

# Japan

## Objective

- Learn a little about the country and Girl Scouts in Japan
- Raise some money for CWFF and Japan Girl Scouts
- Emergency plans in your own home

## Statement from Girl Guides regarding fundraising for Japan relief efforts

Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada shares in the sadness and concern for the people of Japan who experienced a massive earthquake and subsequent tsunami on Friday, March 11. With reports beginning to surface about the impact on Japan, girls and Units across Canada have expressed their concern and interest in extending support to aid efforts.

Girl Guides of Canada will be providing support for our sister Scouts in Japan through funds donated through the Canadian World Friendship Fund (CWFF), administered through the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). Members of Girl Guides of Canada who are interested in providing support to Japan through the Canadian World Friendship Fund can send cheques to:

Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada  
50 Merton Street, Toronto, Ontario M4S 1A3

Cheques should be made payable to Girl Guides of Canada with CWFF/Japan in the memo line.

## Ideas to learn a little about Japan and Fundraising Ideas

- Visit the Girl Scouts of Japan website <http://www.girlscout.or.jp/english/index.html> or at the WAGGGS page <http://asia.wagggsworld.org/en/organisations/71> to gain some knowledge of Japanese Girl Scouts.  
Did you know?
  - Girl Scouts of Japan is 90 years old this year
  - Japan has: Tenderfoot Girl Scouts, Brownies, Juniors, Seniors and Rangers, as well as Adult Members
  - In 2006 (last reported census on wagggs.org) there were 49,447 Girl Scouts in Japan
  - Japan is part of the WAGGGS region Asia Pacific
  - The motto for Tenderfoot Girl Scouts is: Smile
- Check out these great food and craft ideas from the Japanese Girl Scout Website for food and craft ideas <http://www.girlscout.or.jp/english/document/letstry.pdf>
- Have the girls write their names using the Japanese Alphabet <http://www.girlscout.or.jp/english/document/japaneseculture.pdf>
- Do some origami—ask parents or other Guiders if they can come in and help out teaching girls some basic origami. If you can't find anyone to help you, check your local library or do a web search for some basic origami ideas (pin wheels, hats, and boats are all simple to make and teach)
- Make Japan Girl Scout Paper Dolls—see the attached paper doll bodies and clothes to colour and cut out (courtesy of [www.makingfriends.com](http://www.makingfriends.com)) Check out the Girl Scouts of Japan Website to help the girls know what colour the Uniform is (maybe make your own example) <http://www.girlscout.or.jp/english/document/uniform.pdf>
- Investigate if there are any Japanese language students studying or visiting in your area and invite them to one of your meetings. Have the girls prepare some questions about what life is like in Japan and what they think of life in Canada
- Try some Japanese foods. Older girls could visit local Japanese restaurants and try some Japanese foods. Younger girls could try Japanese foods often found in supermarkets—Pocky pretzel sticks, Rice Crackers, seaweed, even some Asian fruits and vegetables are available here that they may not have tried before

## **Fundraising ideas**

- Challenge your girls to do an extra chore or activity at home in exchange for money for Japan. Ideas could include making their bed every day for a week, set the table, shovel the snow, or help with spring yard clean up, anything they don't usually do. Suggest .25 cents per item completed. Have the girls compare what they did and see who did the most work!
- Hold a penny auction for extra craft supplies or fun badges that your Unit has accumulated throughout the years, it's amazing what kind of fun stuff you may have in your Unit supplies – beads, embroidery floss and safety pins can be bundled up and auctioned as a Friendship Bracelet kit, extra rope and glow sticks can be bundled up auctioned as camp package. Use your imagination!
- Challenge other Units in your District to see who can raise the most money for CWFF and Japan
- Have a funny hat night, pajama night, or other dress up meeting, girls can donate whatever they can in exchange for wearing these unusual items!
- Host a Japanese Animated Movie night (Anime): have the girls invite a friend to join them. Ask for a donation for entry to the movie night (ask for a minimum donation your regular dues amount) and sell bags of popcorn, juice boxes, and small bags of candy. Let the girls and parents know that all funds raised will go towards CWFF and Japan.

## **Emergency plans and resources**

Some of the girls in your Unit may have expressed concern or worry about what would happen here should an emergency happen in Canada. To help the girls prepare for an emergency try some of these ideas:

- Discuss what kind of emergencies might happen in Alberta.
- Discuss and do a practice evacuation from your Meeting space
- Find out if the girls have a family evacuation plan (fire escape plan) if they don't challenge them to get their family to make one. If they do, challenge them to have their family do a practice
- Challenge the girls and their families to create a basic emergency kit, here is an example of what one would contain. Create one and bring it in to show the girls  
<http://www.getprepared.gc.ca/knw/kt/bas-eng.aspx>
- Make individual first aid kits
- Find out if your community has designated evacuation centres, and if possible plan a visit