

World Thinking Day 2026



100 years



Additional resources

Rainbows

Act it out

Scenarios	Emotions
"Carrying a flag at a parade"	sad
"Receiving a badge"	happy
"Making your promise"	scared
"Putting up a tent"	tired
"Toasting a marshmallow"	excited

The logo features a stylized rainbow with a thick blue band in the center, set against a light green circular background. The word "Rainbows" is written in a bold, dark blue, sans-serif font across the center of the rainbow.

Rainbows

Friendship and colours

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Rainbows

Campfire singing

Repeat after me – The Moose Song

girlguides.ca/web/ON/Girl_Program/ON/Girl_Program/Ontario_Challenges/Sing

girlguides.ca/web/ON/Girl_Program/ON/Girl_Program/Ontario_Challenges/Sing/Lyrics/The_Moose_Song.aspx

Action song – bumble bee song

girlguides.ca/WEB/Documents/ON/Ontario%20Challenges/SOS%202019-20/Ba_by_Bumble_Bee.pdf

Traditional guiding song – thunderation

dragon.sleepdeprived.ca/songbook/songs4/S4_21.htm

A graphic at the top of the page shows two hands, one light green and one light blue, holding a blue ribbon that forms a rainbow. The word "Rainbows" is written in a large, bold, dark blue font across the center of the graphic.

Rainbows

Trust your team

Human knot game: stand in a circle, reach across to grasp the hands of two different people, and then work together to untangle themselves without breaking the chain of hands

Blindfold obstacle course: get into pairs. One of you is blindfolded, and the other leads your friend around the obstacle course. Swap roles!

Newspaper island: as a group you have two sheets of newspaper. You must always stay on the newspaper and make your way across the 'sea' to the other side.

Rainbows

Past and present

Rainbows	
Then	Now
Rainbows dates back to 1965 for girls aged 4-7, but only in Northern Ireland. In 1987 Guiding in the UK launched rainbows for girls aged 5-7. The first rainbows uniform for the UK was a tabard over their regular clothes with a triangular cloth promise badge sewn in the centre of the chest.	The current uniform was released in 2004 and has not changed in the last 20 years. In 2023 they announced that they would be releasing a new uniform in 2026.

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Brownies	
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<p>In 1970 brownies introduced the iconic yellow top with a big logo on the front. In 1990 the new uniform design scheme was launched. The mix-match uniform was designed to make it more appropriate for each season.</p>	<p>The current uniform was released in 2004 and has not changed in the last 20 years. In 2023 they announced that they would be releasing a new uniform in 2026.</p>

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Guides	
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<p>This iconic uniform was introduced in 1990 with cotton polos and mix-match options. In 1989 blue jeans became official guide wear. The uniform was then changed in 2000 and 2005.</p>	<p>The current uniform was released in 2016 and has not changed in the last 20 years. In 2023 they announced that they would be releasing a new uniform in 2026.</p>

Brownies

Mingle bingo

Has a pet dog	Is in the same year as me at school	Can play a instrument
Is a only child	Has their birthday the same month as me	Has visited another country
Can speak another language	Can knit or crochet	Owens a cat

Brownies

Guiding dash

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THINKING - 3

GUIDES - 5

BROWNIES - 3

LEADER(S) - 3

GIRL - 1

BIRTHDAY - 3

HUNDRED - 3

WORLD - 5

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They decided that this special day would be named **Thinking** Day, so that all of Girlguiding would be thinking about each other all around the **world**. And what better date to choose than a **birthday!** The leader of the movement, Lady Baden-Powell, the **World** Chief **Guide** had her **birthday** on the 22nd of February. Not to forget her husband, the founder, Lord Baden-Powell, also had his **birthday** on the 22nd of February. This shared **birthday** was the perfect date to celebrate. Every **leader** was happy and agreed it was a great idea. A few years later, at the 7th **World** Conference, someone said: "Just thinking out loud here... but don't **birthdays** usually come with gifts?" Everyone agreed, and when they took the idea home to their **girls** the **Brownies** thought it was a good idea. And the **Guides** thought it was a good idea. All of the **girls** thought it was a good idea.

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Guides

History hustle

Learn about the history of Thinking Day in this fun game! Get into two lines, and face each other with your legs stretched out to touch their partner's. Each pair of girls will be given a word.

When you hear your word read out in the story, then you need to get up and run over the other pairs' legs to the top of the line, then run down the back of your line, and back up the line of legs to get back to your starting point. You can keep track of points for each side, if you want to make it competitive.

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Guides

Friendship by design

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Questions could include:

- What's your most memorable guiding moment?
- What is your first memory of Girlguiding?
- What's your favourite colour?
- What is your favourite camp snack?
- What three words would your friends use to describe yourself?
- What's something you would/would not want on your design?

Then it's time to get designing; use colours they love, patterns and symbols linked to Girlguiding memories, and words or quotes that reflect them. Decorate them using fabric pens, gluing on felt, or (if you're feeling ambitious) embroidering on a design. When you're done you can gift your creations to your friend!



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The Princess Pat - [youtube.com/watch?v=1Eii8Dws_eY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Eii8Dws_eY)

An Austrian Went Yodelling - [youtube.com/watch?v=-75RZR1NlwU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-75RZR1NlwU)

Barges - [youtube.com/watch?v=pt96sEWEL30](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pt96sEWEL30)

Canadian Taps - [youtube.com/watch?v=M3Z5IPDQUc4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M3Z5IPDQUc4)

Rangers

Friendship knots

Resources:

- card (use old cereal boxes)
- scissors
- pencil
- cup (to trace a circle)
- 7 embroidery threads
- tape (helps with set up).

Set up of cardboard discs:

- 1) Draw and cut out circles from cardboard (8-10cm)
- 2) Poke a hole (big enough for threads to pass through) in the centre.
- 3) Around the edge of the circle, cut 8 notches evenly spaced.

Set up of threads:

- 1) Tie 7 threads together in a knot at one end. You could choose the colours to represent your favourite things about guiding, different parts of the guiding promise, or each of the different sections.
- 2) Put knot through centre of cardboard
- 3) Slot threads into each notch, and should have one empty notch.

Braiding:

- 1) Hold empty notch at the top (12 o'clock)
- 2) Count 3 notches clockwise from the empty space, moving that thread to the empty notch.
- 3) Rotate the wheel so the empty notch is at the top again.
- 4) Repeat, 3 clockwise to the empty notch.
- 5) Keep going until it's at the desired length.

Finishing:

- 1) Remove all threads from notches and tie a knot, cutting off excess thread.



Rangers

A letter across the world

Step 1:

Decorate your card.

Ideas: use blues and whites (official WAGGGS colours), include guiding symbols such as trefoil/campfires/flags or landmarks from the UK, add World Thinking Day motifs such as hearts and friendship.

Step 2:

Write your message.

Ideas: Introduce yourself and your unit, share something from your guiding life (favourite memory/activity), ask questions about their guiding life (special badge/life in other country), World Thinking Day message.

Step 3:

Keep or share. Up to units/individuals. You could either keep your letters/postcards. Or choose to send it (physically/virtually) internationally.