

A Girl Scout Visits the World Centers

Action Game: Each girl receives one of the following words:

Girl Scout	Pax Lodge/Olave Center	Our Chalet
Our Cabana	Sangam	Girl Guides
World Centers	Juliette Low World Friendship Fund	

When these words are read the girl stands and turns around.

When WAGGGS is read everyone changes places.

This is the story of a Senior Girl Scout who had the opportunity to see the world. During her years as a Daisy, Brownie, Junior, and Cadette she always heard about WAGGGS, the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. Every Girl Scout is a member of this organization.

The Juliette Low World Friendship Fund helped her to visit the four World Centers – Pax Lodge and Olave Center, Our Chalet, Sangam, and Our Cabana. Many Girl Scout troops each year raise money for the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund through cookie sales and special events held on Thinking Day.

The first center she visited was Pax Lodge and Olave Center in London, England where she met many Girl Guides while visiting the city. At Pax Lodge she was staying with girls from other countries also visiting London. Olave Center, next to Pax Lodge, is the main office for WAGGGS and all the business of the world organization takes place here. She visited the Tower of London, saw Big Ben, took a boat ride on the Thames, and saw the Queen.

The next stop was Our Chalet in Switzerland where the girls ski in the winter and hike in the summer. Beautiful mountains surround Our Chalet, which was built in 1932. Helen Storrow, a Girl Scout leader from Boston, Massachusetts helped pay for Our Chalet so girls from many countries could come together to learn and have fun. During her stay she visited Adelboden across the valley from the hill that everyone must climb to get to Our Chalet. After visiting the wood carver, visiting a glazier, hiking the mountains, and seeing the waterfalls, our Senior Girl Scout went to the next World Center owned by WAGGGS.

Sangam is located in India in Pune. Sangam means “coming together” in Sanskrit. Pune is located 120 miles southeast of Mumbai (Bombay). Sangam was built in 1965 and has beautiful gardens, an attractive swimming pool, an assembly hall built in the shape of a large tent, and five dormitories. Sangam

is a place where Girl Guides and Girl Scouts through cultural sharing, making new friends, giving service to the community and expanding international awareness in a residential setting can become true world citizens. Participants also gain much from the hospitality and the kindness of the Indian people, and learn from their serenity and wisdom.

WAGGGS has one more World Center, which our Girl Scout visited. It is Our Cabana located in Cuernavaca, Mexico. She arrived in Mexico City and spent the night at Ticalli, the Mexican Girl Guide headquarters and lodge for visitors. At Our Cabana she spent many happy days at the craft house, swimming pool in the afternoon, learning about Mexican life along with girls from many countries. As a service project during her stay she visited with Mexican Girl Guides and worked with their troop. Side trips were taken to visit many sites near by such as pyramids, a Mexican market day, the silver city of Taxco, ancient caves, and Cuernavaca the beautiful town that surrounds Our Cabana.

Thanks to WAGGGS our Girl Scout saw four countries in our world, met new friends from many other countries, learned about the people in those countries, and learned about international friendship. She wishes each one of you has the opportunity to visit Sangam, Our Cabana, Our Chalet, and Pax Lodge / Olave Center.

The Juliette Low World Friendship Fund collects more than \$300.000 each year from Girl Scout's nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollars. It is a living memorial to Juliette Gordon Low since 1927. The Juliette Low World Friendship Fund helps to extend Girl Scouting and Girl Guiding to new members in foreign countries, funds international projects, and provides exchange visits of Girl Scouts and Girl Guides. It also helps to support the four World Centers, which welcome girls in the spirit of international friendship. When a United States Girl Scout gives to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund she is being "a sister to every other Girl Scout."