



# World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts



# GIRL SCOUTING AND GIRL GUIDING AFRICA REGION



Benin



Botswana



Burkina Faso



Burundi



Cameroon



Central African  
Republic



Chad



Congo



Congo, Democratic  
Republic of



Gambia



Ghana



Guinea



Ivory Coast



Kenya



Lesotho



Liberia



Madagascar



Malawi



MAURITIUS GIRL GUIDES  
Mauritius



Namibia



Niger



Nigeria



Rwanda



Senegal



Sierra Leone



South Africa



South Sudan



Swaziland



Tanzania



Togo



Uganda



Zambia



Zimbabwe



# GIRL SCOUTING AND GIRL GUIDING ARAB REGION



**Bahrain**



**Egypt**



**Jordan**



**Kuwait**



**Lebanon**



**Libya**



**Mauritania**



**Oman**



**Palestine**



**Qatar**



**Sudan**



**Syria**



**Tunisia**



**United Arab  
Emirates**



**Yemen**

# GIRL SCOUTING AND GIRL GUIDING ASIA PACIFIC REGION



GIRL GUIDES  
AUSTRALIA

Australia



Bangladesh



Brunei Darussalam



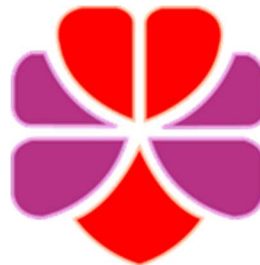
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Cook Islands



Fiji



Hong Kong



India



Japan



Kiribati



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Malaysia



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Myanmar



Nepal



New Zealand



Pakistan



Papua New Guinea



Philippines



Singapore



Solomon Islands



Sri Lanka



Taiwan



Thailand



Tonga



# GIRL SCOUTING AND GIRL GUIDING EUROPE REGION



**Albania**



**Armenia**



**Austria**



**Azerbaijan**



**Belarus**



**Belgium**



**Cyprus**



**Czech Republic**



**Denmark**



**Estonia**



**Finland**



**France**



**Georgia**



**Germany**



**Greece**



**Hungary**



Iceland



Ireland



Israel



Italy



Latvia



Liechtenstein



Lithuania



Luxembourg



Malta



Monaco



Netherlands



ALLTID BEREDT

Norway



Poland



Portugal



Romania



Russian Federation



San Marino



Slovak Republic



Slovenia



Spain





**Sweden**



**Switzerland**



**Turkey**



**Ukraine**



**United Kingdom**

# GIRL SCOUTING AND GIRL GUIDING WESTERN HEMISPHERE REGION



Antigua & Barbuda



Argentina



Aruba



Bahamas



Barbados



Belize



Bolivia



Brazil



Canada



Chile



Colombia



Costa Rica



Curaçao



Dominica



Dominican Republic



Ecuador



El Salvador



Grenada



Guatemala



Guyana



Haiti



Honduras



Jamaica



Mexico



Nicaragua



Panama, Republic of



Paraguay



Peru



Saint Kitts & Nevis



Saint Lucia



Saint Vincent and The Grenadines



Suriname



Trinidad & Tobago



United States of America



Venezuela



# **Symbols of the Movement**

Many of these symbols, initially introduced by Lord Baden-Powell, have been updated to continue reaching today's girls and young women.

## **The Motto**

The Motto, "Be Prepared", shares the Founder's initials and is a practical reminder of the educational purposes of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting.

## **Good Turn**

The Good Turn symbolizes the service given by all members of the Movement to the community. Younger girls think of ways they can do a good turn every day, whilst older girls develop this further into service projects at local, national and international levels.

## **The Left Handshake**

The Founder suggested a Left Handshake to recognize other members of the Movement, and it is still used widely. When asked to explain the origin, Baden-Powell related a legend told to him in West Africa: two hostile, neighboring tribal groups decided to try to live together in peace, and so they flung down their shields, which were carried on the left arm, and advanced, unprotected, to greet each other with their left hands extended in trust and friendship.

## **The Sign or Salute**

In giving the Sign or Salute, Girl Guides and Girl Scouts raise three fingers of the right hand as a reminder of the three-fold Promise.

## The World Song

The World Song was adopted at the 13th World Conference in Oxford, UK, 1950. The music was adapted with the approval of the Finnish composer, Jean Sibelius, from his March, Opus 91b. It was originally composed as the march for one of Finland's oldest Scout companies. First published with English words by Gavin Ewart in 1952, the World Song highlights the principles and spirit of the Movement.

### 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!*

*All those who loved the true and good,  
Whose promises were kept,  
With humble mind, whose acts were kind,  
whose honor never slept;  
These were the free!  
And we must be,  
Prepared like them to live,  
To give to all,  
Both great and small,  
All we can give!  
All we can give!*



In 1909 several girls demanded a place for girls at the Crystal Palace Boy Scout Rally. These girls were, in fact, the very first advocates for the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts - speaking out and challenging the norms and gender conventions of the time. This was the start of the Guiding Movement.

1910 saw the first Girl Guide groups started in the UK by Robert and Agnes Baden-Powell. By 1912, Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting had been introduced in many countries around the world. Many countries founded Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting between 1910 and 1912:

- Founded in 1910: Canada, Denmark, Finland, New Zealand, Poland, South Africa, Sweden, United Kingdom
- Founded in 1911: Australia, Bangladesh (then part of India), India, Ireland, Netherlands, Pakistan (then part of India)
- Founded in 1912: Cyprus, Italy, Norway, United States of America, Zimbabwe



• Lord Robert & Agnes Baden-Powell



## Global Action Theme

WAGGGS' Global Action Theme (GAT) is girls' worldwide say "together we can change our world," which focuses on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The GAT is an educational program that everyone can get involved with! There are educational resources, such as the GAT Badge, available for members at national, local and unit level.

The theme 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.

### What are the MDGs?

The United Nations' eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are eight specific goals to be met by 2015 that aim to combat extreme poverty across the world. These goals were agreed at the UN Millennium Summit in New York in 2000. This was the largest gathering of political world leaders in history. The Millennium Declaration promised to:

*Free all men, women, and children from the abject and dehumanizing conditions of extreme poverty*

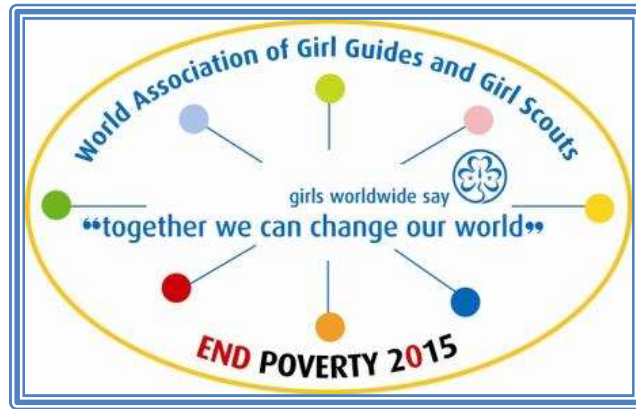
WAGGGS has a history of changing the lives of girls and young women through its projects and activities in local communities. Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting provides enriching experiences for its members, experiences that stay with them for a lifetime. By working on the GAT, WAGGGS and its members of all ages are sowing the seeds of social change for generations to come.

The MDGs address important issues that affect girls, young women and their communities. With only a few years left before 2015, governments, the Millennium Campaign and NGOs recognize that the MDGs are far from being achieved. Members of civil society must work together to hold national governments accountable.

# WAGGGS' MDG Messages



## GAT Badge



WAGGGS encourages everyone to take action and change the world around them. Action can happen at many levels. ‘Our world’ starts at a personal level, and expands to include our local community, national and international levels. You can make a start by earning a [GAT Badge](#)! The badge is an activity pack with over 100 activities suitable for 5 to 24 year olds.



# WAGGGS Friendship Knot

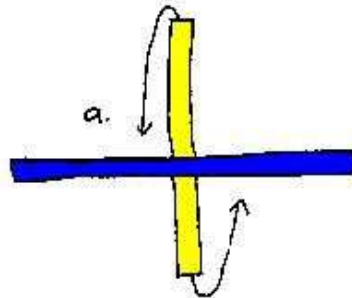


This knot symbolises the ties which bind the girls and adults who belong to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) and is a sign of the continuous friendship they share. The four ends represent the Promise, Law, Motto and Service, and the four squares in the centre stand for the four World Centres.

You will need 10cm each of blue and gold ribbon.

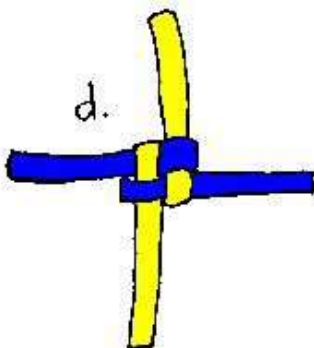
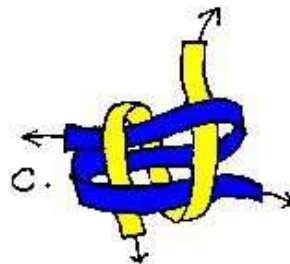
Make a cross with the two pieces of ribbon *right side down*.

Fold the ends of the gold ribbon over the blue ribbon as indicated in diagram a.



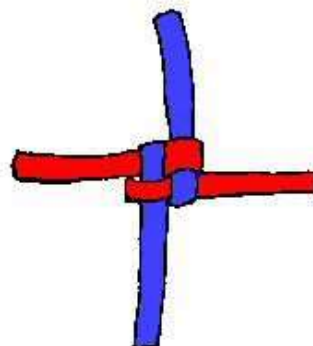
Fold the ends of the blue ribbon over the gold ribbon and under the loops formed in step a (as indicated by the arrows in diagram b)

Pull all four ends evenly.



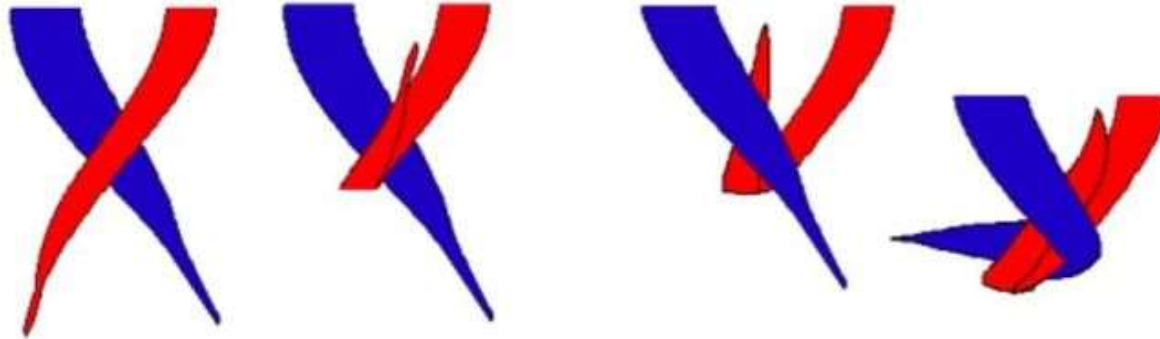
The completed knot should look like diagram d.  
Sew a safety pin on the back.  
You have just tied a crown knot.

You could use any two colours : for International visits red and blue would look good, and you can attach a small card with the explanation of the parts of the knot.



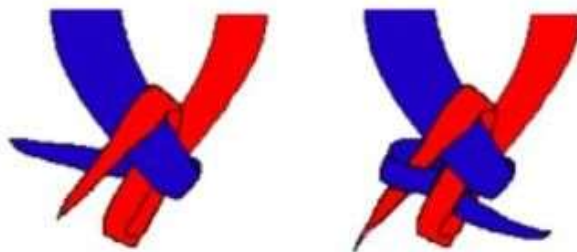
# How to tie a Friendship Knot in your necker

1. Roll the long edge of your necker first, to give neat ends to tie (looks particularly effective with bordered neckers)



2. Cross one end over the other then fold it back up on itself

3. Bring the second end over the folded (first) end and take it round behind.



4. Bring end 1 down over end 2, then take end 2 round and over end 1 and tuck it through the loop formed by end 1

5. Adjust the knot until the ends are even and the knot flat and square; tighten gently until it is the size you want

*Traditionally, this knot should be tied in your necker by a friend, and you should never untie that knot in case undoing it "undoes" the friendship.*



## **World Trefoil**

The Trefoil, used on the World Badge, is the unifying symbol of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. Every part has a meaning. The golden Trefoil on a bright blue background represents the sun shining over all the children of the world; the three leaves represent the three-fold Promise as originally laid-down by the Founder; the base of the stalk represents the flame of the love of humanity; the vein pointing upwards through the center of the Trefoil represents the compass needle pointing the way; and the two stars represent the Promise and Law.



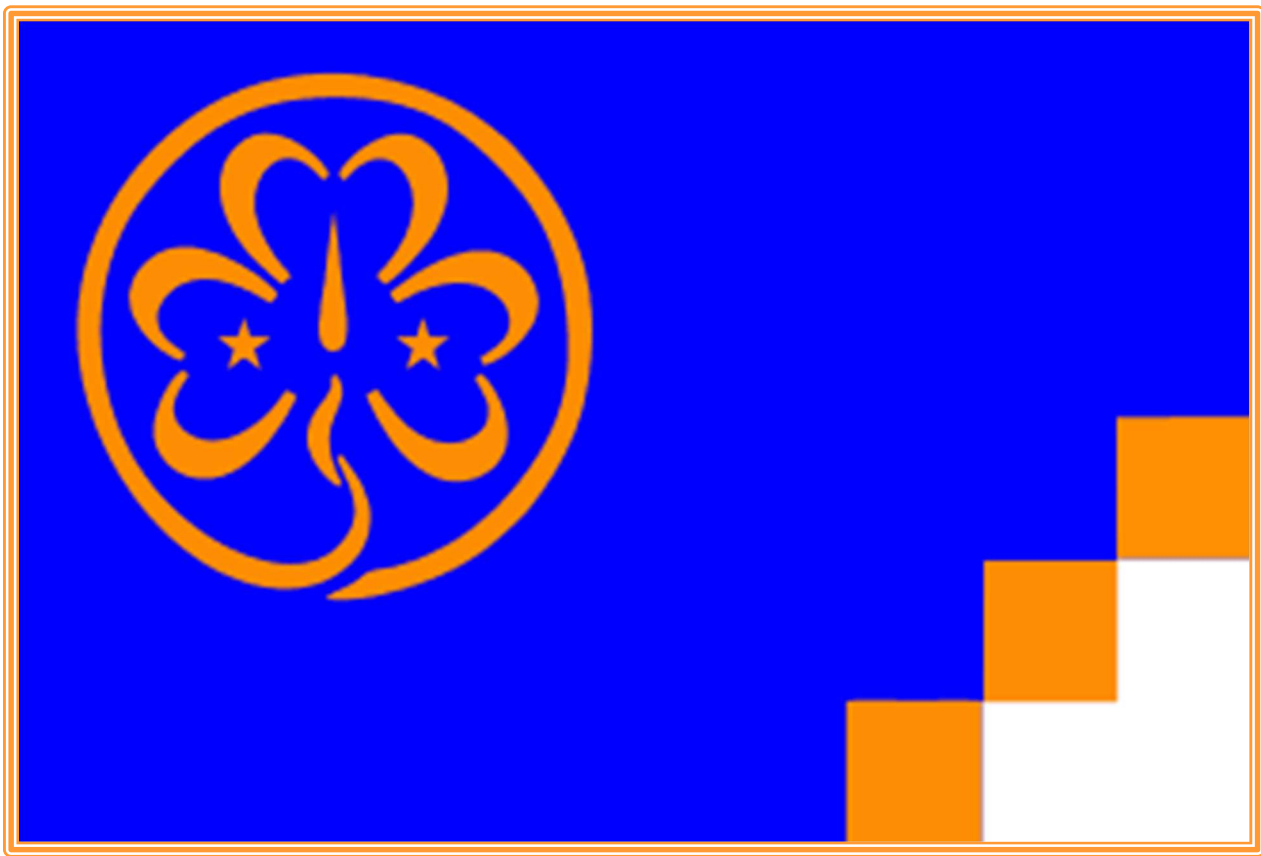


## **World Badge**

The World Badge, which incorporates the Trefoil, was first adopted in the 11th World Conference in Evian, France, in 1946. Today it features the gold World Trefoil on a blue background. It may be worn by all members of the Movement, girls and adults, in or out of uniform. The World Association Badge was first adopted at the 7th World Conference in Bucze, Poland, in 1932. It is similar in design to the World Badge, and is worn by members of the World Board, its Committees, World Bureau staff, Guiders-in-Charge at the World Centers, Honorary Associates, and others, who carry out special duties for the World Association.

# World Flag

The golden Trefoil remains the focal point on a blue background. A white blaze in the lower, right-hand corner represents WAGGGS' commitment to peace; this is crowned by three golden blocks symbolizing the three-fold Promise. It is used at the World Centers, the World Bureau, WAGGGS' gatherings and by all Member Organizations, often as a unit flag.





Kusafiri means to journey in Swahili, The Kusafiri world center journeys around Africa and does not have a permanent location.





## **The World Centers**

The five World Centers are places for girls and young women from all around the world to meet, to have fun, to learn and to have new experiences. They are open to all members of WAGGGS and also to non-members, providing a ‘home away from home’ – a warm, comfortable, friendly place to stay where guests can feel part of a family of new and old friends.

### **Pax Lodge**



Just 20 minutes from the heart of London, Pax Lodge is located in one of the most popular and exciting capital cities in the world. The center offers a convenient place to stay whilst exploring the city’s historical sights and is an international gathering place for WAGGGS members and non-members.

## **Our Chalet**



Our Chalet is the oldest WAGGGS World Centre. It opened in 1932 as a place where girls and adults from all over the world could come together and share the Girl Guide/Girl Scout Spirit while having adventures in the Swiss Alps

## **Sangam**



Sangam offers a rich experience of Indian life within a safe, friendly multi-cultural environment. Activities include trying Indian foods, clothes, music, dance and crafts, learning about Indian traditions and religions, visiting Indian families, local temples and street markets and giving practical service to children and women in local community organizations.

## Our Cabaña



The setting for Our Cabaña in Mexico is spectacular, with each building set in its own tropical garden, overlooking the city of Cuernavaca and surrounded by distant snow-capped volcanoes. Activities give a colorful experience of Mexican culture, food, language and arts and crafts, and include discussions of WAGGGS themes and current worldwide issues and helping a local community project.

## Kusafiri World Centre



The Fifth World Centre pilot is a project exploring how WAGGGS can bring a World Centre experience using existing facilities in Africa. The ‘center’ has no fixed site but changes location at every event, bringing international experiences for girls and young women to different countries in Africa.



# Our Chalet



2 What does Pax mean?

3 What does Sangam mean?



In which country is our Chalet? Sangam?



# Pax Lodge



1 What does Cabaña mean?

6 What does chalet mean?



# Our Cabaña



In which country is our Cabaña? Lodge?



# Sangam



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