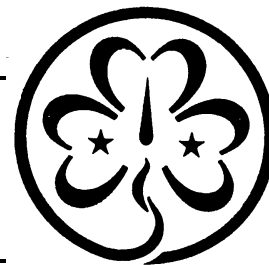


WAGGGS MEMBER LIST



The **WORLD** of **WAGGGS**
(World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts)
 current as of March 2009 - 145 members

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

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.

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.