

# Thinking Day 2010



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Hey Guiders! Have a Thinking Day Winter Olympics this February! This resource will help you set up

- **1 Instant Meeting**
- **3 Instant Meetings**
- **Bridging Event**
- or a **Larger Event.**

## GET OUTSIDE FOR SOME WINTER FUN!!

### How this Resource is Set Up

This resource is divided into three sections:

#### **Section One-Event and Meeting Examples:**

This section will help you choose how you will use the information. Do you choose to do one “instant” meeting, three “instant” meetings, hold a bridging event or a larger event? It will provide you with instructions, help you debrief the event and give you helpful hints for playing outside in the winter.

#### **Section Two-Activity Resource:**

This section outlines the activities and how to do the activities with the girls.

#### **Section Three-Web Resources:**

This section lists websites to help you prepare for your Winter Thinking Day Olympics

### What is Thinking Day?

Each year, Girl Guides and Girl Scouts throughout the world celebrate Thinking Day on February 22. On this important date Girl Guides and Girl Scouts give special emphasis to international friendship. **February 22** was chosen because it is the birthday of Founder, Robert Baden-Powell, and the World Chief Guide, Olave Baden-Powell.

For more information about Thinking Day [click here](#)



## Why hold a Thinking Day Winter Olympics?

This year, the Olympics will take place in Vancouver from **February 12 to February 23, 2010**. Celebrating Thinking Day with an Olympic flavour can increase the opportunity to learn about the world, Thinking Day, sports/games and international friendship!

## The Olympics and International Friendship

The **Olympic Games** are a major international event of summer and winter sports in which thousands of athletes compete in a wide variety of events. They are currently held every two years with Summer and Winter Olympic Games alternating.

Originally, the ancient Olympic Games were held in Olympia, Greece, from the 8th century BC to the 5th century AD. In the late 19th century, Baron Pierre de Coubertin was inspired by Olympic festivals to revive the Games.

For this purpose, he founded the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 1894, and in 1896, the modern Olympic Games were established in Athens.

The Games have grown in scale to the point that nearly every nation is represented.

The Olympic flag itself represents international friendship. The Olympic symbol, better known as the **Olympic rings**, consists of **five intertwined rings** and represents the **unity of the five inhabited continents** (considering North and South America as a single continent). The colored version of the rings, blue, yellow, black, green, and red, over a white field forms the Olympic flag. These **colors** were chosen because every **nation had at least one of them on its national flag**.