

# Ideas to Promote Our Chalet

## Our Chalet Night

Have a meeting with an Our Chalet theme! Here are some ideas you might like to try.

- ♣ Make chocolate fondue.
- ♣ Put on a play about the story of William Tell.
- ♣ Hiking is a popular activity at Our Chalet. Learn about hiking safety and go on a hike (up a mountain if possible!).
- ♣ Put on a play about how Our Chalet started – don't forget a tea party for the opening!
- ♣ Learn the Our Chalet song. Sing some other songs with a Swiss theme, such as Edelweiss.
- ♣ Ask the girls to bring pictures and information about Our Chalet and Switzerland (including Adelboden, where Our Chalet is situated) and make some colourful posters to display at your meeting place.
- ♣ Try Scherenschnitte, the traditional Swiss paper cutting craft. To do this, trace a simple picture (preferably symmetrical) onto black paper (or thin card), then cut it out and glue it onto white paper. This takes patience, but the result can be quite impressive!



- ♣ For older girls and/or parents:
  - plan an imaginary trip to Our Chalet, finding out the different activities you can do there – maybe you might even become inspired to make your imaginary trip a real one!
  - discuss the different opportunities there are to volunteer at Our Chalet, and how the girls could take up these opportunities (eg volunteer during a gap year, or take part in a Ready Steady Go Week as part of a longer overseas trip).

## Our Chalet Quiz Night

Organise a quiz night with questions about Our Chalet, Switzerland and the other World Centres. Maybe you could even invite some of the girls to organize it. You could even invite parents or other girls and leaders and turn it into a fundraiser.

## World Centres Camp

Run a camp with a World Centres theme.

- ♣ Divide the girls into four patrols – Our Chalet, Pax Lodge, Our Cabaña and Sangam.
- ♣ Serve meals featuring food from Switzerland, England, Mexico and India.
- ♣ Provide the girls with pictures and information (or ask them to bring them to camp) so that they can make posters to display at camp.
- ♣ Play games and make crafts with a Swiss, English, Mexican and Indian theme. You could give the girls a “passport” to get stamped at each activity.
- ♣ Have a campfire and teach the girls the songs of each World Centre and Hands of Friendship, the 4 World Centers Song.
- ♣ If you have people in your area who have visited any of the World Centres, or who have simply visited Switzerland, England, Mexico or India, invite them to come and speak at your camp or run an activity.

## Four World Centres Internet Night

Have a meeting at the local community resource centre or somewhere else where you can have access to computers. Challenge the girls to complete our Four World Centres Scavenger Hunt, either together or in small groups. <http://ourchalet.waggs.org/en/resources/documents/1607>



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## Guest Speaker

Find out if there is someone in your area who has visited or worked at Our Chalet, and invite them to speak at your meeting. Encourage them to bring lots of photos and souvenirs to show!

Even if there is nobody in your area who has been to Our Chalet, you can still have a presentation! Our Chalet has a promotional CD with lots of power point presentations and information on it. We also have promotional brochures we can send you. Just email us at [info@ourchalet.ch](mailto:info@ourchalet.ch) and we can post them to you. When setting the date of your presentation, make sure you allow enough time for the CD and brochures to arrive.

## Become an Our Chalet Ambassador!

Does your association have a big event coming up? Perhaps you are planning the Thinking Day celebrations for your area, holding a leaders' training day, or organising a State camp. Whatever the activity, we encourage you to look for opportunities to promote Our Chalet! You can contact us at [info@ourchalet.ch](mailto:info@ourchalet.ch) to obtain our promotional CD and brochures, and we can also give you support and suggestions for how you can best promote Our Chalet at your event.

## Fundraising and Other Assistance

You might like to raise money for Our Chalet, to help to continue to provide exciting international opportunities for girls and women from all around the World.

You could:

- ♣ raise money from an Our Chalet Quiz Night;
- ♣ organise a raffle with a Swiss prize – perhaps a big box of Swiss chocolates!
- ♣ invite other Girl Guides/Girl Scouts to an international 50 cent games night, charging 50 cents per person to play each game;
- ♣ hold a birthday party for Our Chalet on 31 July (Our Chalet's birthday) and ask each guest to make a donation as a birthday present for Our Chalet;
- ♣ challenge your Girl Guides/Girl Scouts to think of a completely new way to raise money.



Our Chalet has a wish list ([http://ourchalet.wagggsworld.org/en/about/support/wish\\_list](http://ourchalet.wagggsworld.org/en/about/support/wish_list)). Perhaps your group would like to raise money to buy something on Our Chalet's wish list, to send to Our Chalet. Of course, monetary donations are always welcome too!

## Resources

Here are some websites that will help you to find information for some of the activities suggested above:

Our Chalet	<a href="http://www.ourchalet.ch">www.ourchalet.ch</a>
Pax Lodge	<a href="http://www.paxlodge.org">www.paxlodge.org</a>
Our Cabaña	<a href="http://www.ourcabana.org">www.ourcabana.org</a>
Sangam	<a href="http://www.sangamworldcentre.org">www.sangamworldcentre.org</a>
WAGGGS	<a href="http://www.wagggsworld.org">www.wagggsworld.org</a>
Swiss Scouts	<a href="http://www.msds.ch/en/">www.msds.ch/en/</a>
Adelboden	<a href="http://www.adelboden.ch">www.adelboden.ch</a>

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