



Girlguiding

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Tea in Beds Activity Pack

Girlguiding Bedfordshire
World Thinking Day Challenge 2008



With foreword from the Duchess of Bedford

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My predecessor, Anna Maria, 7th Duchess of Bedford, is historically credited with beginning the custom of afternoon tea - a wonderful idea which has become, not only a firm favourite of mine but also that of many other people around the world. Kind and amiable, Anna Maria delighted in socialising and occasionally indulged in indiscreet gossip. Her interests also included designing new clothes, fancy dress costumes and jewellery, embroidery (she embroidered a screen now displayed at Woburn), amateur dramatics, letter writing and especially gardening; her garden at Woburn was noteworthy and she was responsible for laying out the South Terrace garden.

Like Anna Maria, when you get that 'sinking feeling' around 5pm, what better cure than to stop for tea? A ritual that, despite the demands of modern life allows a 'breather' before the rigours of children's homework, bath and bedtime before preparing dinner - or getting ready for a night out - whether alone, with friends of family it should be savoured and enjoyed. Long may it continue!

*Louise Bedford
Duchess of Bedford
November 2007*

Welcome

Welcome to the Tea in Beds activity pack! By using the ideas in this pack you can help to raise awareness of Guiding and raise money for your unit and the World Thinking Day fund.

While we've tried to include a range of ideas to suit all sections - and the Trefoil Guild of course - this pack is meant to be a starter for ten. We know that each and every unit will hold a party that is unique to them and so this pack is our way of getting those party planning juices flowing. Everyone knows that girls just want to have fun, we hope that your party is a great success and that you all have a great time!

Girlguiding Bedfordshire PR Team

How to use this activity pack

- plan and hold a tea party in your unit between Monday 18 and Sunday 24 February
- invite friends and family to join the party and help raise funds for your unit and the World Thinking Day Fund
- if you need to recruit girls, helpers or leaders display information about how to join and ask people if they would be willing to help the unit on an occasional or regular basis. You can order section and volunteer leaflets for just the cost of postage and packing from Trading Services
- give every member of your unit a special Tea in Beds commemorative badge - the tea cup design on the cover - badges cost £1.00 each and need to be ordered using the form at the back of the pack

- let the PR Team know what you're planning for your tea party so that they can let local media know what is happening across the county - contact details can be found in the front of your County Directory
- have a great time at your party!
- after your party send photos and tea party stories to BedsBuzz and www.bedsguiding.org.uk to share with the rest of the county for the chance to win a special prize for holding the best tea party!

Fundraising

We would suggest that any funds raised at your tea party are split between your unit and the World Thinking Day Fund. It's up to you how the split is made depending on your unit's situations and how much you feel you can afford to donate. However, you must make it clear in advance how funds will be split.

The World Thinking Day Fund was set up in 1932 after a suggestion at the seventh Guiding World Conference that, as birthdays usually involve presents, members could show their friendship on World Thinking Day by making a contribution to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). The fund helps offer guiding to girls and young women across the world.

You can donate to the World Thinking Day fund online at www.worldthinkingday.org or by contacting WAGGGS at 12c Lyndhurst Road, London, NW3 5PQ; Tel: (0)20 7794 1181

Tea party theme ideas

This is by no means an exhaustive list of ideas, but may help you and your unit to start thinking about what you want to do at your party.

- **Mad Hatters tea party (R, B,G)**
 - Guiders could dress up as main characters - or as face cards - and girls as different cards. To avoid duplications give each girl a card from a pack and ask them to come dressed as that card. You can even have sixes/patrols as different suits
 - use playing cards and the suit symbols as decorations
 - theme your games to link into Alice in Wonderland
 - read the tea party scene from Alice in Wonderland, and perhaps act it out as entertainment for any guests you invite
 - make sure to have jam tarts on your party menu!
 - send out playing card invitations to any party guests.
- **Afternoon tea (All sections)**
 - create your own Lyon's Tea House to host afternoon tea - borrow tea services and cake plates to lay out the tables
 - girls could come dressed as 'nippies' in waitress outfits (black top and bottoms with a small apron, doilies could be used as hats)
 - group girls into teams to play games etc. and call them after different cakes like Fondant Fancies, Victoria Sponges, Chocolate Éclairs and Battenberg
 - send out cake shaped invitations to any party guests.

- **Tea dance (All sections)**
 - invite a dancer or dance instructor to your meeting to teach a simple ballroom dance - look up dance schools in the yellow pages or ask your members if they go to dance classes
 - dance to different types of music - did you know that Glen Miller played at the Bedford Corn Exchange during World War II? Why not play some of his music and enjoy the big band sound
 - visit a local tea dance if you can - many are held locally across Bedfordshire, visit your local council website for details of events near you such as the Rufus Centre in Flitwick, Bedford Corn Exchange and the Weatherly Centre in Biggleswade
 - send out tea-cup shaped invitations to any party guests.

- **Teddy Bears' tea party (All sections depending on how silly you want to be!)**
 - rename sixes/patrols after Winnie the Pooh, Paddington Bear, Yogi Bear, Baloo, Rupert the Bear, Kissifur, Teddy Ruxpin, Little Bear, Ewoks
 - ask each girl and Guider to bring along her favourite teddy for the evening to join in with the fun and games
 - decorate your tea party with woodland leaf cut-outs and paw prints
 - ask everyone to wear an Alice Band with ears stuck onto them, or make them as people arrive at the party
 - send out paw print shaped invitations to any party guests
 - visit the Tea for Schools section of the Tea Council's website at www.tea.co.uk and www.dltk-kids.com for more Teddy Bear's Party ideas.

- **International (All sections)**
 - pick a country where tea is commonly grown and base your party around it - major tea producers include China, Kenya, India and Sri Lanka
 - borrow or make a national costume/s and guiding uniforms and give the girls turns to try them on
 - find out about guiding in that country
 - try different foods from those countries as part of your afternoon tea - particularly sweet treats!
 - send out a tea bag shaped invitation to any party guests or a flag of the country you have chosen.

Other themes could include:

- a 'T' theme where everyone dresses up as something beginning with 'T' (All sections)
- American theme - the Boston Tea Party marked the start of the American revolution (all sections)
- bring a friend - for units who are looking to recruit new members (All sections)
 - have all the girls write out an invitation for a friend to bring along to your party (ensure you will have the correct ratio of adults to children for the night of the party)
 - at the end of the party send each of the girls' friends home with an information pack about your unit, what you do, how to join and any upcoming plans your unit has for the term/year

Your tea party can also help Brownies to gain their Hostess Badge or Guides to complete the Party Planner *Go For It!* The Hostess Badge clauses are also a useful guide for any unit planning a tea party:

Brownie Hostess Badge Syllabus

1. Make an invitation for a friend asking them to come to tea, a party or a sleepover. Address the envelope correctly and know which stamp to use.
2. Make a plan showing:
 - a. How many people you are expecting
 - b. When they should arrive
 - c. What refreshments you will serve them
 - d. The entertainment you will put on, such as a game, activity or small show.
3. Decorate a room or make a table decoration. Prepare refreshments for your guests.
4. Welcome and look after your guests. Serve them refreshments and entertain them.
5. Wash up and clear away afterwards.

Fundraising ideas

If you are inviting friends and family to your party, make sure that they know it is a fundraiser so that they come prepared! It can help to have an amount in mind to raise - such as £50 or £100 - as this can help you to decide what to charge for food and games and gives everyone something to aim for.

As well as selling teas, cakes and other refreshments at your party, add a few staple fundraisers like a raffle or tombola. You can also raise money through games like the ones below.

Guess the weight of the cake

Have a guess the weight of the cake competition - fruit or Victoria Sponge could work well for a tea party. Perhaps a parent/supporter/local bakery could make and donate a cake? A small charge for each guess will help to raise money.

You will need -

- a cake - well wrapped or covered over
- a list of possible weights with space for people to write their names next to each weight - decide whether you will use metric or imperial weight
- the actual weight of the cake written down and sealed in an envelope to announce at the end of the tea party
- if the weight of the cake isn't picked the winner is the person with the closest guess

Pin the cherry on the cake

This is a game that can be easily adapted to fit in with your party theme if you have one and is great fun for party guests of all ages.

You will need -

- a large drawing of a cake with a dotted outline of where the cherry should go on top of it

- a picture of a cherry for each party-goer, with sticky tape or similar on the back so that it will stick to the drawing
- a blindfold
- a small prize

How to play

- pin the drawing of the cake to a wall
- have each party-goer write their name on a cherry
- stand the person who is playing about five feet / 1.5 metres away from the drawing and put the blindfold on them, they should be gently spun around so that they are slightly disorientated
- give them the cherry with their name on it and ask them to walk until they reach the drawing and then try to stick the cherry on top of the cake
- when everyone has had their turn give a small prize to the person who was most accurate.

Afternoon tea beetle drive

This is a simplified version of the traditional beetle drive to play in small groups. To make it easier, clipart can be at the back of the pack to photocopy. Each group will need a die and a list of the items they will be collecting.

How to play -

- taking turns, players throw the die. The group must throw a one immediately followed by a two to claim their tea cup and teapot
- the group continues to roll their die for the remaining afternoon tea items, which must be collected in order
- as a group throws the right number for the different items, one member must run up to collect the item from a central point, until they have a full set of afternoon tea
- when a group has collected all six items they call 'afternoon tea' to stop the game.

Throw a:

- one for the tea cup
- two for the teapot
- three for the milk jug
- four for the sugar bowl
- five for scones
- six for sandwiches

Tea Party Activities

Tea tasting (All sections)

Try different teas from around the world including loose leaf tea. Fruit teas are also nice to try. Unusual teas can be bought in small quantities from some supermarkets as well as Whittards and Neal's Yard shops.

You will need:

- tea bags or different loose leaf tea from different countries
- lots of cups (disposable might be better if you're tasting lots of teas)

- a chart for each tea with columns for like/not sure/don't like or any properties of tea which your unit wants to compare

Have everyone taste the different teas. After they have tried each one have each girl write her name in one of the columns showing whether she liked or disliked the tea. You can then see which teas are most popular. While they taste, ask the girls to describe the flavours of each tea.

Sangam talk

Sangam is the Guiding World Centre in Puna, India. Lots of Bedfordshire Guiders and Trefoil Guild Members visited Sangam in summer and autumn 2007. Why not ask one of them to come to your tea party and talk about Sangam and their trip to India.

Learn to dance (All sections)

Tea dances were popular from around 1910 onwards as different dance crazes swept the world. People would dance to classical and popular music and have afternoon tea. You could tell the girls that it's like a more sedate form of Strictly Come Dancing! Why not ask along a dance teacher to teach the girls a simple waltz or other dance.

Reading tea leaves (G, SS)

A fun activity for older girls - stress that it shouldn't be taken too seriously though! Tea leaf reading is included in the Harry Potter books in divination classes so you can put a more wizardly spin on things.

How to read tea leaves -

- make a cup of tea using tea leaves and boiling water
- drink the tea, leaving the tea leaves and a small amount of liquid in the bottom of the cup
- swirl the tea round in the cup three times and then carefully turn it upside down onto a saucer
- study the shapes made by the tea leaves to 'read your fortune'

Acorn - your hard work will be rewarded

Aeroplane - you are going to hear some news

Apple - good health

Bird - good news is coming

Box - you will be given a present soon

Cat - you will be lucky

Circle - you will complete a project

Crown - something you are working on will be successful

Dog - you have good friends

Ear - listen to advice you are given

Fairy - romance is in the air

Flower - you will be happy and successful

Gate - look for opportunities

Grapes - you will have fun with friends

Heart - love is in the air

Horseshoe - you or someone you know will be lucky

Kite - you can go far

Leaf - you will be lucky

Letter - you are going to hear some news

Mouth - pay attention to what people are saying to you
Rainbow - things are looking up
Ring - symbolises a strong relationship
Shell - you will be creative
Star - a sign of success
Tree - your plans will be successful
Wheel - you will get to travel

Willow pattern (All sections)

Willow pattern china is world famous and many people have an example of it in their home. According to the Victoria and Albert museum, the story behind the pattern was invented around 200 years ago to boost pottery sales! The story goes like this:

There was once a wealthy Chinese mandarin who had a beautiful daughter called Koong-Se. She was in love with a man named Chang, an accountant in her father's household, but her father would never allow them to marry as he planned for Koong-Se to marry a powerful Duke. Finding out about Koong-Se and Chang's feelings for each other, the mandarin sacked Chang and built a fence around his palace to keep the lovebirds apart.

Koong-Se's marriage to the Duke was arranged for the day that the blossoms fell from the willow tree. The Duke arrived in great splendour by boat and plans for the wedding reached fever pitch. The night before the wedding, Chang sneaked into the palace and helped Koong-Se to escape. They were chased, but were able to safely reach an island where they lived happily for a long time.

However, the Duke never stopped looking for Koong-Se and Chang and, one day, found out where they were hiding. He sent soldiers to capture and kill them as revenge for his humiliation. The Gods were so sad at the couple's death that they turned them into a pair of doves.

If you look at a Willow pattern plate you should be able to see the palace, fence, boat, willow tree, Koong-Se and Chang running across the bridge, the secluded island and the two birds from the legend. This poem is also used to describe the pattern:

*Two birds flying high,
A Chinese vessel, sailing by.
A bridge with three men, sometimes four,
A willow tree, hanging o'er.
A Chinese temple, there it stands,
Built upon the river sands.
An apple tree, with apples on,
A crooked fence to end my song.*

You could:

- show some willow pattern china and, before telling the legend, ask the girls to study the pattern in small groups and then tell the group as a whole what they think the story might be
- stage the willow pattern story as a drama to entertain tea party guests or sheltered housing scheme/nursing home residents
- decorate paper plates or paint mugs with the willow pattern theme or have each girl decorate a plate with scenes from her favourite story

Party Games

A good way to include games at your party is to adapt your unit's favourite games to fit in with your party theme. So fruit salad could become afternoon tea by having girls called teapot, tea bags, water, sugar, milk and so on, while cat and mouse could be changed to bear and honey if you're having a teddy bear's tea party. The following are a few games you could play:

T in Beds Kim's game

Kim's game is a fun way to improve memory skills - it's basically the conveyor belt at the end of the Generation Game where people try to remember all of the items that they've seen.

You will need -

- a range of items beginning with 'T' like a thimble, a ten pence piece, a TV remote control, a teaspoon and so on
- a cloth to cover the items up
- a checklist for the person running the game to keep score of who remembered the most items
- a watch or stopwatch (most mobile phones have a stopwatch function)

How to play -

- lay the items out on a tray or table-top
- give the person playing a set time to look at all the items to try to remember them - say 10 or 20 seconds depending on their age
- cover the items up and ask the person to name as many of them as possible in 30 seconds
- uncover the items and tell the person how they did

You could use this to raise money with people giving a small amount to play and the person who remembered the most items winning a small prize. It would be worth having separate sets of items for children and adults if you plan to do this and some score charts to keep track of who remembered how many items.

Chinese whispers (All sections)

A fun game for all ages and a fantastic way to show that there's a difference between hearing and listening! You can play this in teams or as one group

How to play -

- the Guider writes down a sentence or phrase and whispers it to the first player - you could use the tea quotes on page 15 and 16
- the first player then whispers the sentence to the next player who whispers it to the next player and so on
- when everyone has had a turn, the final person says out loud what she thinks has just been whispered to her - it usually bears no resemblance to the original sentence of course! - and the Guider can tell the group what should have been passed along.

I went shopping and I bought a 'T' (R, B, G)

A simple and fun game - with no equipment needed! Each player has to remember a list of items that are bought at the shops.

How to play -

- everyone sits in a circle
- one player starts by saying 'I went shopping and bought a *'item name'* beginning with 't'
- the game moves round the circle clockwise, with the next player saying 'I went shopping and bought *the first player's item* and *'new item name'*
- play continues around the circle with each new player reciting the items the players before them bought before including one of their own
- the game continues until players can't remember the full list to recite!

Afternoon tea in London (R and B)

This is based on the game 'Bus Stops' and is a simple game of chance that everyone can join in. It can also be easily adapted to fit in with any tea party theme.

You will need -

- the following hotel names written on separate pieces of A4 paper and stuck on the wall in different parts of the room:
 - The Ritz
 - The Savoy
 - The Dorchester
 - Claridges
- the names of the same hotels written on smaller pieces of paper that can be picked out of a hat at random

How to play -

- everyone runs around in a circle in the middle of the room
- when the Guider shouts 'afternoon tea!' the girls must all choose a hotel and stand by its name
- the Guider then chooses a hotel name from the hat. Anyone standing at that hotel is out. Everyone who is left playing must start to run in a circle again
- the game continues until one player is left. When there are four players or less they should all choose a different hotel so that not everyone is out at the same time!

Songs

If you aren't certain of the tunes for these songs, one of your local Guiders is sure to be able to help you. These simple songs could also be part of any entertainment laid on for your party guests.

My ship sails from China (all sections)

This is a simple action song that repeats. Sit everyone in a circle and sing the song through once:

*My ship sails from China with a cargo of tea
All laden with presents for you and for me
They brought me a fan
Just imagine my bliss*

When I found myself going like this, like this, like this, like this

End of first verse - at 'like this', start to move your right arm backwards and forwards in time with the song as though you are using a fan. Continue the action as you repeat the song

End of second verse - continue moving your right arm but also move your left arm so that both cross backwards and forwards in front of you

End of third verse - add your right leg, crossing and uncrossing it over your left leg

End of fourth verse - add your left leg

End of fifth verse - now add a nodding of your head - if you haven't all got the giggles!

I'm a little teapot (R and B)

Another action song which most people know. During the song you strike a pose to make yourself look like a teapot!

I'm a little teapot, short and stout

Here's my handle (put one hand on your hip), here's my spout (put your other arm out straight)

When I hear the kettle start to shout

Tip me up and pour me out (lean over to the side as if you are pouring tea from your outstretched arm)

OR

I'm a little teapot, short and stout.

Here's my handle, here's my spout.

When I spy a teacup, then I shout,

Tip me up and pour me out!

Polly put the kettle on (R)

This song was apparently written by a father who saw his daughters pretend to play at having a tea party to get out of playing soldiers with their brothers. Polly would put the toy kettle on to start their game and, once their brothers disappeared to play, Suki would take it off again.

Polly put the kettle on

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We'll all have tea

Suki take it off again

Suki take it off again

Suki take it off again

They've all gone away

Tea for Two (All sections)

A song famously sung by Doris Day in the film of the same name. You can also find it on albums by other famous fifties crooners like Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett. You can hear the song online at www.dorisday.net - where you'll also find a complete synopsis of the film.

Picture you upon my knee

Just tea for two

*And two for tea
Just me for you and you for me alone*

*Nobody near us to see us or hear us
No friends or relations on weekend vacations
We won't have it known, dear, that we own a telephone, dear*

*Day will break and I'll awake
And start to bake a sugar cake
For you to take for all the boys to see
We'll raise a family
A boy for you, a girl for me
Can't you see how happy we would be.*

Crafts

Depending on how long your party will be, these crafts could be enjoyed in the weeks leading up to your party and either form part of your fundraising or your entertainment.

Decorate t-shirts and hold a 'cakewalk' fashion show (All sections)

Anna Maria, 7th Duchess of Bedford enjoyed designing new clothes. Take a leaf out of her book and design your own t-shirts to parade at your party.

- ask all the girls to bring in a plain t-shirt from home to decorate
- go mad with the designs - which could fit in with your tea party theme - using appliqué, beads, fabric paints, iron-on transfers of designs or tea quotes (see pages 15-16) or whatever takes your fancy. You can now buy transfer paper that you can print your own designs onto using a home inkjet printer
- have the girls model their t-shirts for each other and for any party guests
- play music and have a compere for your fashion show to introduce each girl as she struts down your 'cakewalk'

Tea light holders (All sections)

Make tea light holders using salt dough to match your party theme, decorate your tea party tables and/or sell to raise funds. You will need to start these a few weeks before the party if you want to use them on the night.

You will need -

- 500g (1lb) plain white flour
- extra flour for dusting the worktop
- 250g (8oz) salt
- 25g (8 fl oz) cold water
- food colourings to dye your dough before it is baked OR poster or acrylic paint to decorate the holder after it is baked
- tea lights to sit in your holder

How to make your tea light holder -

- mix all the ingredients together and knead well - if you are using food colouring to dye your dough add it at this stage
- model your holder with an indentation in the middle for a tea light to sit in
- place your holders on an oiled baking tray and bake them in an oven for one and a half to two hours - or until the dough is dry - at 325F /gas mark 3/ 160C

- paint your dried holder if you have not used food dye at the dough making stage

Cup of tea card (All sections)

Help someone to beat that 'sinking feeling' by sending them a tea bag inside a card to let them know you're thinking of them.

You will need -

- A4 sheets of thin card
- a tea cup template to draw round - you could use the Tea in Beds logo on the front of this pack as a guide)
- pens/crayons/glitter etc. to decorate your card
- a tea bag for each card, the type with a string and a label where possible
- copies of the poem below for girls to write in their card or photocopies to paste in for younger children:

*Here's a gift for you today
With this card I'm trying to say
Thanks for all you do for me
Relax and have a cup of tea!*

- Instead of the poem, you could always include a quote about tea - see pages 15-16 for a selection

How to make your cup of tea card -

- give each person a sheet of card folded in half
- trace the teacup onto the card - making sure it reaches the folded edge - and cut around it. You will need to leave the folded edge uncut so that it forms a card
- decorate the outside of your card
- inside the card, either write or paste the poem onto the right hand side
- staple or stick the teabag onto the left hand side of the card
- give the card to someone who deserves to relax with a nice cup of tea!

Other activity ideas

- use salt dough to make afternoon tea themed fridge magnets - flat magnets can be bought from craft shops or online and stuck to the back of the girls' designs
- buy inexpensive glass tea light holders - or small glasses - from Ikea or your local supermarket and decorate them with glass pens or paint. To make it more cost effective buddy up with other local units to buy a glass painting set that you can all use
- make crafts from countries where tea is grown - many can be found in the excellent international resources available from local Guiding shops or Trading Services
- paint your own mug either at your party or visit a pottery painting shop like Pots of Art in Hitchin or The Kiln in Bedford.

Recipes

The best bit about tea parties is the food! Popular sandwiches include thinly sliced cucumber and salmon, although your unit may prefer jam. Whatever the filling, don't forget to cut your sandwiches into dainty triangles for that authentic afternoon tea look.

Sweet treats are what many people love about afternoon tea. Recipes for Victoria and other sponges are included in many cookery books, but here are a few sweet treats - easy enough to make in your unit if you have access to a kitchen - taken from a recipe resource on www.bedsguiding.org.uk Quantities are enough for one girl to make one or two of each item - simply multiply the ingredients depending on how many girls are cooking.

Scones

- put 1/2 cup / 8oz / 227g of flour into a bowl
- add 1/2 teaspoon of baking powder
- rub in a knob (1/2 oz / 15g) of butter
- stir in 1/4 cup (2 fl oz / 50ml) of milk
- tip the dough onto a lightly floured board, knead then make into scone shapes
- put onto an oven tray and cook for 10 minutes at 190C / 375F / Gas mark 5.

How to flavour your scones

- pat the dough into a flat shape, then spread onto the dough:
 - grated apple and brown sugar, or
 - sultanas and brown sugar, or
 - jam
 - then roll up and cut into slices before cooking

Gingerbread People

- put 1/2 cup / 8oz / 227g of flour into a bowl
- add 1/4 teaspoon of baking soda
- add 1/2 teaspoon of ground ginger
- rub in 1 tablespoon of butter
- mix in 2 tablespoons of brown sugar
- stir together with 1 tablespoon of syrup, egg and milk mixture
- roll out onto a lightly floured board, cut with people cutters
- place on a greased oven tray and cook for 10-15 minutes 190C / 375F / gas mark 5

Belgian Biscuits

- put a knob / 1/2 oz / 15g of margarine into a bowl
- add 1 teaspoon of brown sugar
- add a pinch each of cinnamon, ground ginger and mixed spice
- mix in a dessertspoon of beaten egg
- add 1/3 cup / 5 1/2 oz / 150g of self raising flour, mix and knead
- roll out on floured board cut into shapes.
- place on a greased oven tray cook for 15-20 minutes at 180C / 350F / Gas mark 4
- sandwich the biscuits together with raspberry jam

Cup Cakes

- put 1 teaspoon of margarine into a bowl
- add 1/8 of a cup / 2oz / 55g of sugar
- mix in 1/4 of a cup / 4 fl oz of egg / milk mixture
- stir in a 1/4 cup / 4oz / 110g of self raising flour
- mix well together and spoon into paper cases
- cook for approx. 10 minutes at 180C / 350F / Gas mark 4
- decorate with icing

Other Tea-Related Ideas

If you can't hold a party why not try another tea-related activity that you and your unit can enjoy.

Go out to afternoon tea (with a sponsored walk element)

Lots of local department stores, garden centres and hotels serve afternoon tea. Why not go out as a group and enjoy an afternoon tea together. By going out in your uniform you can also help to promote Guiding. You don't have to stay in Bedfordshire either; you could go further afield to London or Cambridge for the day.

You can raise funds by introducing a sponsored walk into your outing - with the afternoon tea being your well deserved final destination! Why not call it a tea and cakewalk?

Tea and a chat (G and SS)

Visit a local sheltered housing scheme or nursing home to have a cup of tea and a chat with the residents. You could also put on some tea-themed entertainment as outlined in the activities section.

Visit Woburn (All sections)

Visit the place where the afternoon tea was born, the seat of the Dukes of Bedford at Woburn. Using the foreword to the pack from the present Duchess of Bedford, why not look out for the embroidery by Anna Maria, 7th Duchess of Bedford, and the gardens that she designed. You could also have afternoon tea while you're out. Find out more by contacting the Woburn Abbey admissions office on 01525 290333 or by emailing admissions@woburnabbey.co.uk

Tea Quotes

"A woman is like a tea bag. You never know how strong she is until she gets into hot water." Eleanor Roosevelt

"Love and scandal are the best sweeteners of tea." Henry Fielding, *Love in Several Masques*

"There is no trouble so great or grave that cannot be much diminished by a nice cup of tea." Bernard-Paul Heroux

"If you are cold, tea will warm you. If you are too heated, it will cool you. If you are depressed, it will cheer you. If you are excited, it will calm you." Gladstone, 1865

"There are few hours in life more agreeable than the hour dedicated to the ceremony known as afternoon tea." Henry James, *The Portrait of a Lady*

"If man has no tea in him, he is incapable of understanding truth and beauty."
Japanese Proverb

"Find yourself a cup of tea; the teapot is behind you. Now tell me about hundreds of things." Saki

"Tea to the English is really a picnic indoors." Alice Walker

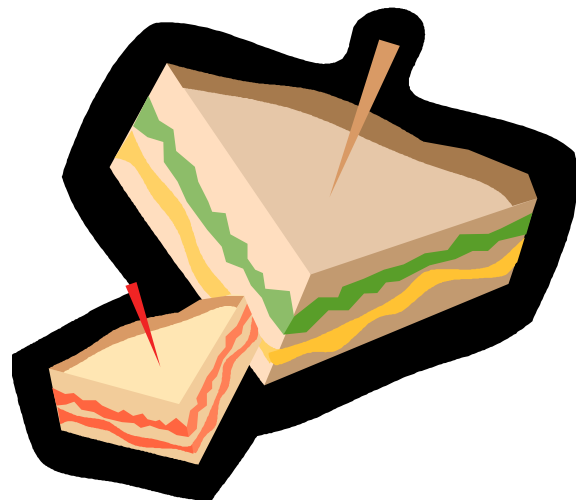
"Remember the tea kettle - it is always up to its neck in hot water, yet it still sings!"
Anon

"You can never get a cup of tea large enough or a book long enough to suit me."
C.S. Lewis

Afternoon tea beetle drive cut outs

Photocopy and cut these pictures out to play afternoon tea beetle.





Tea in Beds badge order form

Keep a lasting memory of Tea in Beds by presenting a commemorative embroidered badge to each member of your unit. Badges cost £1.00 each and have been designed by Diane Butler, PR Team member and County Ambassador. The badge is the design on the front cover of this pack and will be cut into the tea cup shape with a silver thread embroidered teaspoon.

Cheques must accompany all orders and should be made payable to Bedfordshire Guide Association.

Unit: No badges: @ £1 each = total (plus 50p p&p)

Guider's name:

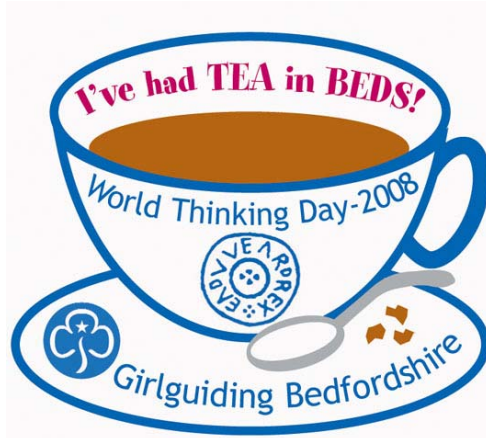
Guider's address:

Please send your order form and cheque to:

Mrs Kelly Quigley-Hicks, 42 Berkeley Close, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire, SG18 8SY

Orders received before 10 January will be posted out in time for the week starting 18 February. Due to manufacturing time at the badge makers, orders received after 10 January may arrive after your tea party. All orders must be received by Friday 8 February.





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