

SPRING 2006



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

It's a Small World After All

The USAGSO-North Atlantic Annual Training 2006 Conference recently took place in Sonthofen, Germany, with approximately 150 attendees, including 17 international participants from WAGGGS organizations. Two guests were from Afghanistan and one was from Iraq. Their participation was a highlight of the event, and a shining example of the impact Global Girl Scouting can achieve.



ATC participants, including our guests from Afghanistan and Iraq.

Our guests from Afghanistan, Sohaila and Saijia, spoke fluent English, and were engaged throughout the conference with other participants. They took full advantage of classes offered, and presented a moving account of the plight of girls and women in their country.

With the war in Iraq war still ongoing, Jaleeah, our guest from Iraq, provided a wonderful cultural experience for the American Girl Scouts, and she gained a new perspective on Americans. Her determination to

Having Your Say

Send questions and comments to:

overseas@girlscouts.org

New Resources!

The Penny Project, the Girl Scouts' latest financial literacy resource for girls 6-8, offers activities to help them learn concepts and skills for personal money management. Visit shop.girlscouts.org, click on Book Shop, then Program Publications, then Activity Books.

Important Reminders! **Annual and Financial Reports Due June 15**

Yes, the time is near for OCCs to complete the Annual Management and Financial Report, essential for planning the upcoming 2006-'07 membership year. The form is available in the OCC Forms and Documents area of our [Web site](#).

Is Your Overseas Committee Ready for Summer?

We need:

-Your summer mailing

get to the event, translator in tow, was phenomenal, and her presence at the conference made a huge impact.

This was by far the most rewarding international experience we have had at a USAGSO North Atlantic ATC. The increase in international participants made for a truly global experience, and the event provided an opportunity for both girls and adults to learn, laugh and make a lasting connection with their sister Girl Guides.

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In February, USAGSO West Pacific had its largest ever Winter Conference. The participation of host nation Girl Scouts from Japan provided another fabulous opportunity to interact with our sister Girl Scouts and Girl Guides.



At the ATC: Sandy Thomas and Jaleela S. Abdul Salah.

We are also holding our USAGSO A to Z conference in New York this summer. Please sign up soon. (Read more about it below.) We will be joined by our two new Global Action managers, so there will be plenty of opportunity for you to give your input on a new Global Girl Scouting strategy.

Each day our girls in USAGSO experience the real world, and it is filled with wonderful opportunities to experience other cultures. Our new location in Azerbaijan is sending us a video of their location and what their girls are doing--what a great idea. We love to receive pictures of our girls' activities and see how they are involved with sister Girl Guides in their host nations.

address (with start and end dates)

-Notification of any change in OCC (new, acting?)

-Your plan to organize troops in the fall

-If troops want to sell Girl Scout calendars in the fall, orders and payment must be received by August 15.

Order forms are on our [Web site](#).

Updating Form 725
Continuing as the OCC for 2006-'07? If you have no changes in your contact information, we'll update your 725. E-mail tmullins@girlscouts.org

New to the OCC? You must fill out Form 725 and be registered for the current membership year. Download the form from our [Web site](#).

Ready for Next Year?
2006-2007 registration materials will be mailed to every Overseas Committee by June 30. Materials will be packed according to troop registration status as of spring 2006. If you have questions or need additional forms, contact Judy Seigler at jseigler@girlscouts.org

Congratulations Gold Award Recipients!*

North Atlantic: Heather, Angelica, Kendal, Kandi, Elyse, Kelly, Elisabeth

Abu Dhabi: Emily

Belgium: Jessica

Egypt: Bryana

Azerbaijan: Jennifer

West Pacific: Kristin

Indonesia: Tricia



Some science fun at the ATC.

With the new Global Girl Scouting unit at Girl Scouts of the USA headquarters in New York, there is a huge focus on "teaching our girls about their world."

Our USAGSO girls have a head start from girls stateside. What suggestions do you and your girls have for how to teach girls about their

world? What do your girls want to learn and do? What types of resources do you need? Send suggestions to our new Global Action Managers at globalgirlscouting@girlscouts.org

We look forward to hearing from you!

Sandy Thomas, Director, USAGSO

Training Opportunity in New York: July 8-11, 2006

USAGSO's from A to Z Conference, a chance for volunteers to share experiences and build essential skills, will be held at Edith Macy Conference Center in Briarcliff Manor, N.Y, USA, July 8-11. The registration deadline has been extended to May 12. If you cannot make the deadline, please e-mail jseigler@girlscouts.org.

This conference is designed for Girl Scout volunteers associated with USAGSO locations, including overseas committee chairs and committee members. This will be an opportunity to learn how to develop a plan for leadership, program, adult volunteer training and fund development--in short, how to build a more effective Overseas Committee. Participants will share experiences and best practices while accessing current resources.

The registration fee is \$200 (US), and up to 90% of travel expenses to and from the conference and up to 20% of the \$150 (double), \$250 (single) or \$110 (triple) per-day housing and meals expenses may be reimbursable upon request with original expense documentation (when applied for within 60 days of

**as of April 2006*

World Thinking Day!

World Thinking Day, Feb. 22, is a special time for celebrating our sisterhood in Girl Scouting. This year, [Adolescent Health](#) was the theme: "Think about, talk about and do something about adolescent health issues in your community."

At GSUSA headquarters, Global Girl Scouting celebrated with film, music, food, a Global Recipes booklet (thanks to all who contributed recipes!), crafts, games and information tables representing the various dimensions of Global Girl Scouting, including WAGGGS, World Centers, Micronesia, UNICEF, and, of course, USAGSO.



In the UK, healthy eating for World Thinking Day.

In Runnymede, United Kingdom, the Olympics was the theme--one must be healthy and fit to make it to the Olympics. And in Warsaw, Poland, USA Girl Scouts Overseas celebrated with the Polish Scouts--girls and boys.

conference attendance). Housing at EMCC-Creedon Center is dormitory style.

Circulate this information to all interested overseas committee members. If you are interested in attending, e-mail jseigler@girlscouts.org as soon as possible so USAGSO and the training department can estimate attendance. Registration and transportation forms are on our [Web site](#).

