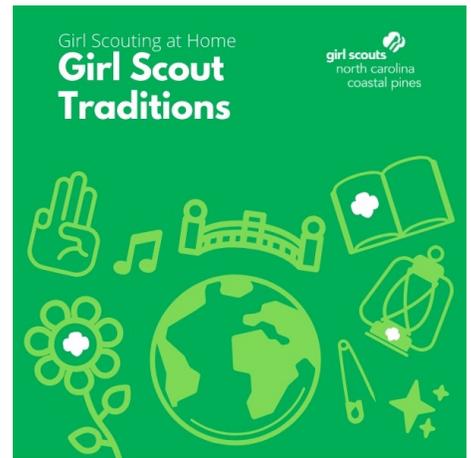


**Girl Scouts North Carolina Coastal Pines** invites girls, families, and volunteers to stay involved while at home. We know that today's girl is ready to pivot on a moment's notice and is willing to embrace new ways to explore Girl Scouting. That's why we're promoting these options for engaging with us while you're at home today ... or any day!

**TRADITIONS** encourage Girl Scouts to continue to maintain a connection with the Girl Scout traditions. Each Tuesday we'll share ways for you to learn about, celebrate, and practice traditions that are at the heart of the Girl Scout Movement. Join the conversation online.  
**#OurGSNCCPCommunity**



## Where can you find a home away from home?

Our World Centres of course. What better way to spend time in other countries than visiting one of our five world centers. Before we dive into the centers let's learn a little about the history that got us these beautiful places.

Girl Scouts North Carolina Coastal Pines is part of GSUSA, GSUSA is also part of WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts).

We know what a Girl Scout is, but do you know what Girl Guides are? Let's find out together. Girl Guides are girls in troops formed in other countries. With Girl Guides and Girl Scouts forming everywhere we needed a way to bring all these girls together. This was how WAGGGS was formed in 1928. It was created with the intention to bring the governance of Girl Guide and Girl Scout countries together. With the creation of WAGGGS it needed a headquarters this place is known as the World Bureau. The World Bureau is located in London, England.



You can learn more about the World Bureau by [clicking here](#).

WAGGGS has truly brought the world of girls together. To do this they created 5 regions, see the regions map below. All the regions have the same mission:

**To Enable girls and young women to develop their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world.**

With this creation we became one family under the umbrella of WAGGGS this is why we all wear the Trefoil Pin. GSUSA is a member of WAGGGS which makes each Girl Scout a member. To represent this unity we wear the Trefoil pin on our uniform above our Girl Scout pin. The Trefoil Pin was designed with specific meaning behind each symbol on it.



## Lets take a look at what the design of the trefoil means:

- Blue background = the sky over us all.
- Gold band = the sun that shines on children all over the world .
- Circle is not closed = We are an organization open to all.
- Gold trefoil i= sign of Girl Scouting and Girl Guiding around the world.
- 3 leaves = 3 parts of the Promise. Each country has its own version of the Promise, but the same three basic parts are included.
- Left Star = the Promise,
- Right Star = stand for Code of conduct (GS/GG Law).
- Compass needle = serves as a guide pointing us towards the right course in life.
- The flame = the love of human kind and is the true flame of international friendship that burns in all our hearts. May this flame encircle the world with goodwill.



We have now become one solid World Girl Community Under WAGGGS .

You can learn more about WAGGGS and Global Action days by [clicking here](#).

Now that we investigated the history of how we became part of a global girl community lets take a look into the five amazing World Centres that are part of that community.





## Pax Lodge

Pax Lodge is located right next to the World Bureau in Hampstead, North London. It was established in 1991.

### **PAX LODGE**

Before Pax Lodge there were two other World Centres in London. First was Our Ark which was established in 1939. After Our Ark came Olave House which was established in 1959. Last came our current London World Center Pax Lodge. Which had it's official grand opening on March 15, 1991. Learn more about Our Ark and Olave house [by clicking here.](#)



Pax lodge was named in honor of the Baden-Powells. The Latin word for peace, Pax was present in the names of their homes in England and Paxtu in Kenya. The name also highlights the importance of peace in the Girl Scouting and Girl Guide movement.



Pax Lodge offers day visitors and guests a variety of international events, including morning and evening program, self guided challenges around London, and extended tours of the Lodge and the city. To see and learn a lot more About Pax Lodge [click here.](#)

## PAX Lodge Song

The song was written by Julie Felix [Click here to listen to Pax Lodge Song.](#) You can learn about the history of the song [here.](#) If you play an instrument and want to try your hand at playing the song [click here for the PDF of sheet music.](#)



## Our Chalet

Our Chalet is situated high in the Mountains, on the outskirts of the beautiful Swiss Alpine village of Adelboden in the very heart of the Bernese Oberland. In 1929, WAGGGS' World Committee met in Holland and decided that a World

Centre should be built for all Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world to share. Our Chalet, the first WAGGGS World Center, established in 1932 in Adelboden, Switzerland, was formally opened by the first World Chief Guide, Olave Baden-Powell, and Mrs Helen Storrow.



During the Second World War, the Chalet was closed to regular guests, but played an important role in helping to reunite refugees who had arrived in Switzerland with lost friends and family through Guiding and Scouting connections around the world.

From this a shared spirit was formed and Our Chalet continued to be a place of international understanding and co-operation during a time when the world needed it most. That is just a taste of Our Chalet's amazing history. [Click here to learn more.](#)

What can I do while visiting Our Chalet you ask. Well the skies the limit literally. Our Chalet offers programs year round and the programs are based around the four seasons. You can engage in hiking, skiing, rock climbing, and rafting. Just depends on the time of year you visit.

Our Chalet is happy to welcome Guides, Scouts, families and friends for day visits, overnight stays or as participants for special events or seminars.

## Our Chalet Song

The theme song for Our Chalet, the first of the World Centers, was written in French in 1932. It was first sung at the opening of Our Chalet, and later adopted as its theme song. The English version was written by Betty Askwith. You can Listen to the Our Chalet Song [here](#). If you want to have a print out of the lyrics for the Songs of Our Chalet click here.



## Our Cabana

Our Cabaña is located in Cuernavaca City, the capital of the State of Morelos, which is located 80 km away from Mexico City. It is set on over 5 acres of land with 7 beautiful gardens, representing the rich flora of Mexico. The Dream of a third World Centre in the Western Hemisphere was conceived in 1946 during a training session in Cuba. The formal planning started six years later once the Eastern Hemisphere Committee and World Committee had given their approval.

The dedication of Our Cabana took place on February 22, 1956. This is also the day that Lady Baden-Powell donated the iconic blue door that greets every Girl Scout and Girl Guide to the Cabana. To learn more about Our Cabana's history [click here](#).

Our Cabaña can accommodate over 100 guests in 8 dormitory rooms, as well as 4 double bedrooms. From here you can enjoy the "City of Eternal Spring", where there are 365 days of glorious sunshine per year, all from the comfort of the beautiful recreational areas, which include a swimming pool, volleyball and tennis courts, campfire circles and much more!

To Enjoy a video tour of Our Cabana [click here](#).



## Our Cabana Song

The first participants attended a "Juliette Low" Event. It was during this event that the Our Cabaña song was written, using the melody of a Mexican traditional birthday song: Las Mañanitas. [Click here](#) to Listen to Our Cabana Song.





## Sangam

The name Sangam was chosen for its meaning in the ancient language of Sanskrit: 'coming together'. What a perfect name for the fourth world center. Sangam was founded in 1966, Sangam is your World Centre in the WAGGGS Asia Pacific Region. Located in Pune, India.

ON 16TH OCTOBER 1966 THE WORLD CHIEF GUIDE, LADY BADEN POWELL, CAME TO INDIA AND DECLARED THE CENTER OPEN WITH THE FOLLOWING WORDS:

*"Love through knowledge and understanding – this will be carried out in full measure by the young people who will fill this place, and it is with deep joy in my heart that I declare Sangam open."*

To learn more about Sangam history [click here](#).

Like our other world centres Sangam doesn't disappoint on things to do. You can take a dip in the pool, go geocaching take a free tour if your only passing thru for the day. Discover all the wonders of India in the surround towns. Take in the sights, the sounds, the smells and the spicy sensations that abound in India, and enjoy a cross-cultural adventure you will never forget!



## Sangam Song

To listen to the Sangam Song [click here](#). For a PDF of the Sangam Song music sheet [click here](#).



## Kusafiri

Kusafiri World Centre is the product of years of discussion to bring a World Centre experience to the Africa Region. In 2010, at the Africa Regional Conference, it was unanimously agreed that the Africa Committee would explore opportunities to deliver World Centre experiences in the Region. On July 15th 2011, during the 34th World Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland, a motion was passed to create an experimental two-year pilot project that could potentially lead to the creation of a 'Fifth' World Centre in the Africa Region. In October 2015, the 'Fifth' World Centre was given its new name, Kusafiri World Centre. Kusafiri means 'to journey' in Swahili.



To learn more about the history of Kusafiri [click here](#).

The Kusafiri team travels delivering the World Centre experience to countries throughout Africa. Kusafiri events are an opportunity to immerse yourself in the culture of the place where they locate and to learn about yourself and build your connection with others.

Where Kusifiri does not have a song yet we will share with you the world song.

## The World Song

The WAGGGS World Song, a Symbol of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting, highlights the principles and spirit of the WAGGGS Movement. Written originally by Jean Sibelius from an adaptation of his Scout Marsch Opus 91b of 1918. [Click here](#) to learn the History of the world song.

[Click here](#) to listen to the world song .



I hope you enjoyed our journey thru the five World Centres. Please enjoy this World Centre Cookbook PDF with recipes from all our World Centre Countries.

[Click here for Cookbook](#)

If you have any questions about any of our world centres or would like to learn more. Please feel free to email GSNCCP Global Action Volunteer Debi Willis at wildebi2@gmail.com. She will be happy to answer any questions.

Debi's knowledge of the world centres was a huge help in putting this information together to share with our council. Thank you, Debi



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