



5 Minute Discover Girl Scouts Activity

Learning Opportunity for Volunteers & Girls

World Trefoil Pin



What is a '5 Minute Global Enrichment'? This is a short learning opportunity concentrating on global. Each is unique, and will add a global aspect to your Girl Scout programming. So be sure to share with other Girl Scout volunteers and girls.

Ever wonder about this pin you wear on your tab? What does it mean and why is it above your Girl Scout pin? The pin is officially called the World Trefoil Pin, although it is sometimes referred to as the WAGGGS Pin.

What is the World Trefoil Pin?

The World Trefoil Pin is the pin of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world all wear this same pin to show they are a member of the worldwide sisterhood of WAGGGS.

Where is the World Trefoil Pin worn?

The World Trefoil Pin is worn on your Girl Scout tab above the GSUSA Membership Pin. The tab is worn on your left side by your heart.

Why is the World Trefoil Pin above the GSUSA Membership Pin?

Think about the United States Flag, and that it is always flown above the Virginia State Flag. Why? Because Virginia is a state within the United States of America. Now, consider the World Trefoil Pin and the GSUSA Membership Pin. Girl Scouts of USA is a member organization of WAGGGS, so the World Trefoil Pin goes above the GSUSA Membership Pin, just as a state flag is flown below the United States flag.



What do the colors and symbols mean on the World Trefoil Pin?

- **Gold Band Surrounding Pin:** Symbolizes the sun that shines on children all over the world. We all share the same sun regardless of which part of the world we are in. Notice that the circle is not closed, meaning this world-wide organization is open to all. This also means we are open and accepting of all girls.
- **Gold Trefoil (3 Leaves):** A sign of Girl Scouting and Girl Guiding around the world. The 3 parts of the trefoil stand for the 3 parts of the Promise. Although each country in WAGGGS has its own version of the Promise, they all include the same three basic parts.
- **Gold Star (Left):** This star is on the same side as the heart and stands for the Promise that all Girl Scouts and Girl Guides try on their honor to keep.
- **Gold Star (Right):** This star stands for the Girl Guide and Girl Scout code of conduct, which is the Girl Guide and Girl Scout Law.
- **Gold Compass Needle:** Located in the center and serves as a guide pointing us towards the right course in life.
- **Gold Flame:** Stands for the love of human kind and is the true flame of international friendship that burns in all our hearts. May this flame encircle the world with goodwill.

What can Leaders and Volunteers do?

Share this with other volunteers and your troops. Explain to the girls that this pin shows they are a member of a worldwide sisterhood, and why the pin is worn below the Girl Scout pin.

As you go through the meaning each part of the pin, rather than just explain the meanings, consider asking the girls questions. This helps them remember the meaning for each part by relating it to something they maybe familiar with. Examples:

- **Blue Background:** What color is the sky? What color is the sky for a Girl Scout who lives in California, lives in Japan, or Africa?
- **Gold Band:** Does the same sun shine all over the world? Do all Girl Scouts see the same sun? For older girls and the open circle, maybe have a discussion about accepting all girls.
- **Gold Trefoil (3 Leaves):** Did you know WAGGGS has its own version of the Promise, but all Promises include the same three basic parts. Let's look at a promise from (pick any WAGGGS country). How is that the same as our Girl Scout Promise?

(Canada: I Promise to do my best, To be true to myself, my beliefs and Canada; I will take action for a better world; And respect the Guiding Law. Costa Rica: I promise on my honor to do my best: To do my duty to God and my country, To help my neighbors under all circumstances, and To obey the Guide/Scout Law.)

- **Gold Star (Left):** This is a great time to say the Girl Scout Promise.
- **Gold Star (Right):** ...and to say the Girl Scout Law.
- **Gold Compass Needle:** When you see an arrow, what does it tell you? (go this direction, just as the compass needle)
- **Gold Flame:** Did you know that in some cultures and religions lighting a candle stands for the love, peace and remembrance? How does this relate to the flame on our World Trefoil Pin?

Attached is a game that can be played to teach girls and adults about the World Trefoil Pin. A coloring sheet is also attached that can be used to teach girls about the parts of the World Trefoil Pin by having them color the parts as each part is explained.

World Trefoil Pin



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- Blue Background:** Symbolizes the sky above us, the same all over the world.
- Gold Band:** Symbolizes the sun that shines on children all over the world. We all share the same sun regardless of which part of the world we are in. Notice that the circle is not closed, meaning this world-wide organization is open to all.
- Gold Trefoil (3 Leaves):** Sign of Girl Scouting and Girl Guiding around the world. The 3 parts of the trefoil stand for the 3 parts of the Promise. Although each country in WAGGGS has its own version of the Promise, they all include the same three basic parts.
- Two Stars:** *Left Star* - Stands for the Promise that all Girl Scouts and Girl Guides try, on their honor, to keep. *Right Star* - Stands for the Girl Guide and Girl Scout code of conduct- the Girl Guide and Girl Scout Law.
- Compass Needle:** In the center serves as a guide, pointing us towards the right course in life.
- Flame:** Stands for the love of human kind and is the true flame of international friendship that burns in all our hearts. May this flame encircle the world with goodwill.

World Trefoil Pin Game



Materials Needed:

One Set of Game Pieces per Team (assemble all the following in one bag per team):

- Large Blue Circle (1)
- Gold/Yellow Ring (1)
- Gold/Yellow Trefoil Leaves (3)
- Gold/Yellow Stars (2)
- Gold/Yellow Compass Needle (1)
- Gold/Yellow Flame (1)

Prior to Starting:

Prior to starting, explain the following to the girls:

“This game is from the Girl Guides of the United Kingdom. It will help you learn the parts of the WAGGGS pin and what it symbolizes.”

Divide the group into two teams or more depending on the size of your group. Set the space up like a relay with pieces of World Trefoil Pin at other end of room. Ensure the path for each team is clear of obstacles from the starting point to the pieces and back.

How to Play:

Ensure each team knows which set of World Trefoil Pin pieces they will be using in the relay. Go over any instructions for your space, such as running or walking...

Each team will need to collect all the pieces needed to construct the World Trefoil Pin.

1. On GO, the first person from each team goes down gets the *background* and places it in position where the team is going to assemble the World Trefoil Pin. After doing so run back and tag second girl on team.
2. The second girl goes down and removes next piece and continues process.
 - a. Only one piece may be set down in a turn.
 - b. If a player sees an error and she can rearranges what her team mates did, but that is the end her turn – make correction and go back and tag next girl in team. She does *not* select and a new piece.
3. First team to put the World Trefoil Pin correctly together first wins.
4. For girls (and adults) that are familiar with the World Trefoil Pin and to add a level of difficulty to this game, try:
 - a. As each player selects a piece, she must hold up the piece and explain what it symbolizes, such as the blue background symbolizes the sky...
 - b. Then she places the piece to assemble the World Trefoil Pin.