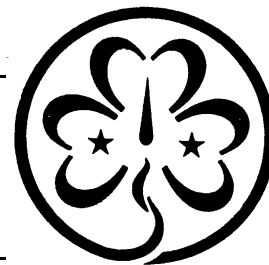


WAGGGS MEMBER LIST



The **WORLD** of **WAGGGS**
(World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts)
 current as of June 2008 - 144 members

Antigua and Barbuda	Fiji	Madagascar	Sierra Leone
Argentina	Finland	Malawi	Singapore
Armenia	France	Malaysia	Slovak Republic
Aruba		Maldives	Slovenia
Australia	Gambia, The	Malta	Solomon Islands
Austria	Georgia	Mauritania	South Africa
	Germany	Mauritius	Spain
Bahamas	Ghana	Mexico	Sri Lanka
Bahrain	Greece	Monaco	Sudan
Bangladesh	Grenada	Mongolia	Suriname
Barbados	Guatemala		Swaziland
Belarus	Guinea	Namibia	Sweden
Belgium	Guyana	Nepal	Switzerland
Belize		Netherlands	
Benin, People's Republic of	Haiti	Netherlands Antilles	Taiwan (China)
Bolivia	Honduras	New Zealand	Tanzania
Botswana	Hong Kong	Nicaragua	Thailand
Brazil	Hungary	Nigeria	Togo
Brunei Darussalam		Norway	Tonga
Burkina Faso	Iceland		Trinidad and Tobago
Burundi	India	Oman, Sultanate of	Tunisia
	Ireland		Turkey
Cambodia	Israel	Pakistan	
Cameroon	Italy	Panama, Republic of	Uganda
Canada	Ivory Coast	Papua New Guinea	Ukraine
Central Africa Republic		Paraguay	United Arab Emirates
Chad	Jamaica	Peru	United Kingdom
Chile	Japan	Philippines	United States
Colombia	Jordan	Poland	Uruguay
Congo		Portugal	
Cook Islands	Kenya		Vanuatu
Costa Rica	Kiribati	Qatar	Venezuela
Cyprus	Korea		
Czech Republic	Kuwait	Romania	Yemen Republic
		Russian Federation	
Denmark	Latvia	Rwanda	Zambia
Dominica	Lebanon		Zimbabwe
Dominican Republic	Lesotho	Saint Kitts and Nevis	
	Liberia	Saint Lucia	
Ecuador	Libya	Saint Vincents and the Grenadines	
Egypt, Arab Republic of	Liechtenstein		
El Salvador	Luxembourg	Samoa	
Estonia		San Marino	
		Senegal	

The History of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts

Robert Baden-Powell (1857-1941) founded the Boy Scout Movement in 1908. As a result of demand "the scheme for girls" was devised soon afterwards and the Girl Guide Association was officially founded in 1910. The Movement soon spread from Britain to other countries and in 1919 Lord Baden-Powell's wife, Olave, formed the International Council to provide a link between members around the world. At the 5th International Conference in Hungary in 1928 the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts was formed, replacing the International Council. Thereafter the International Conference became the World Conference. Olave, Lady Baden-Powell (1889-1977), became World Chief Guide in 1930.

What is the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts?

- **WAGGGS** - the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts is a voluntary organization for girls and young women. With more than 140 member organizations, it offers over 10 million members a dynamic and flexible educational program based on spiritual values.
- **WAGGGS is divided into four Regions and a Regional Group:** the Western Hemisphere, Asia Pacific, Europe, Africa and the Arab Regional Group.
- **The object** of the World Association is to promote unity of purpose and common understanding in the fundamental principles of the Girl Guide/Girl Scout Movement throughout the world, and to encourage friendship among girls of all nations within frontiers and beyond.
- **The aim** of the Girl Guide/Girl Scout Movement is to provide girls with opportunities for self-training in the development of character, responsible citizenship and service to the community.
- **WAGGGS organizes international meetings**, training and seminars in different parts of the world.
- **WAGGGS owns four World Centers:** Our Chalet, in Adelboden, Switzerland; Pax Lodge, in London, England; Our Cabaña, in Cuernavaca, Mexico; and Sangam in Pune, India. International gatherings and training are held there and are open to girls, young women and leaders from National Organizations.
- **Operates a Mutual Aid Scheme** whereby National Organizations help one another.
- **Ensures** that WAGGGS' concerns are represented to United Nations Agencies through its team of volunteers.
- **WAGGGS promotes international education** by celebrating Thinking Day on 22 February. On this day, WAGGGS' members make a special effort to think of their sister Girl Guides/Girl Scouts all over the world and to give voluntary contributions, which are used to promote the Movement.

WAGGGS Member Organizations:

- Adopt the principles of the Girl Guide/Girl Scout Movement.
- Are self-governing, with the freedom to formulate and implement their own policy.
- Are independent of any political organization and any political party.
- Have a membership which is voluntary and open to all girls and young women without distinction of creed, race or nationality.
- Encourage girls and young women to develop their self esteem and leadership skills through service to their own and world communities.

WAGGGS' Goals: The World Conference set goals which will dictate WAGGGS' programs and policies.

- Promote the advancement of girls and young women.
- Provide education for a changing world.
- Increase membership in each triennium.
- Strengthen financial resources and financial management.



A world conference takes place in a different country every 3 years to:

- Make decisions on WAGGGS' policy.
- Consider membership applications.
- Elect the World Committee.

The World Committee consists of 12 members. Its responsibilities are implementing decisions taken at the World Conference and promoting Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting throughout the world.

The World Bureau, situated in London, England, is the secretariat of the World Association and carries out its day-to-day work. The staff of about 40 are headed by a Director whose responsibility is to coordinate the work of the World Bureau.

WAGGGS is financed by:

- **Quota** - the annual contribution paid by every Member Organization;
- **Thinking Day** contributions;
- **Grants**, donations, and bequests;
- **The Endowment Fund**, which was created to safeguard the Association's future finances;
- **The WAGGGS Development Fund** - used for general development, specific purposes, or for special projects;
- **The Olave Baden-Powell Society** - promotes Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting by recognizing and honoring major donors.