



Activity Guide for Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors



World Thinking Day

In 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

Take the G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)™ quiz. Find out if you are more of a go-getter, innovator, risk-taker, or leader. Do the results surprise you? After you've taken the quiz, share the results with your Girl Scout friends. Together, make four posters. Write the words "Go-getter," "Innovator," "Risk-taker," and "Leader" on each poster. Choose the word that best describes you and write the characteristics or actions that you associate with it. For example, for risk-taker, you might write "brave," "tries new things," or "curious." What can you think of?

Create a leadership self-portrait. Identity is the set of qualities and beliefs that make one person or group different from (or the same as) others. This can include your physical characteristics, culture or social background, group associations (religion, sports affiliation, school, and others), interests, and many other qualities that make you *you*. Think about all the different qualities that make up your identity. Brainstorm as many as you can think of.

Make a self-portrait by drawing an outline of yourself on a large piece of butcher paper. On the inside of your outline, write or draw representations of your identity that are private or internal, things people wouldn't necessarily be able to identify about you right away. On the outside of your outline, write or draw representations of the parts of your public identity.

Next, reflect on the values that are most important to you and add them to your self-portrait. Take a look at the lists of leadership values and cross-cultural skills on the next page for ideas. Choose one leadership value and one cross-cultural skill (or think of your own) that you would like to improve and add it to a special place in your self-portrait, like your head, hands, or heart.

Once you have finished, share your self-portrait with your friends and reflect on the questions below:

- Which aspects of your identity or values are most important to you?
- Which aspects of your identity do you think are most important to your friends or family members? Which values do you share with your friends or family?
- Are any of these aspects different from the ones that are important to you?
- What aspects of your identity do you think people would notice the first time they meet you? Which values do you want them to notice?

Are there any aspects of your identity that you think help you to be a leader? Are there any aspects that might make it harder for others to recognize you as a leader? How do your values and skills help you as a leader? How can you practice the values and skills you'd like to grow?

ENTHUSIASTIC

LEARNS FROM FAILURE

PIONEER

RESPONSIBLE

BALL OF FIRE

ORIGINAL

CURIOUS

TEAM-BUILDER

LEARNER

AVANT-GARDE

ADVENTURER

GROUNDBREAKER

HONEST

CREATIVE

EXPLORER

ADVOCATE

DRIVEN

CURIOUS

FEARLESS

MENTOR

ENERGETIC

VISIONARY

TRAVELER

EMPATHETIC

PERSISTENT

INDEPENDENT

DARING

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Leadership Self-Portrait

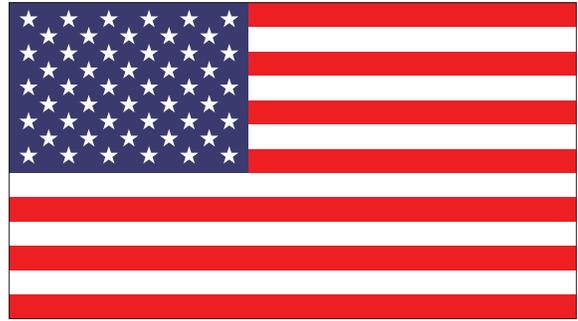
LEADERSHIP VALUES	
Accountability	Humility
Achievement	Integrity
Adventure	Inspiration
Affection	Listening
Awareness	Loyalty
Balance	Motivation
Challenge	Organization
Commitment	Open-mindedness
Communication	Passion
Cooperation	Patience
Creativity	Positivity
Decision making	Power
Directness	Problem solving
Empathy	Purpose
Enthusiasm	Recognition
Expertise	Resilience
Ethics	Responsibility
Fairness	Self-Respect
Flexibility	Security
Happiness	Trust
Hard work	Vision
Helpfulness	Other: _____
Honesty	Other: _____

CROSS-CULTURAL SKILLS	
Appreciation of diversity	Language and communication skills
Assertiveness	Open-mindedness
Comfort with uncertainty	Perseverance
Continuous learning	Positive outlook toward challenge
Courage	Self-confidence
Creativity	Self-control
Enthusiasm	Self-knowledge
Flexibility	Self-reliance
Independence	Sense of humor
Initiative	Other: _____
Inquisitiveness	Other: _____

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.

Take a look at 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.

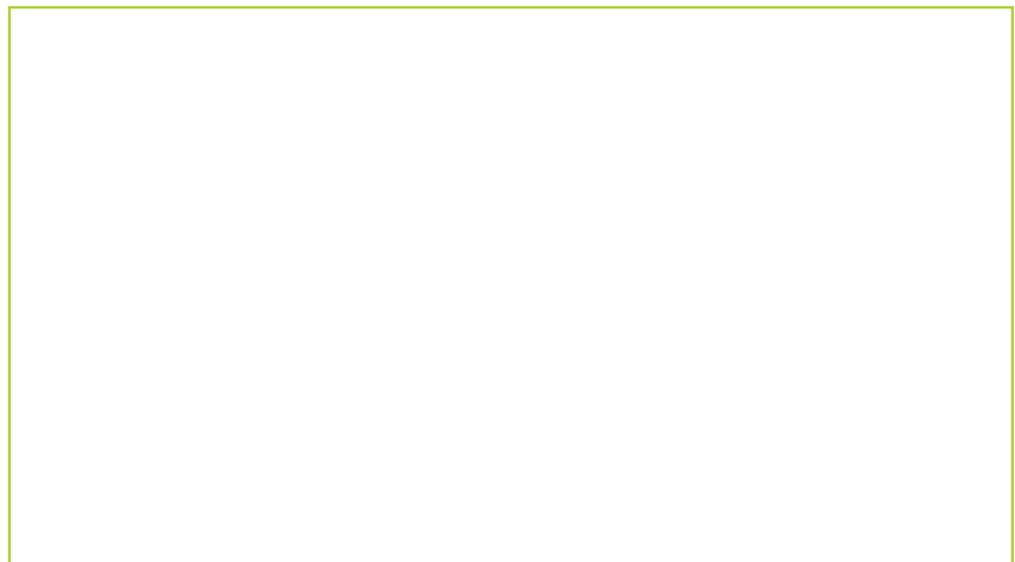


United States flag



WAGGGS flag

Draw your flag here

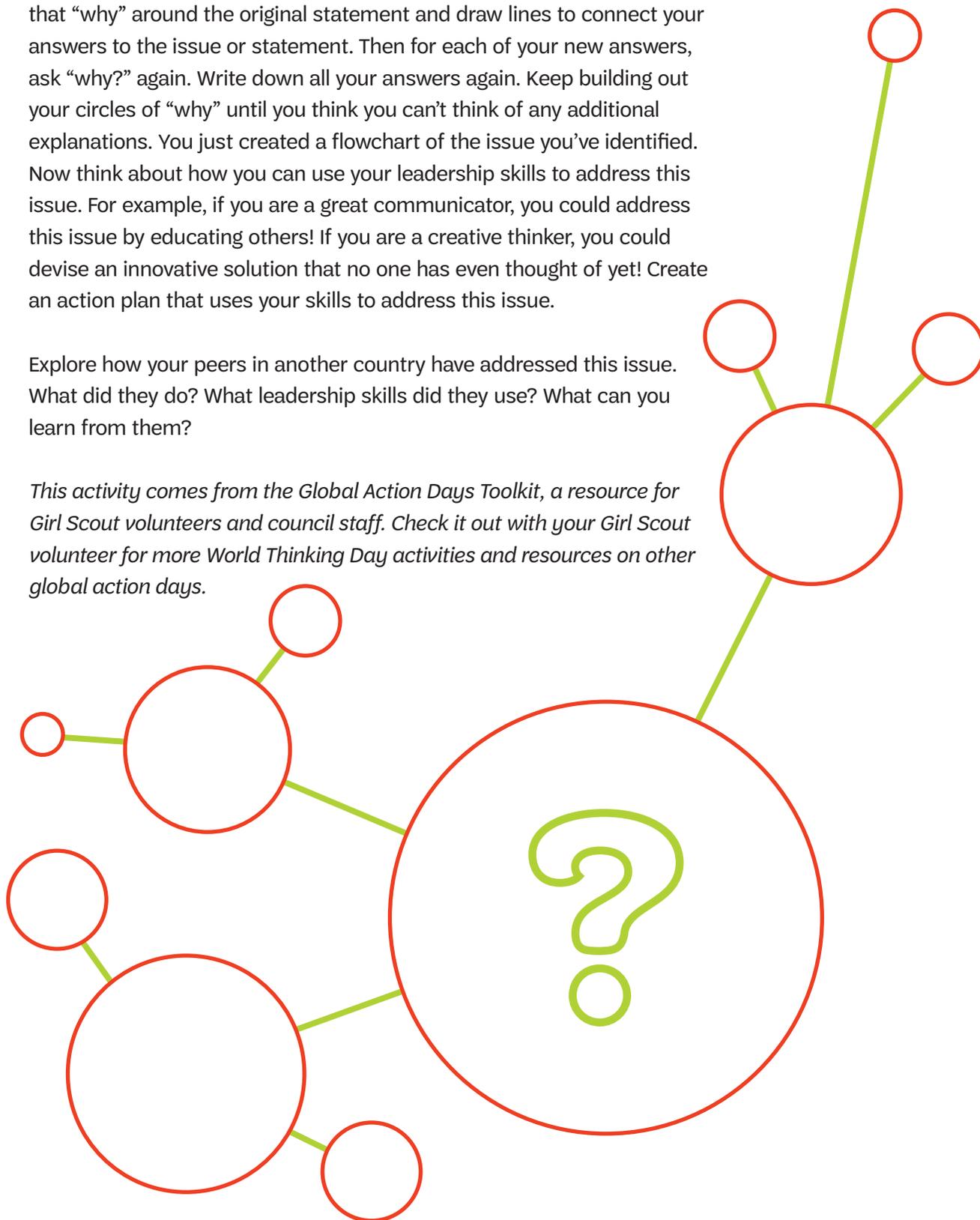


*Members may substitute for the word God in accordance with their own spiritual beliefs

Find out why. Write an issue, statement, or fact on the center of a large piece of paper. Then ask yourself “why?” Write the answers to that “why” around the original statement and draw lines to connect your answers to the issue or statement. Then for each of your new answers, ask “why?” again. Write down all your answers again. Keep building out your circles of “why” until you think you can’t think of any additional explanations. You just created a flowchart of the issue you’ve identified. Now think about how you can use your leadership skills to address this issue. For example, if you are a great communicator, you could address this issue by educating others! If you are a creative thinker, you could devise an innovative solution that no one has even thought of yet! Create an action plan that uses your skills to address this issue.

Explore how your peers in another country have addressed this issue. What did they do? What leadership skills did they use? What can you learn from them?

This activity comes from the Global Action Days Toolkit, a resource for Girl Scout volunteers and council staff. Check it out with your Girl Scout volunteer for more World Thinking Day activities and resources on other global action days.



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 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 your troop leader about other organizations you might connect with.

Pack your bags! The Girl Scout motto is “Be prepared,” which is great advice for any leader! Try this activity, adapted from WAGGGS: 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. Share the items you chose and what they symbolize. Together, look at all of your items and the leadership skills they represent. Then think of what you could do or create as a team with all of the leadership skills you possess. Create a group picture showing what you could do!



Shake hands. Play this game from WAGGGS with your Girl Scout friends. Imagine it's 1912. Juliette Gordon Low has just started the first Girl Scout troop and you're one of the members. You want more people to get involved from different parts of the country. It's exciting, but you also need to be thoughtful about how you introduce Girl Scouting to new communities.

Group into pairs. Imagine that you are just meeting for the first time. Introduce yourselves and make up a special handshake. Once you have your handshake, go find a new partner.

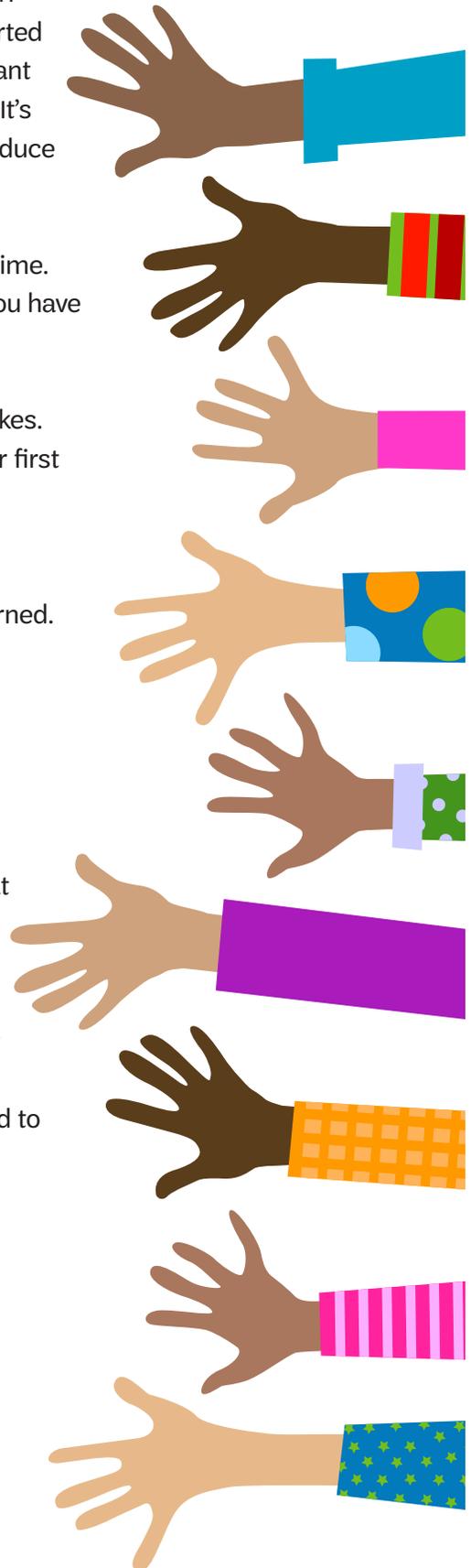
Now, introduce yourselves and teach one another your handshakes. Then make a new handshake that combines elements from your first handshake.

Repeat a third time, sharing the two handshakes you previously learned.

Return to the whole group and share all the handshakes you learned.

Discuss as a group:

- How did the handshakes change over time?
- Did you try different methods to achieve the task?
- How did you feel? What worked best?
- How did you adjust your handshake?
- What if you did this activity without speaking? How would that have changed it?
- What if you did this activity with only your right hand or your left hand? How would that have changed the activity?
- Can you think of times when you need to work with people or in environments different from your own?
- What could you learn from this activity the next time you need to work with new people or in a new environment?



Hold a honey roast. A honey roast is a way of honoring and recognizing the qualities or achievements of a specific individual. To hold your own honey roast, you will need slips of paper, pens or pencils, and a jar or container for each girl. Sit in a circle with your friends. On a slip of paper, write down one way that someone in the circle is a leader or describe a specific time when you saw this person lead and how they did a good job. Include as many details as you can. Repeat this step until you have a slip of paper for every person in the circle. When everyone has finished writing, go around the circle and have everyone share their “roast” for one person until everyone has had a chance to share. The person receiving recognition must sit quietly while she is being recognized. She can smile or respond with body language, but no talking! At the end, give the slips of paper to the person being roasted so she can save them.

After every person has been “honey roasted,” write a dream or a wish that you have for all Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world. Share it with the group and discuss ways that you can help make your wishes for all Girl Guides and Girl Scouts come true.

CATEGORY 3 Leadership in Action

Lead the next generation. Help a younger troop explore leadership by leading them through one of the World Thinking Day activities for Daisies, Brownies, or Juniors that introduces them to another place in the world or to a leader from another country. Afterward, talk with them about what leadership means and how Girl Scouts has helped you become a leader.

Step up, take a stand. You probably see things every day that you’d like to make better. Use the resources in the [G.I.R.L. Agenda](#) Powered by Girl Scouts to speak out, take action, and lead positive change on an issue you care about in your community or around the world! Once you have reviewed the resource, take action on one thing you care about. Snap a picture and show us your leadership on Instagram, Facebook, or Twitter.



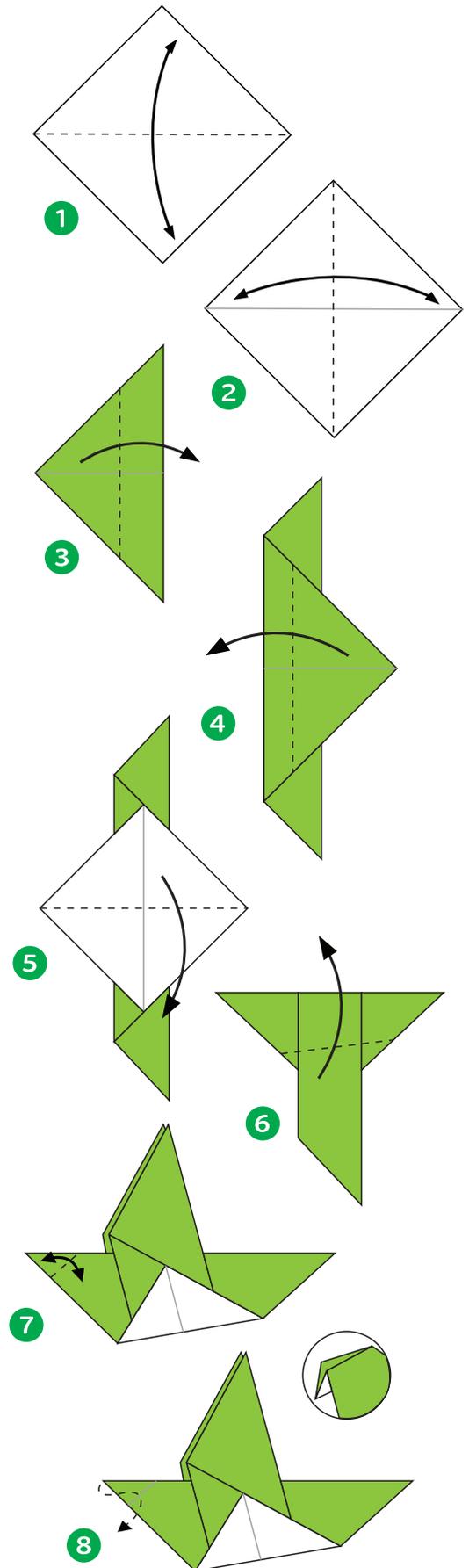
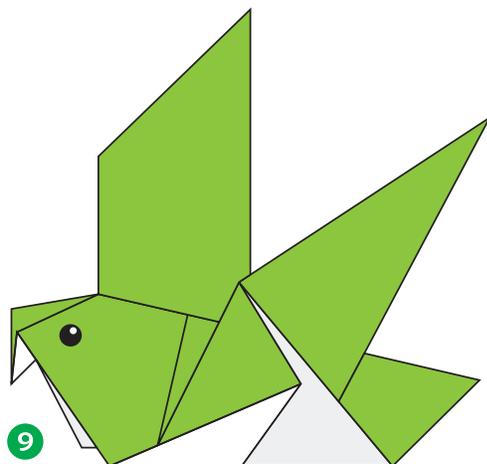
Give peace a chance. Pax Lodge is one of the five WAGGGS World Centers where Girl Scouts and Girl Guides gather together to learn from each other. Located in London, its name means “Peace” and its mascot is the universal symbol for peace, a dove (which is named Olave). As Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, 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 create more time for feeling peaceful in your life. Write your idea on one wing of your dove.

Think of one way you can support peace throughout the world. Write your idea on the other wing of your dove.



Give back to Girl Scouts.

Juliette Gordon Low believed that when girls travel the world they have an unparalleled opportunity to foster cultural understanding. That's why the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund was formed in 1927 to support girls as they travel internationally, connect with sister Girl Guides, and take action globally.

Donations to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund support girls' international travel and participation in training and other global events. These unique opportunities for building international friendships connect Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from nearly 150 nations.

Give the gift of global sisterhood this World Thinking Day by making a donation to the [Juliette Low World Friendship Fund](#). Then imagine a place that you would like to visit one day. Do you think they have Girl Scouts there? Find out!



Juliette Gordon Low presents a Golden Eaglet Award—a precursor to the Gold Award.