

TWINNING WITH PERU

AN INSTANT MEETING FOR BROWNIES FROM THE BC INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

This meeting is designed to introduce Brownies to BC's 2015-2016 Twinning partner, Peru. The activities includes crafts, games and songs that will give our Brownies a picture of life in Peru. At the end of the meeting the Brownies will learn about Peruvian culture and will recognize that there are Brownies in Peru.



Meeting Plan

- 10 min: Gathering: Peteca Game
- 10 min: Brownie Opening
- 30 min: Craft: Raffia dolls
- 10-15 min: Snack
- 10-15 min: Game: Chicken Fight
- 5 min: Potato Masher Chant
- 5 min: Mariposa Clapping Game
- 5 min: Brownie Closing

90 minute meeting. Approximate activity times shown.

Program Connections

Key to Active Living

- 2. Outdoor Action (active game)

Key to Camping

- 5. Sing and Shout

Key to the Arts

- 4. Crafts from Afar

Key to the Girl Guides

- 2. Thinking Day and Guide-Scout Week (game from WAGGGS country)

Related Interest Badges

Go For It!

Meeting Supplies

- small bean bags or socks filled with sand
- feathers
- string
- raffia
- yarn
- felt or other fabric for doll ponchos
- fabric pens or fabric paints
- scissors sharp enough to cut felt/fabric
- scissors for girls to cut raffia
- rulers
- cardboard cards
- snack supplies
- handkerchief, scarf or piece of fabric (Brownie scarf will work)
- chalk or masking tape to mark a circle

Gathering Game: Peteca

Source: Louise Orlando, The Multicultural Game Book: More than 70 Traditional Games from 30 Countries, 1993, page 107.

Directions

1. Use a string to tie three feathers to the top of a bean bag or sock. Make enough of these so that several groups can play at once. (2-3 girls/group)
2. Players take turns tossing the bag up and hitting it with one hand back into the air as many times as they can without letting it touch the ground. Use two hands if one hand is too difficult.
3. With each hit, the player says a letter of the alphabet or begins counting.
4. The player that makes it through the most letters, without dropping or missing the bag, wins.
5. Variation: try bouncing the bag off your knees, reciting a poem or singing a song as you play or toss the bag from one hand to the other if keeping the ball in the air is difficult.

Children in Peru don't have as many toys as Canadian children. They often make their own toys out of things like spare socks and feathers that they find, rocks instead of marbles, rags tied into a ball to play soccer or twigs and leaves to make a doll.

Supplies

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- string

Brownie Opening

Start with the Usual Brownie opening.

When you are in your circle, introduce the idea of Twinning with Brownies in another country. Our current twinning country is Peru. Peruvian Brownies will be learning about Canadian Brownies while we learn about them. Peru and Canada are both members of WAGGGS, the world association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. We are all part of the sisterhood of Guiding. Show girls a map of South America.

Information about Brownies in Peru

Boys are allowed to join Brownies in Peru.

Brownies are called "Fairies" or "Little Wings".

In Peru, Brownies (Fairies) are 7-10 years old.

The Fairy Promise

I promise to do everything possible to do my duty to God and my country;
to help other people especially those at home.

The Fairy Law

A Little Wing is always alert, she sings and smiles under difficulties.

A Little Wing thinks first of others.

Motto

Be Prepared or "Estar preparada" which is the Spanish way to say this. Brownies in Peru speak Spanish instead of English. A Spanish Brownie would say "hola" when she greets you and "buenos dias" when she leaves. (Hello and Good Day)

Craft: Raffia Dolls

Traditionally, Peruvians living in the Andes wear colourful ponchos to keep warm. The ponchos are woven from alpaca fibre dyed in vibrant colours. This craft allows Brownies to create their own Peruvian dolls with ponchos. Traditional Peruvian ponchos are brightly coloured with lots of red, purple and yellow.



Supplies for each doll

- 12 strands of raffia, 12 inches (30 cm) long
- 12 strands of raffia, 6 inches (15 cm) long
- individual raffia strands to tie doll
- yarn cut into 12-inch (30cm) lengths, for hair
- fabric for poncho (6 inch (15cm) square
- fabric pens or paint
- scissors (sharp for Guider to cut fabric)
- scissors (for girls to cut raffia)
- rulers
- 6 inch(15cm) long cardboard card

Directions

1. Cut fabric into a 6 inch x 6 inch square (15x15 cm.). Fold in half and cut an opening in the center large enough for the doll's head to fit through.
2. Lay the poncho flat but remind girls of how the doll will wear the poncho as they plan their designs. Use fabric pens or paints to decorate the poncho. Set aside to allow the paint to dry. Guiders may want to measure and cut raffia while the girls do this.
3. Begin making the doll. Fold the 12-inch (30cm) bundle of raffia in half.
4. An inch (2.5cm) down from the fold, tie a strand of raffia around the bundle to create a head.
5. Insert the 6-inch (15cm) bundle of raffia under where the knot is, to create arms.
6. Tie another strand of raffia under the arms to secure them.
7. To make the hair, wrap the wool around the 6-inch (15cm) card 12 times. Slip a piece of wool around the strands at one end of the card and tie it so that all of the strands of wool are tied together. Cut the strands at the other end of the card. If you want bangs, tie a strand of wool a short distance away from the end that you tied with the wool. Remove the first tie and cut the strands.
8. Tie wool onto doll's head with a piece of raffia to create hair.
9. If the paint on poncho is dry, put it over doll's head. If the paint is still wet, put the ponchos on at the end of the meeting. If even more time is needed for the paint to dry, collect the dolls and give them to the girls with the ponchos at their next meeting.

Snack

Peru is a country that produces chocolate. The snack can include anything with chocolate. If you want to keep things healthier, bring chocolate sprinkles or chocolate dip and fresh fruit. Mangos, bananas and oranges grow in Peru.

Chocolate was originally served as a drink for thousands of years. The recipe for solid chocolate was not discovered until the 1800s.

Game: Chicken Fight

Source: Louise Orlando, *The Multicultural Game Book: More than 70 Traditional Games from 30 Countries*, 1993, page 106.

Brownies can pretend that they are chickens as they try to grab a scarf from their opponent while trying to protect their own scarf.

Directions

1. Using the chalk, draw one large circle (about 8 feet or 2.5 meters in diameter) on the ground.
2. Divide players into two teams.
3. Two players enter the circle (one from each team). Each one tucks a scarf into her belt or sleeve. Each player must fold her right “wing” (left “wing” if left handed) across her chest and hop on one foot.
4. The object is for each player to try and grab the other person’s scarf without putting their feet down or unfolding their right arms.
5. The person who steps down first or unfolds an arm must leave the circle and surrender her scarf to the other team.
6. Once everyone has had a turn, the team with the most scarves wins.

Supplies

- handkerchief, scarf or fabric piece for each player (Brownie scarves will work)
- large open playing space
- chalk or masking tape to mark a circle

Potato Masher Chant

Potatoes were first cultivated in South America. They are still an important part of the Peruvian diet. There are over 3800 varieties of potatoes found in Peru. Here is a chant with actions that celebrate the potato. Girls can use their imagination to perform the actions, although we have provided some tips for them.

One potato, two potato, three potato, four (*Dig potatoes with a shovel and throw them into a bucket*)

Five potato, six potato, seven potato, more (*Peel potato and drop it in a pot when you say “more”*)

Boil potato, boil potato, boil potato, b-b-b-b-b (*Move up and down like bubbles*)

Mash potatoes, mash potatoes, mash potatoes, galore (*Jump up and down to mash the potatoes*)

Yummy potato, mmmmmmmmmmm (*Eat the potato with a spoon*)

Mariposa Spanish Hand Clapping Game

Mariposa is a Spanish hand-clapping game that would be fun for Brownies to try (and they only have to remember one word!). See a video demonstration online:

<http://www.mamalisa.com/?t=es&p=3615>

Map of South America

Map from freedesignfile.com

