

# THINKING DAY 2012

February 25<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am to noon



Come travel the world and learn about Girl Scouting in other countries. Participants "travel" from country to country, read the exhibits, sample the food items, and perhaps make a craft or get a SWAP. Travelers also carry "passports" which are stamped at each table they visit.

## ENTRY FEE (Due no later than February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012):

- \$5.00/ Girl Scout - Entry fee will include bag, passport, picture for passport, game card 'hunt', and Thinking Day patch for each Girl Scout.
- \$2.00/ **Troop Leaders or registered parents**
- Thinking Day patches may be purchased for Leaders/ Co-Leaders and parents.

## VENUE:

Blockhouse Creek Elementary  
Cafeteria  
401 Creek Run, Leander in Blockhouse Creek

## PLEASE BRING:

- **Ink pad and stamp** that relates to your country so scouts can stamp their passports. If you do not have an ink pad and stamp, please contact Chandra (tresbird@swbell.net).
- **Flag** for your country. May be purchased or made from material, poster board, or any other medium suitable to your needs. Troops may dress up in clothing native to their country. This does not have to be an elaborate costume; it can be as simple as a bandana that is the same color as the flag, a shirt with an iron-on transfer of the flag, a simple hat like a beret for France etc. Utilize parents in your Troop that sew or are really creative to help you with this part of the project.
- Have your troop make a **trifold** showing facts/ interests about your Country. Can also have items that represent your Country on display. Try to tell about the Country so girls will understand (i.e. what is it like to be a girl in that Country). Girls can also need to learn to say "**Hello**" in the language of their country.
- **Decorations** for booth if you desire.
- **Food** item to share about your country (enough to let everyone try...keep in mind there will be troop leaders and parents as well). Keep portions small (Dixie cups, cube size bites etc)
- **SWAPS** (Something We Affectionately Pin Somewhere). **Please plan on making about 200 to 250 SWAPS.** Google is an excellent resource for finding SWAPS ideas. These may be made out of bottle caps, shrinky dinks, beads, cardboard, miniature items such as hats, cloth, pipe cleaners, or just about any other material. The SWAPS need to have a pin attached, and should be inexpensive and easy to make.
- **Craft or an activity** related to country for the girls OR you may bring a game, song or activity that is traditional to your Country to teach the other girls while they are at your display.

**SERVICE PROJECT:**

We want to encourage the girls to participate in two service projects:

1. Juliette Lowe World Friendship Fund – Each girl is encouraged to donate a “penny per inch”. They can measure their height, arm length, leg length, etc. and donate a penny for each inch.

The troop then can place the money in an envelope or can, sealed with their troop # on the outside. The monies will be sent to the Girl Scouts of the USA, Juliette Lowe Friendship Fund in Newark, NJ.

2. We encourage each girl and leader to bring 1 canned food item which will be donated to the Hill Country Ministries Food Pantry.

**REGISTRATION:**

You may register via email to Chandra Birdwell at tresbird@swbell.net or by the January Service Unit Meeting. Your email should include:

1) Troop number and level: \_\_\_\_\_

2) Troop leader’s name, email, and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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3) List of girls participating including first and last name as they are registered:

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Registration CLOSES **February 5<sup>th</sup>**. Because each troop will need to plan for food and SWAPS, we will not be able to have “drop in” troops or girls.

Troop checks should be made payable to **Girl Scout Troop 2156**. They need to be received by February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011, and may be brought to the January leader meeting or mailed to:  
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