

World Centre Fact Sheet

Our Chalet

- In Adelboden, Switzerland
- The first World Centre
- Opened in July 1932 by Lady Baden-Powell
- Closed to guests during World War II but used as a place for refugees to reunite
- By 1972 over 33,000 people had visited
- Lord Baden-Powell challenged this to be a school of goodwill and understanding
- Guests develop their full potential through outdoor challenge

Pax Lodge

- Located in London, England
- First called Our Ark, then Olave House
- Originally designed as a hostel for Girl Guides
- A Pennies Appeal was used to generate the money to build the first location
- Opened in May 1939 as the second world centre
- Was open during World War II and became a haven for many Guiding members
- In 1963 the location was moved and named Olave House after Lady Baden-Powell
- Pax Lodge was opened in 1988, 100 years after the birth of Lady Baden-Powell
- Doors donated by members of the Baden-Powell family
- Officially opened in 1991 by the Princess of Denmark

Our Cabana

- The dream of a world centre in the Western Hemisphere began in 1946
- Officially opened in July 1957
- Located in Cuernavaca, Mexico
- Largest of the four world centres
- Can accommodate over 100 participants

Sangam

- Located in Pune, India
- Means coming together in Sanskrit
- Opened in 1966 by Lady Baden-Powell
- Centre for international friendship
- First imagined in 1956
- Girl Guides and Girl Scouts raised over 50% of the funds to build this

Fifth World Centre

- Virtual world centre in Africa
- Various topics presented in different countries
- Allows more girls and Guiders to participate in the events