

Quick International Ideas for September

September is back to School month in Canada!

- Pick a country from one of the WAGGGS regions other than your own. Find out how school works in that country. Is it public or private? Do they wear uniforms? What hours do they attend school? What months do they attend?
- In North America we are very privileged with our school system. In many countries, schools are little more than an outside classroom with mud benches and no school supplies. Online, research such a school, then, at a meeting, simulate what a lesson in such a school might be like.
- There are many NGOs that allow you to sponsor school supplies for impoverished schools around the world. For example, with a small donation such as \$10, you can supply a school with 50 pencils and writing paper. As a unit, choose such an NGO and make a donation to allow children around the world to have a positive school experience.
- Try running your meeting with no supplies at all- no pencils, pens, papers, etc.

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October 12th is International Farmer Day!

- Most of us buy our food at the grocery store, but from where does it all come? With your unit, take a trip to your local grocery store and go on a scavenger hunt. Try to find a food item that comes from each of the WAGGGS regions. Did you find a food item that comes from a country that you have never heard of? Where does most of the produce come from?
- In many countries, families grow the fruits and vegetables that they eat. Discuss as a unit which of you has had a produce garden. What did you grow? Did you eat it? What are the advantages to growing your own food? What are the disadvantages? Choose a traditional

recipe from a WAGGGS country that a family that grows their own produce might use. Make this recipe as a unit.

- You would be surprised at how many farms there are in your area. (Stretch your thinking on what types of farms there are.) If possible, visit this farm with your unit. How do you think farms work in other countries?

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November 1st and 2nd are Day of the Dead in Latin America!

- Do a quick wiki search on Day of the Dead. Are there other world cultures that celebrate their dead?
- Make a batch of salsa fresca and serve it with nachos at your meeting.
- Marigolds are very important in the Mexican Day of the Dead ceremonies. Follow the link below to make Mexican Paper Flowers.
http://www.ehow.com/how_18195_make-mexican-paper.html

Quick International Ideas for December

December 10th is Human Rights Day worldwide!

- Using pictures and images cut out from magazines and newspapers, make a collage depicting the rights that you enjoy in your life. Discuss these rights with your unit. Do other girls your age enjoy these rights in other countries?
- Find out why it was decided that December 10th would be Human Rights Day.
- What is the Universal Declaration of Human Rights? As a patrol, choose 1 of the rights stipulated in the Declaration and act it out for your unit. See if they can guess what Right you are demonstrating.
- Visit the Amnesty International link provided.
(<http://www.amnesty.ca/urgentaction/>) Discuss what you have read together.