

SWAPS / TRADERS

SWAPS or Traders are an exciting way to meet new friends at a Guiding event! A Swap is a small craft item that can be pinned to your camp hat. At a special Guiding event or camp, girls will exchange Swaps, making new friends, learning about Guiding in other places, and getting lots of great crafts! Each Swap is a memory of that special event or Girl Guide sister.

Swaps do not need to be complicated however you should expect that making lots of Swaps can take some time. However if you have lots of Swaps to trade, then you can go home with lots too! Some guiding members choose to make lots of one type of Swap, others make a variety. It is your personal preference what kind and how many you make.



If you are making new Guiding friends, you may want to include either your name, unit, District, or town so that you can stay in touch. Don't think that Swaps are just for the girls, Guiders can make lots of new friends as well!

There are all sorts of craft resources on the internet that you can choose from or you can come up with a small craft of your own. Some great Swap websites are:

www.albertagirlguides.com/brightideas/brightideas_craftsSWAPS.pdf

www.makingfriends.com/swaps.htm

www.scoutmom.net/swaps/index.htm

You can also check with experienced Guiders (or look at their camp hats) for some great ideas too!

