



Hello! We are USA Girl Scouts Overseas Troop 6 of Atyrau, Kazakhstan. We have 4 Brownies, 3 Juniors and 1 Cadette in our troop. We are with GSUSA but we are a mixed group - Americans, Italians, Canadians, Columbians, Kazakhs and more. Our city is at the mouth of the Ural River, at the north end of the Caspian Sea. The Ural River is considered the border between Europe and Asia. There are big oilfields nearby and fishing and harvesting caviar are also important here. It freezes and thaws here a lot in the fall and spring, so it's often muddy. There are not very many trees here but there is grass. This postcard is of people ice fishing on the Ural River. The river freezes every November and the ice gets thicker and thicker, thawing during the month of March or so. When it is coldest in late January or early February, people even drive cars on the river. The bridge in the picture is for pedestrians only. The national language is Kazakh, but most people in our area speak Russian. In Kazakhstan, the camel herders live in round houses called "yurts", but we live in regular houses and apartments as do most Kazakhs.

Happy Thinking Day to Guides and Scouts everywhere!