and track their progress.

Would be a great project for Thinking Day 2010!



Contest:

Calling All Artists!

Thinking Day Card Contest for 2010 – We need you to design a card for Thinking Day 2010!

The winner will be announced and card produced in January 2010. **Deadline for submission will be December 13th/09**

The size of card should be 4 ¼ X 5 ½. Winner of the contest will receive a \$25 prize from the Provincial Guide Shop plus the cost of postage to receive her merchandise.

Thinking Day 2010 theme is "girls world-wide say....together we can end poverty and extreme hunger" and cards should follow this theme.



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International Resources

From WGAGGGS:

- WAGGGS Advocacy Tool kit
- WAGGGS Olympia Badge
- WAGGGS HIV/AIDS training toolkit
- Trefoil Around the World Book/CD-Rom
- Story of the 4 World Centres Book
- A Challenging Movement Book
- Discover your Potential DVD
- And much more...

www.waggs.org



From National GGC:

- Dominica Twining Challenge
- Global Youth Service Day Challenge
- Zoe's Trek Around the World Challenge
- The Canadian Guider

www.girlguides.ca

From Province:

- Open Your Eyes to the World Challenge
- CWFF Contribution Challenge/Crest & pizza party contest
- International Flags, Poles & stands
- Discover Hostelling Challenge
- International in a Box CD

- Tips for Travelers Booklet
- Colum in the Blue Print

www.albertagirlguides.ca

From Area/Local:

- Area International Advisers
- Local units & members who have traveled.
- Area newsletters
- International in a Bag (Calgary)

Other Provinces:

- There are great resources and international challenges on the websites of other provinces.

