Côte d’Ivoire Challenge

BC International Committee

Complete any two of the following, or come up with your own challenge activities to complete!

You can adapt the challenges below to suit your branch and location.

If one of your challenges involves raising money to send to Côte d’Ivoire, please make sure that your activity complies with the current National and Provincial fundraising policies. Please send any fundraised amounts to your Area in the same manner that you would send CWFF funds, but marked specifically as Côte d’Ivoire funds.

1. Pretend you are planning a trip to Côte d’Ivoire. How will you get there? What will you do? Where will you stay? Put together a travel brochure about Côte d’Ivoire for other units at your meeting place.

2. French is the official language of Côte d’Ivoire. Sing a French song with your unit, or learn the Côte d’Ivoire Girl Scout Promise in French.

3. A maquis is a small roadside restaurant in Côte d’Ivoire. Try making some food from Côte d’Ivoire (look for recipes in the Côte d’Ivoire resource package) and serving it at your very own unit maquis. Donate the funds you raise from your maquis to CWFF for the Côte d’Ivoire partnership project.

4. In many parts of Africa, including Côte d’Ivoire, girls and women must carry water long distances every day in order to provide what is needed for their families. Practice carrying a jug of water on your head. Can you do it? What can you do to make it easier? What do you think your life would be like without running water in your house?

5. The literacy rate of Côte d’Ivoire is just over 56%, and children in Côte d’Ivoire only stay in school for an average of 6 years. Join or organize a literacy drive in your community, read stories to children, or hold a second-hand book sale and donate the proceeds to CWFF for the Côte d’Ivoire partnership project.

6. Côte d’Ivoire is the world’s largest producer of cocoa beans. Find out about some of the problems faced by cocoa farmers. Find and sample some Fair Trade chocolate. Learn what the Fair Trade symbol looks like and take a tour of your local grocery store to find some Fair Trade products. How can buying Fair Trade items (such as chocolate, coffee and bananas) improve the lives of people around the world?

7. What are some of the animals that can be found in Côte d’Ivoire? Listen to or act out a West African fable about one of the animals that lives there. Find out about some of the reasons why some plants and animals in Côte d’Ivoire are facing extinction. Why was Côte d’Ivoire originally given that name?

8. Some of the funds that Girl Guides of Canada is donating to Côte d’Ivoire will be used to provide uniforms to Girl Scout members there. Find out what the climate is like in Côte d’Ivoire and design your own uniform for girls your own age in Côte d’Ivoire, taking the weather into consideration.