

## **QUICK INTERNATIONAL IDEAS FOR NOVEMBER:**

*November 3<sup>rd</sup> is Dominica Independence Day!*

- *Find both Canada and Dominica on a map and name 5 differences about them.  
(size? weather?)*
- *Have a Mini Dominica Celebration! Dress up in “traditional” Dominica clothes by using cloths for heads, table cloths for wrap skirts, necklaces, and bare feet. Have the girls decorate with paper chains, and balloons. Serve ginger beer (or ginger ale) and bananas. Dance to calypso music and even do the Macarena!*
- *After discussing Dominica play the “Dominica Knowledge Game”*

*Put three signs up around the room:            TRUE            FALSE            NOT  
SURE*

*Leader asks questions about Dominica, and the girls move to stand under one of the signs to show their answer.*

*Example questions for Sparks/Brownies:*

*It snows a lot in Dominica (False-it is an island close to the equator)*

*Bananas grow in Dominica (True- it is their main crop)*

*Canada is bigger than Dominica (True- Dominica is a small island)*

*There are Sparks in Dominica (False- only Brownies, Guides, and Rangers)*

*Example questions for Guides/Pathfinders:*

*English and French are both spoken in Dominica (true- English is official, but Creole French is spoken)*

*Both Canada and Dominica have mountains (true- Dominica has mountains inland)*

*You can snowboard in Dominica (False – mountains, but no snow)*

*A patrol from Dominica was at Soar 2007 (True- they joined a patrol from BC)*

*Example questions for Pathfinders/ Rangers: Dominica was named after the Spanish word for Monday (False- Spanish word for Sunday)*

*Dominica has a large tourism sector (False- it is just developing its tourism economy)*

*Dominica became an independent country in 1978 (True- from the United Kingdom)*

*Dominica joined WAGGGS in 1978 (false – joined in 2008!)*

- *Research how to fly from your community to Dominica and how much it would cost. What documents and immunizations would you need?*

### *Other International Ideas*

*November 11<sup>th</sup> is Remembrance Day.*

- *Make (or buy) postcards about peace and send them to Canadian Peacekeepers around the world. The Ministry of Defense in Ottawa will send them on.*
- *Have girls scan a newspaper and circle non peaceful happenings in red and peaceful happenings in blue. Discuss a non peaceful happening in your community.*
- *Discuss this quote from the song by Canadian pianist and composer Oscar Peterson “Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me”. Find the music and the words and sing along.*