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Why I volunteer

Prarthana Liyanage, a 23-year-old member of the Sri Lanka Girl Guides Association writes on



her experiences of volunteering. She was also a participant at the Young Women's World Forum 2010.

"When I was eight I joined the Little Friends Pack in my school and ever since I have been involved in most of the activities organized by my pack, district and Girl Guide headquarters.

My interest in community service started when I was a Guide. Now community service has become a great passion and big part of my life.

Being a member of our Girl Guide Movement, has given me self confidence, self-esteem and courage to work towards my goals. I have been able to work with every one and have the ability to understand people from different backgrounds and cultures.

I am very proud to say that I am a Girl Guide – I can truthfully say that it is because of Girl Guiding that I have become who I am now. I am now able to work with people from all walks of life especially at times like the Tsunami disaster, floods etc. Guiding has also helped to develop my personality by giving me skills in leadership, communication and organization and teamwork. What we learn from Guiding is life skills and as a young woman, I have always used these in my everyday life and in my studies. So, I really

believe that I should help others too, to develop their lives and spread the word of Girl Guiding.

I have been involved in organizing many Guide events such as youth forums, talent shows and community service projects. After participating in the Young Women's World Forum, I am now working towards MDG 3, "Empower Women and Gender Equality", because Girl Guiding too is focused in these areas, as our Mission says, "To enable girls and young women to develop their fullest potential as responsible citizen of the world"

It was agreed that all Member Organizations should involve more young women in the decision-making process by recruiting them into their sub-committees and National Boards. This is very important, if we wish our Movement to grow and spread around the world. We should be in a position to influence society and make the voices of girls and young women heard. We were proud to say that our Association declared that two young women must serve on all sub-committees as well as on our National Executive Committee. We stressed that young women must get the opportunity to make decisions and present ideas to develop programmes etc. This will no doubt motivate more girls and young women to join the Movement.

Girl Guiding has also given me the opportunity to develop my international knowledge and understanding. Thinking back, I could truthfully say that any project or programme I have been involved in is due to the experience I have gained as a Girl Guide.

At present, I am studying Psychology and Counseling. I am a Senior Guide, Secretary of the Youth Sub Committee, a member of the Equipment / Uniform Sub Committee, Communications Sub Committee and I am the youngest member of the National Executive

Committee of our Association. In addition to my involvement in Girl Guiding, I am also a member of other NGO's, namely Young Zoologist Association and the Radio Society of Sri Lanka.

My first international experience was the Lead and Advocate Seminar in 2007 at our World Centre, Sangam. This was the turning point of my life, but even greater than this was Young Women's World Forum. I got the opportunity to meet and listen to important people. I learnt a great deal from them. This was an experience of a lifetime and the words that impressed and motivated me most came from Leymah Gbowee, peace activist in Liberia. She said: "one little step, huge impact, lifetime legacy". She said that as women we can do a great deal, but start from little steps. Go forwards and others will follow you and the end will be success. These words gave me courage and energy, and certainly changed my outlook on life. All young women should heed these words.

As Girl Guides, I feel that we can contribute a great deal for the betterment of society and give a strong message to the world.

I take this opportunity to thank the Sri Lanka Girl Guides Association and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts for giving me this opportunity to share my experience with my colleagues all over the world."

WAGGGS' goals

Goal 1 – Leadership Development

Cambodia organizes leaders' camp



A camp was organized by Girl Guides Association of Cambodia at Preah Vihear and Siem Reap for 45 leaders from 6 provinces in collaboration with Cambodian Women for

Peace and Development, which brought 85 members from 11 provinces, amounting to a total of 130 participants. The camp included a campfire, a leaders' meeting and outdoor activities and was held from 11-14 November 2010. The camp involved outdoor activities, sessions on HIV prevention and awareness and visits to military troops.

Nutritional Dietary Camp run by Korea

On 12 November 2010, Girl Scouts of Korea successfully held 'The Camp for Improvement in Nutritional Dietary' with an aim at encouraging healthy food choices at home and improving healthy eating habit with the sponsorship of Ministry for Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, National Agricultural Cooperative Federation and Life Insurance Social Contribution Committee.

There were various programmes under the theme of '5 A Day' to encourage youth and their family to eat 5 colored food - red, yellow, green, white and black color - including fruits and vegetables every day.

Girls and their family who attended the camp introduced the nutritional dietary using their portfolio



which was made to improve their dietary life for 4 months. There was also an exhibition on the typical 5 coloured food, and participants enjoyed the interesting games at the exhibition booths.

Malaysia pays tribute to six women leaders

The Girl Guides Association of Malaysia (GGAM) honoured with the prestigious Paduka Srikandi Award, in recognition of their contribution to the association. The association's Royal Patron Her Majesty Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Nur Zahirah presented the awards ceremony,



which was held at Hotel Istana, Kuala Lumpur on 21 November 2010 and attended by around 400 members and friends of GGAM. Heading the list was the Prime Minister's wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, who is also the association's current President, followed by former Presidents Tun Dr Hajah Rahah Mohd Noah (1963-1976), Tun Suhailah Mohd Noah (1977-1980), Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali (1981-2003) and Tun Jeanne Abdullah (2007-2009). HRH Princess Azizah Iskandar, who was the GGAM's former Deputy President (2006-2010), was also given an award.

In her speech, Datin Seri Zalillah thanked and congratulated the recipients for their services, contributions and dedication in upholding the image and dignity of the association. GGAM appreciates and values their efforts in using their resources and influences to help girls and young women achieve their potentials.

Girl Guides Singapore Brownie Challenge 2010

Reflections by Yip Sue Min of River Valley Primary School: What is a Brownie Challenge? To me, the Brownie Challenge is when Brownies from different schools come together, make friends and enjoy bonding time with both new and current friends.



In competitions, winning may be important but I believe that enjoying the process is just as important. Memories of friends made and what was done during the competition last forever.

The event allowed me to learn and apply many of my school's core values. Integrity and synergy are needed for teamwork and risk-taking and confidence are vital for all activities. I am certain that all these core values learnt during the event will put me and my fellow Brownies in good stead when we are faced with the challenges and demands of our growing-up years.

Taiwan runs Parent-Children HIV/AIDS Education Camp



Girl Scouts of Taiwan has continued to work on the Global Action Theme on

AIDS "Fight AIDS" and "Stop the spread of diseases". They held a parent-child HIV/AIDS Education Camp on 26 September 2010 in Taipei City. The aim of the camp was to provide opportunities for parents and children to take leading role to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS and give care and support to those who are infected by HIV/AIDS. The programmes included a lecture on what HIV/AIDS is, listening to the experiences of people living with HIV/AIDS, watching films and role plays. Finally, all the participants promised to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS.

National Leadership Training on Climate Change held in the Philippines

The Girl Scouts of the Philippines held the National Leadership Training on Climate Change from 27 to 29 November 2010 at HZB National Program and Training Center in Tagaytay City. 30 Girl Scouts and 30 trainers from across the country attended the event. The training aimed to promote greater awareness of the climate change crisis and its impact on the environment as a whole. Participants were challenged to come up with community projects to address these environmental issues and concerns. Moreover, the training also aimed to develop skills on leadership and disaster-management through WAGGGS/FAO Climate Change Badge Curriculum.

Architect and environment planner Nathaniel Von Einsiedel, gave an overview of what climate change and ecology-based urban planning is all about. Mrs Teresita B. Choa, Immediate Past National President of GSP, discussed the environmental issues and concerns and also focused on what an individual could do to reduce their carbon footprints. Mr Vicente F. Tomazar, Regional Director of the Office of the Civil Defense Region IV-A talked about Disaster Risk Management including the strategies and coping capacities of Girl Scouts and communities to reduce the impact of

environmental disasters. Moreover, Ms Gloria B. Echaluze, the Chief Trainer, introduced and discussed the WAGGGS/FAO Climate Change Badge Curriculum, how the badges can be earned, the knowledge, values and skills developed and the possible services that Girl Scouts can offer in their communities. Additionally, Ms Gloria E. Calotes, Assistant National Executive Director and Co-Trainer, gave a workshop on possible community-development projects on climate change. At the end of the workshop, all the six regions presented their project ideas.

Other activities included a brief presentation from the KILUS Foundation on how to make bags and wallets from recycled materials. Ms Maye Padilla of World Wide Fund-Philippines explained what global warming is all about and its affect on the people and environment. She invited all the participants to join the Earth Hour event on March 26, 2011.

Goal 2 – Strong and Growing Member Organizations

Presenting coal in snow



Mengfei Wu, Regional Director, Asia Pacific Region writes "In some parts of our world, the weather is getting colder and colder. The

leaves and grass are coloured with beautiful frost or covered in white snow. This indicates that the New Year is around the corner. In the UK, donating money to charities is traditional at the end of a year. While we are celebrating, we should not forget others who are still in need.

This tradition is also part of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting culture and we have recently confirmed several donations:

- The Hong Kong Girl Guides Association's donation to Girl Scouts Association of Mongolia (GSAM) on setting up a handicraft workshop.

This donation not only provides training for girls in Mongolia to learn life skills but also

helps GSAM to improve its financial capacity in the long term.

- Girls Scouts of Japan donation to Mutual Aid Projects:
 - 1) Sri Lanka mini-bus project
 - 2) Mongolia's materials production
 - 3) Cambodia's printing of leader handbook

It is not easy to attract external donors to secure funds for projects like printing Guiding/Scouting materials for our Members Organizations (MOs), but this really is a first step for MOs in retaining and recruiting new members.

- The International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF) donation to Mongolia's materials production. ISGF has been a great supporter of the Asia Pacific Region. In the past they have funded training in Fiji, Mongolia and Thailand. The recent Mongolia project caught their attention. Extra funding from ISGF allows the project to expand to the next level. Now the project will also include translation of WAGGGS materials and trainings for leaders on how to use GAT badge curriculum, Advocacy Toolkit, etc.

The weather is getting colder, but these donations warm our hearts and encourage our spirits. As we say in Chinese: "presenting coal in snow."

Literacy camps held by Pakistan

Two "Free community camps" regarding "Women empowerment through literacy and maternal health education" were organized by Pakistan Girl Guides Association (PGGA) Punjab Branch in June 2010. These camps took place at the Community Learning Centers (CLCs) of Shahpur and Karbath. The CLCs' staff, learners, their family members and other community members attended the camps.

The camps involved sessions on skills training, maternal health education, first aid training, poultry and livestock, agriculture and kitchen gardening. More than 550 people attended the camps.

90th Anniversary Camp and Girl Scouts Viva 90 run by Japan

The Girl Scouts of Japan's 90th Anniversary Togakushi International Camp was held from 5 to 9 August at Togakushi Girl Scout Centre in Nagano prefecture. 113 Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from 13 Member Organizations participated in the camp, together with 307 Japanese Senior and Ranger Girl Scouts.

The participants included contingents from Bangladesh, Philippines, Hong Kong, India, Korea, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand, as well as eight Junior Scouts and leaders attached to GSJ who are active in Malaysia (1st Troop TOFS Malaysia).

The aims of the camp were: Participants recognize their different values by getting to know each other and themselves, and understand the significance of the worldwide Girl Guide/Girl Scout Movement. Activities incorporated the theme of the eight GAT advocacy messages and included hands-on activities related to environmental issues through the Greener x Greener Peace Project.



955 GSJ members and 338 non-members visited the camp. Princess Kiko, the wife of Prince

Akishino, and her daughter Princess Kako, visited the camp. A Ceremony of thanks was held to celebrate the centenary of international Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting, the 90th anniversary of GSJ and the 50th anniversary of Togakushi Girl Scout Centre.

Girl Scouts VIVA 90!, a celebration of the 90th anniversary of Girl Scouting in Japan, was held for three days from 9 to 11 October at the National Olympics Memorial Youth Centre in Tokyo. Around 7,000 people participated in this event. One of the programmes, the Leadership Development Seminar, focused on the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and GAT, and provided an opportunity for self-development and deeper understanding of the MDGs from the perspective of each individual theme. One of the seminars included talks by two participants in the Juliette Low Seminar in 2009 and 2010 on the theme of MDG8

"Building global partnerships for development".

Korea hosts Girl Scout Gala Night 2010

Girl Scouts of Korea held a Girl Scout Gala Night 2010 on 23 November 2010 at Lotte Hotel in Seoul as a fundraising event with around 800 participants, including the Vice-Minister of Gender Equality and Family, members of the National Assembly, Korean celebrities, leaders and supporting members of GSK. An award was given to the best troop leader of the year, and various congratulatory performances and congratulatory messages also took place. This event was held with the aim of expressing our deepest thanks to Girl Scouts sponsors who have supported our Movement. The funds raised at this event will be used to empower girls and young women in GSK.

Goal 3 - The Voice of Girls and Young Women

Visit to World Expo in China by Hong Kong

With the World EXPO held in China this year, the Hong Kong Girl Guides Association took the chance to organize several groups of girls to visit this special event. In the event named "10,000 Miles Friendship Trek", two leaders and 20 girls visited Beijing, Shanghai and Hangzhou from 25 July to 1 August 2010, together with members from the other nine groups. Members enjoyed the EXPO as well as the exchange programme with young people from the mainland.



Another group of 256 Girl Guides, Guides and Commissioners joined the Shanghai World Expo Exchange Tour which was held from 27 to 31 July 2010. The itinerary included visits

to the EXPO, Oriental Pearl Tower, History Museum and other historical spots. Girls also enjoyed learning about ‘Shanghai’ life when local people showed them around the municipal city.

43rd English Play Contest run by Korea

Girl Scouts of Korea held the 43rd English Play Contest under the theme of



“Together we can change our world” on 13 November 2010 at Seoul Women’s Plaza in Seoul. The event was sponsored by the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family, the National Council of Youth Organizations in Korea and Kim and Chang Intellectual Property, which is the largest law firm in Korea. 97 teams (602 people) participated in preliminary contests held by 10 Provincial Councils and 14 teams (144 people) were selected to take part in the final. Jeongbal Elementary School team won the grand prize and was awarded by the Minister of Gender Equality and Family.

Since 1967, GSK has organized the contest annually and opened the participation to non-member school students. The aim of the contest is to provide the opportunities for young people to foster teamwork, develop their creative talents and English-speaking ability.

Owing to its long and successful history, this contest has become the one of the key programmes for developing global citizenship and English education in GSK.

Cultural Exchange between UK and Japan

This year was the 14th year of the



Cultural Exchange Programme between UK and Japan. 17 UK Guiders visited Japan from 7 to 20 October. It was an opportunity for them to learn about the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) from a variety of angles, based on the theme, girls worldwide say "together we can change our world". With a planning committee made up of young leaders, Saitama Council planned and implemented a programme centering on the theme. Supported by the council executive members and trainers, it was a chance for the planning committee members to develop their potential and it is hoped that they will play a central role in the Girl Scout Movement in future.

During their stay the participants visited a Japanese elementary school in order to develop a better understanding of Girl Scouting as a social education Movement. Interchange with the 300 elementary schoolchildren reinforced their recognition of the need for primary education, and provided an opportunity for them to think about how they can contribute to the promotion of the MDGs. The visit to the elementary school was also a chance to promote understanding of the Girl Scout Movement at the school and in the local area, and it is hoped that it will lead to increased membership.

Helping children in North Korea by Girl Scouts of Korea

The South Korean government decided to give aid to North Korea which had been seriously damaged by the most disastrous flood ever experienced, thus the Girl Scouts of Korea donated funds amounting to USD 10,000 to buy wheat flour and delivered it to North Korea through the Korean Council for Reconciliation and Cooperation for North Korean to help ease food shortages in North Korea.

The wheat flour delivery ceremony was held on 16 September 2010 at Imjingak. Nine Junior Girl Scouts attended the ceremony to see the departure of the trucks for North Korea.

This aid project was carried out for the first time after the South-North relations had been strained recently. This delivery ceremony was given extensive media coverage. It was also good opportunity to take action on MDG1.



Nepal runs “Stop ‘Violence against Women’ Campaign



Nepal Scouts took part in the global 16-day campaign to end violence, which starts on the International Day to End

Violence Against Women (25 November) and ends on Human Rights Day (1 December).

The Nepal Scouts organized a half-day workshop on 27 November at National Headquarters. The Chief Guest for the programme was the Secretary of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Mr. Sushil Janga Bahadur Rana. Three districts participated in the workshop.

Ms. Moon Maiya Shretha, Officer, Ms. Prerana Shakya, Program Officer, Finland-Nepal Partnership Project (FNPP) and the National Secretary, Ms. Chandra Kala Pant delivered speeches. Ms Shakya's speech included the WAGGGS' declarations on the topic and information about the centenary celebration. The Secretary of the Ministry of Youth and Sports congratulated all those who were present for celebrating the campaign. He inspired Scouts to contribute to the campaign and said that if Nepal Scouts sends strong proposals, then the Ministry would be able to help to some extent.

The workshop continued with group work. The group work was done to encourage the districts to conduct activities related to the campaign. Each group presented their programme and committed to implement their plans during the 16 days campaign and beyond. They have also committed to including this in the annual programme. The National Secretary and Director of NHQ gave examples on the activities and topics and clarified the support available.

Centenary update

Fiji Girl Guides swore their oath during a ceremony to mark their 100th year anniversary at the Saint Agnes Primary School, in Nabua. During Fiji Day, which marks Fiji's independence from Britain, a group of girls from around the country commemorated the 100th anniversary of an organization they are members of at Fiji's old capital on Ovalau,

Levuka. The Fiji Girl Guides Association chose Levuka as the venue for its celebrations because the town holds a special place in Guiding history. This was where a Methodist missionary, known only as Ms H.C Hammett, formed the first company of Girl Guides 86 years ago.

While delivering her speech at Nasau Park on the morning of Saturday 9 October, FGGA President Dr. Akanisi Kedrayate said that the Fiji Association possibly ranked as one of the most pioneering associations in the world.

Dr Kedrayate, together with members of the Centennial Celebration Committee, accompanied more than 300 girls and leaders at this unforgettable weekend.

"The weekend was used not only as a celebrity occasion but as a learning experience for members of the FGGA and it also gave us a chance to reaffirm our 'promises' and 'law' and more importantly to sow the seeds of change," said Dr Kedrayate.

The celebration was officially opened by British High Commissioner His Excellency Malcolm McLachlan, and included the planting of a Centennial Tree to commemorate the 100th year of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting worldwide. Programmes to be undertaken during the three-year celebration were also launched.

Pakistan Girl Guides Association, Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Branch celebrated the centenary of international Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting by organizing a camp at F.G Girls Model

School and Benazir Bhutto Intermediate College, G-7/2. Over 400 Girl Guides from



different federal government and model schools of the capital territory participated in the camp. During the camp they made different gadgets, paintings, and presented different skits and songs, highlighting the history and importance of the Movement.

As part of centenary celebrations, a training session for Young Entrepreneurs was held at the Divisional Guide House in Lahore, Pakistan on 20 and 21 October 2010. The facilitators for Young Entrepreneurs' Training included: Dr. S.M.Naqi, Chairman SPEL

Group of Industries, who talked about the values and perseverance needed to start a business. He also talked to the children on the basics of entrepreneurship. Mrs Shamail Shahbaz, Member Executive Lahore, explained accounts and basic business principles; Mrs Raheela Shah, Principal of Mohammadia School, gave a demonstration on flower arrangements and growing plants for income generation; Mrs Gulnar Naqvi, Catering Business Manager, showed how you can use cooking skills for income-generation. 120 Girl Guides and Junior Guides from 33 Lahore schools enjoyed all the sessions. The training was very effective and the participants were very enthusiastic about starting small-scale businesses at home and school.

The 13th National Huey-Chi Girl Scouts Gathering was held in West Lake Resortopia, Miaoli County, **Taiwan** on 16 to 17 October 2010. More than 400 members from across the country participated in this event in order to celebrate centenary of international Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting. The theme of the event was "Together we can change our world" and the programmes included centenary activities, environmental sustainability, women's health, handcrafts, a tea ceremony and sampling local traditional food. Special visits to a famous Buddhist temple and Sanyi Wood Sculpture Museum were also arranged.



The Ministry of Education and Girl Scouts of Taiwan carried out the Lifelong Learning Project 331 to celebrate the centenary. Girl Scouts of Taiwan produced over 25,000 handbooks of 100 good deeds for all Girl Scouts in Taiwan on Chinese Girl Scout Day, 1st June 2010. The aim of the project is to increase knowledge, healthy activities and service to others by reading 30 minutes, exercising 30 minutes and doing one good deed every day.

Events

Young Women's World Forums

The first Young Women's World Forum (YWWF) took place in October and was a

huge success. Hosted by Girlguiding UK as part of our centenary celebrations, YWWF 2010 was the first in the series of three, one for each year of the centenary 2010 to 2012. The first YWWF brought together over 100 young women from 61 Member Organizations around the world to discuss the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and draft a declaration which details their recommendations for achieving these ambitious targets. Each participant created a personal action plan to enable them to effect change in their country and their community after the forum. Discussions focused on three of the MDGs: ending hunger, gender equality and environmental sustainability.

David Cameron, the Prime Minister of the UK, visited the Forum and addressed the delegates, giving them some tips on how to grab the attention of politicians. He also fielded questions from delegates and stressed the government's commitment to its overseas development priorities.

Delegates were also inspired by the two keynote speakers, UK Member of Parliament Jo Swinson and Liberian peace activist Leymah Gbowee. Jo Swinson spoke to the delegation about the power that women have to inspire and be leaders. She gave them an insight into the life of a young female politician and said she was sure there were several future leaders present at the Forum.

Leymah Gbowee told the young women that every small action is part of your journey – if you want to be a successful politician, activist, campaigner; your immediate community and environment is the best place to start. She became the first recipient of the WAGGGS Centenary award. Linden Edgell, Vice-Chairman of the World Board, presented the award for inspiring women to take peaceful and powerful action and speak out against conflict in Liberia.

In 2011 four simultaneous forums will take place at the World Centres, and during the Girl Scouts Centenary in 2012, the USA will host the final YWWF in the series. For more information on the event and declarations, and for daily updates from the participants, please visit the WAGGGS website.

The Girl Guides (Girl Scouts) Association of Thailand nominated Thamonwan Na Nakara to the Young Women's World Forum. Thamonwan Na Nakara is actively involved in Girl Guiding in her home town of Bangkok as

well as being involved in various Guiding projects, for example, the Health Map Project. On attending the Forum she said "I hope to develop my intercultural understanding and would like to be a part of the people who want to make a change to our world"

"Hello everyone! My name is Thamonwan Na Nakara. I am an active Guide member and a Young Leader of the Girl Guides (Girl Scouts) Association of Thailand (GGAT). Last month, I was given the opportunity to participate in the first Young Women's World Forum.

Many of you may wonder what MDGs are and what did at the Forum. MDGs are eight specific goals to be met by 2015 that aim to combat extreme poverty across the world. These goals were agreed at the UN Millennium Summit in New York in 2000. This was the largest gathering of political world leaders in history.

At the Forum, we focused on three MDGs, and created a declaration calling on WAGGGS and Member Organizations, civil society and governments to make a change in every country across the world.

Apart from discussing the MDGs and making the declaration, we were also inspired by a number of prominent speakers.

The UK Prime Minister, David Cameron, made an impromptu visit which coincided with a workshop on campaigning, so he was able to give the delegates some tips. He emphasized that Girl Guide organizations both in the UK and internationally have an important role to play in his vision for society.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to Girlguiding UK and GGAT for giving me this fantastic and unforgettable experience in England. I hope I can bring back all the knowledge and experience from this Forum to develop my community as well as achieving the MDGs and making changes in our society."

13th Girl Scout International Camp

The Girl Scouts of Korea will be holding the 13th Girl Scout International Camp on 25 to 31 July 2011. The camp will provide opportunities to share international friendship, celebrate the centenary of international Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting and learn about the environment. The theme will be 'Plant, Grow, Share' and

take place at Goseong World Jamboree camp site, Korea.

The camp fee for
 - 7 days and 6 nights (Jul. 25 ~31) is USD 240
 - 4 days and 3 nights (Jul. 25 ~ 28 or 28 ~ 31) is USD 140.

Please contact the Girl Scouts of Korea for more information:

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World Centres

An Australian at Our Chalet:

Volunteer Sally Daniel from Victoria has spent the last few months volunteering at Our Chalet. In Sally's own words "I'm a leader from Dandenong Valley Region in Victoria and am an autumn volunteer at Our Chalet. There are five other volunteers here during this autumn season, one each from Denmark, Lebanon and Ireland, and two from the USA. Despite only knowing each other for a matter of weeks, we have all become great friends. I've thoroughly enjoyed learning about each other's cultures back home, both in and out of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting. Sally has had an absolutely super time here high up, high on a mountain in Switzerland. What about volunteering in a World Centre for you?"

Volunteer opportunities:

Season	Dates	Closing date for application
Winter	1 December – 1 March	1 June
Spring	1 March – 31 May	1 Sept
Summer	15 May – 1 September	1 Dec
Autumn 2011 *	1 September – 15 October	1 March

* For Autumn 2011 it is a shorter season due to building projects at that time at Our Chalet. We encourage diverse applications from all member organizations. On some occasions,

financial assistance may be available to assist with travel costs. Would you like to join us?

http://www.ourchalet.ch/en/people/volunteering_opportunities

Fly the Flag:



When girls and young women around Australia joined together for Flying

the Flag on 10 October 2010, Australian Guides at Our Chalet had their own satellite celebration. At the tenth hour on the tenth day of the tenth month for 2010, girls and young women around Australia joined together for Flying the Flag, a special centenary event where they renewed their Guiding promise in celebration of 100 years of Guiding and 100 years of changing lives.

In Switzerland, current Girl Guides Australia members: Sarah (New South Wales), Sally (Victoria) and Cat (New South Wales) were present at Our Chalet as staff, volunteer and guest.

Our Chalet on Facebook

Our Chalet now has a personal profile on Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/home>. Invite Our Chalet to be your Facebook friend, and keep up to date with the latest events and opportunities at Our Chalet!

Events for 18-30 age groups:

Rover Week: 12 - 19 February 2011

<http://www.ourchalet.ch/en/events/20366>

High Adventure Weeks:

'Challenge your way': 1 - 8 June 2011

'Lead your way': 2 - 10 September 2011

<http://www.ourchalet.ch/en/resources/document/view/21068>

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering at a WAGGGS World Centre provides many challenges, new experiences and lifelong friendships. For the many who have passed this way over the years it has been a most rewarding and exciting time in their lives. Would you like to be part of an

international staff team and develop your leadership skills in an outdoor environment?

We are now recruiting for summer volunteers 15 May – 1 September 2011.

<http://www.ourchalet.ch/en/news/20694>

http://www.ourchalet.ch/en/staff/volunteering_opportunities

If you would like to spend your summer or winter as a guest or volunteer at Our Chalet, please visit www.ourchalet.ch or contact info@ourchalet.ch.

Pax Lodge

The Asia Pacific Region is once again being well represented at Pax Lodge with four of our Member Organizations currently part of the staff and volunteer team.

Mary-Anne from Australia is the Marketing and Communications Volunteer. She is spending 6 months at Pax Lodge and is working with the staff team to promote the Centre and its activities.



Azka from Pakistan and Sueng-Min from South Korea have recently joined us as Resident Volunteers. They are assisting in the daily running of our London World Centre and could possibly be taking you on a tour of the Centre if you visit. Azka is the first Pakistani volunteer at Pax Lodge.

One of our summer volunteers, So Yeon who is also from South Korea, attended the Young Women's World Forum in Oxford, UK. So Yeon was one of 12 delegates who announced the declaration in front of World Board members, members of Girlguiding UK and Girl Scouts USA and other delegates.

Emma, from New Zealand, joined the staff team in June as the Guest Services Co-ordinator: Events. Emma liaises between the Guest Services and Programme teams to

assist with the administration of our many events. Emma has joined Maia, World Centre Manager, who is also from New Zealand, to strengthen our Asia Pacific representation.

Volunteering

If you are friendly, hard working and open to trying new things, Pax Lodge is always recruiting new volunteers. We have Resident Volunteers, Event Assistant Volunteers, Marketing and Communication Volunteers and Guest Services Volunteers. For more information, application forms and application dates please visit www.paxlodge.org

Announcement

Tribute to Lady Kanok Samsen Vil



Lady Kanok Samsen Vil, the Founder of the Girl Guides (Girl Scouts) Association of Thailand (since 1957), passed away peacefully on Sunday 17 October 2010.

Lady Kanok Samsen Vil was affectionately well known by Girl Guides (Girl Scouts) of Thailand's members and will be sadly missed. Her commitment to Guiding as a Founder of the Girl Guides (Girl Scouts) Association of Thailand was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by so many.

As Madam Chan Siok Fong, Former Chairman, Asia Pacific Regional Committee and Former Chief Commissioner, Girl Guides Singapore said, "Lady Kanok Samsen Vil was conscious of her communal role in the development and education of young girls and women. She strongly believed in "Guiding for the girls." She gave us the impression that once she believed in something, she would go on and on - never stopping, never resting. She often said she wanted to see her girls and young women grow up with the spiritual strength to live on in the 'real ' world as leaders in the home and community."

Dr. Lucy Tan-atichat, Deputy International Commissioner and Thailand Co-ordinator for FAPW also writes: "Lady Kanok Samsen Vil was an inspiration to all who had the privilege

to know her; and she undoubtedly touched the lives of Guides Members all over the country. Her commitment to Guiding as a founder was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by so many."

The Royal Cremation Ceremony will be held on 8 May 2011 at the Thatthong Temple (Wat Thatthong), Bangkok, Thailand.

Passing of Ms Joyce Chue

It was with great sadness that WAGGGS and the Asia Pacific Committee learnt of the passing of Ms Joyce Chue, Honorary Secretary of the Hong Kong Girl Guides Association (HKGGA). Joyce was always associated with HKGGA. She cared deeply about girls and young women. Not only was she a stalwart supporter of Hong Kong Girl Guides, she was also a lifelong supporter of WAGGGS and the Asia Pacific Region. More recently, she made a significant contribution to the East Asia Working Group to expand the benefits and opportunities in the area of East Asia.

WAGGGS, the Asia Pacific Region and the East Asia Working Group have all benefitted immensely from her insights and vast experience. Joyce will be greatly missed.