

Different Shoe Day Council Patch Program

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Different Shoe Day council patch program is linked to World Thinking Day. Each February 22, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides across 150 countries celebrate World Thinking Day. It's a day of international friendship and a time to stand up for causes that could improve the lives of girls around the globe.

World Thinking Day: The National Girl Scout Way of Celebrating Diversity



Girl Scouts of the United States of America actively promotes pluralism, a condition where many different groups, ideas, backgrounds, etc. coexist. Each year around February 22nd, Girl Scouts can demonstrate their appreciation and acceptance of this diversity during “World Thinking Day”.

This special day was chosen because February 22nd is also the birthday of Lord and Lady Baden Powell, who are the founders of the Scouting movement. Girl Scouts and Girl Guides in countries throughout the world take time on this day to learn about each other, think of each other, and exchange greetings. Historically, this has also been a time for girls to contribute to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund. The Fund supports:

- International wider opportunities for girls in the United States to travel overseas or for girls from other countries to come to GSUSA events;
- Activities and maintenance of the WAGGGS Four World Centers;
- Mutual aid to other WAGGGS member countries, helping them to afford new equipment, training, and the hiring of new staff; and
- The annual GSUSA contribution to the WAGGGS World Thinking Day Fund, which helps to improve Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting around the world in many ways.

Donate [online](#) or mail a check made out to:
World Foundation for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Inc.

Addressed to:
World Foundation for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Inc.
P.O. Box 6457 – Dept. 276
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206

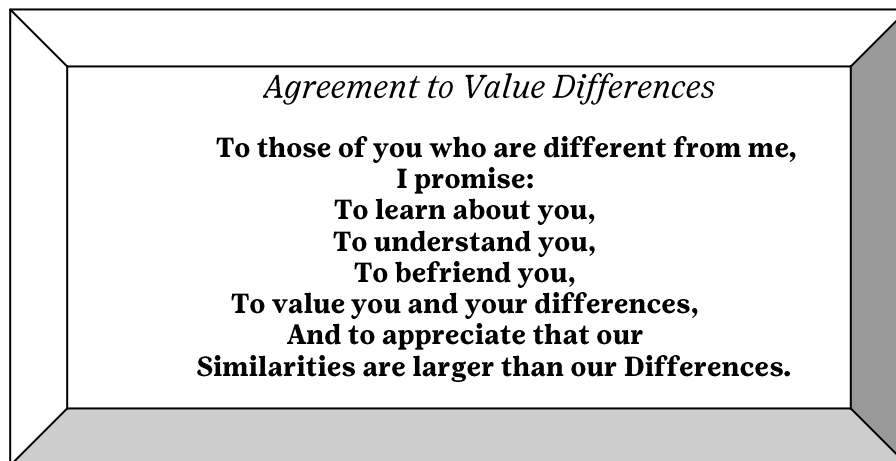
World Thinking Day reinforces the importance of diversity and acceptance, which truly are the core values of our organization. Girl Scouts – North Carolina Coastal Pines appreciates World Thinking Day and we encourage girls to participate in a variety of activities that promote learning about diverse cultures, backgrounds, nationalities, and ethnicities on this day and throughout the year. One resource we offer in celebration of World Thinking Day and diversity awareness is the Different Shoe Day patch program.

Different Shoe Day

The Girl Scout family not only consists of members of a troop, an area, or a council; but also includes a network of people from all over the world. This family unit makes Girl Scouting a unique place for girls to grow and understand not only themselves but others around them. This patch program contains activities that girls of all ages can use to learn about and appreciate cultural diversity.

On February 22nd, Girl Scouts can celebrate diversity by participating in Different Shoe Day. This activity encourages girls to demonstrate their commitment to accepting and valuing others by wearing two different shoes to school, to work, or to play. This symbolic gesture may cause an onlooker to ask why you are wearing two different shoes, which is an opportunity to communicate the importance of valuing people of all cultures, ethnic groups, races, and abilities. By participating in the Different Shoe Day activities, we can make a difference in our neighborhood and our community. It's truly a "step" in the right direction!

The program guidelines and other pertinent information regarding Different Shoe Day are outlined below.



Different Shoe Day

GUIDELINES and ACTIVITIES

Participation is easy and the activities are FUN! Simply do at least two of the activities on or before February 22nd. Through these interactive activities girls will enjoy celebrating the diversity of people.

1. Wear two DIFFERENT SHOES to school on February 22nd or designated date.
 - a. Ask school principals in your area for their permission for children to wear two different shoes on February 22nd or designated date.
 - b. Girls and adults sign their own “Agreement to Value Differences” card. These can be copied as needed. Cards are provided with this packet of information.
 - c. **Each participant should wear two different shoes on February 22nd or designated date.**
 - d. Sign and date your personal agreement card and carry it with you on February 22nd or designated date.
2. Host an international food festival. Cook dishes from around the world. This event could be a community event or held for just Girl Scouts.
3. Create a culture collage: girls can work on this collage either about one culture they have studied or about various cultures. The collage should demonstrate the similarities and differences of the culture(s) to their own. Have a discussion about similarities and differences in cultures around the world.
4. Dare to mix it up! At lunch, during church, or at another event sit with a different group of people that you don’t know. Learn about their favorite music group, their ideal vacation, their favorite animal, etc. Ask them questions like “If you’re the principal, what is the first class you drop? First class you add?”.
5. Hold a cultural game day. Girl Scouts can either bring games that they play from their own culture or study a specific game from a country in which they are interested. As each game is being played, the significance of it should also be discussed. This is a great way for girls to have fun while learning about other people!
6. Get acquainted with people of other cultures through a pen pal program, international exchange program, community events, or cultural organization. If possible, have this person visit your troop meeting.
7. Ask each girl to identify a role model who has positively impacted her life. Through a drawing, poetry, storytelling, or acting, have girls express how this person positively enriched their lives. Have girls answer questions such as: How is the world a better place because of this person? What contribution has this person made to your family or community?

8. Learn different dances and explore music from around the world. Share music you like to listen to with others. Are there songs from other cultures and or countries that you favor? Talk with your family, friends, or troop about the different types of music and any regional influences/instruments.
9. Attend a community event to learn about different cultural dances, food, clothes, or costumes, traditions, history, etc. At the end of the event, share with your group or family at least two things you learned and your favorite part of the day. If your family was asked to participate in a cultural community event, are there any family traditions you would want to share? If your family doesn't have any traditions, can you think of one that you might want to start? If so, share it with your family!

Order Patches

For all girls who complete at least two of the above activities, Different Shoe Day patches are available for purchase from the council retail store. Simply use the [online link](#) to order your patch or stop by any of the retail locations.

Evaluate Patch Program

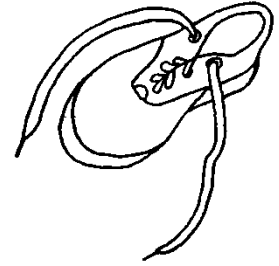
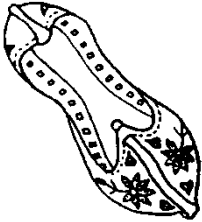
We're excited to hear what you think about our council patch program activities and resources. Use the online [evaluation form](#) to share your feedback. Participant responses are used to help plan and enhance future programs. For your convenience, you can use this form to both evaluate the patch program and order patches.

Have fun and enjoy our celebration of diversity!

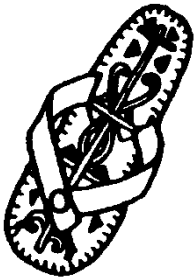
Festejen
El Día de Zapatos Distintos

Es un tiempo para mostrar nuestra dedicación a apreciar a todas las personas.

Acuerdo de Apreciar Nuestras Diferencias



***A aquellos quienes
son diferentes que yo,
a tratar de conocerte y
entenderte, ser tu amigo,
apreciar a tí y a tus
diferencias, y reconocer
que nuestras semejanzas
exceden nuestras
diferencias.***



El día 22 de febrero, yo, _____, llevaré dos zapatos distintos en apoyo de mi acuerdo de apreciar diferencias. Trataré de hablar con mis amistades sobre **El Día de Zapatos Distintos**.

Kinder- Grados 1 (Daisy)

Grados 6-8 (Cadette)

Grados 2-3 (Brownie)

Grados 9-10 (Senior)

Grados 4-5 (Junior)

Grados 11-12

(Ambassador)

Adulto

Firma

¡Me gustaría participar! Acepto el Acuerdo de Apreciar Nuestras Diferencias y me gustaría participar en **el Día de Zapatos distintos el día 22 de febrero**.

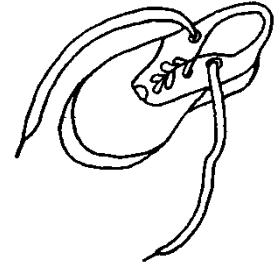
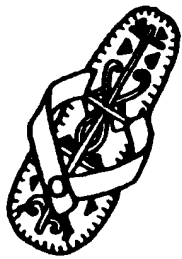
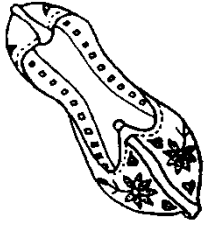
Usaré dos zapatos distintos y llevaré mi tarjeta de acuerdo.



Celebrate
Different Shoe Day

Agreement Sheet

A day to demonstrate our commitment to embracing all peoples.



Agreement to Value Differences

***To those who are
different from me,
I promise:
To learn about you,
To understand you,
To befriend you,
To value you and your differences,
And to appreciate that our
similarities are larger
than our differences.***

On February 22nd or designated date, I, _____, will be wearing two different shoes as a symbol of my support to value differences. I will try to spread the word about *Different Shoe Day*.

Kindergarten- Grade 1
(Daisy)

Grades 2-3 (Brownie)

Grades 4-5 (Junior)

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Adults

Signature

I'd like to participate! I accept the *Agreement to Value Differences* and would like to participate in Different Shoe Day on designated date. I will be wearing two different shoes and carrying my *Agreement* card.

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*Different Shoe Day
February 22nd*

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*El Dia de Zapatos
Distintos
22 De Febrero*

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