



Hello Girl Scouts!

Thank you so much for signing up for our 2nd annual Coastal Connection Community World Thinking Day. We are looking forward to a great event. I want to share some info with you to help you and your troop prepare for the event. Something to keep in mind as you prepare for this year's event, the 2015 theme is "We can create peace through partnerships."

Booths: Each country will have their own table to display their information. Some things you may want to include in your display are the country name, scouting history, famous women from the country, maps, pictures, and descriptions of foods, clothing and the education there. Fun items like coins or other souvenirs may be displayed. Booths will also need a **small stamp & ink or stickers** to mark the passports of visitors to your country. Girls at booths may also dress in costumes. We are recommending that troops divide their girls in half so that one half stands at their booth while the other half travels to the other countries, then switch after 1 hour. An adult should be with each half. If you have never done a display with your troop, here is a great site with some basics.

<http://glenellyngirlscouts.webs.com/howtosetupabooth.htm>

Showcase: Showcase participants will have 3 minutes to perform their act. Some ideas are a song or dance from your country, a skit showing something important about your country, or a fashion exhibit showing cultural wear or scout wear from your country. Be creative and share what you find interesting about your location.

ALL TROOPS NEED:

Parade of Flags: Make the **flag for the country** by using a poster board folded in half mounted on a 3 ft. stick or yardstick. Select one girl from your troop to parade the flag after the opening ceremony for the Parade of Flags. Information for the parade of flag participants (flag bearers) will be given prior to the event.

SWAPS: SWAPS stand for **Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere** and are a Girl Scout tradition. Each table should include a section that displays SWAPS. SWAPS should represent the country or the WTD event.

http://www.girlscouts.org/who_we_are/facts/swaps/

Troops will also need a **Ziploc or brown bag for each girl** to collect her traded swaps in.



Please let me know if you have any questions or need any help preparing for the event. We hope to make this year's event bigger and better than last year!

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