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Service given at January Conference



Service has always been a key principle in Guiding for all branches – from learning to share as Sparks, to Lending a Hand, plus taking action for a better world as our Promises encourage us to do. This was taken to heart at the January Conference when participants supported the “**Warm Hands, Warm Feet, Warm Hearts Service Project**”. Two large totes full of socks, mittens, underwear and toiletries packages; a large bag of fleece scarves; and a bag of hats were collected and taken to the Lighthouse in downtown Saskatoon. Heart shaped messages of encouragement and good thoughts were also included in the packages.

The Lighthouse provides affordable housing units, supported living units and emergency shelter for 20 women and 17 men. The Lighthouse also provides community outreach services that include work training programs, a nurse’s station, an employment centre and budget management services. Thanks to Laurie Lanovaz and Bridging Rivers Area for creating this worthwhile project and to all those who donated items!

Also at the January Conference 24 **Capes for Kids** were made in two hours to be donated to the Autism Society and pediatric wards throughout Saskatchewan. Some of the capes have recognizable superhero logos, some have inspirational sayings, and some have bright colors and shapes. They're all great! Thanks to Kristin Shantz for coordinating this service project.

The **Canadian World Friendship Fund** also benefited from the January Conference’s raffle of donated items that raised \$886 from the participants.

Many, many thanks are extended to the generosity of the January Conference participants!

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Girl Greatness Starts Here!



Upcoming dates...



March 6-8	Pathfinder/Ranger Weekend (Strasbourg)
March 13-15	Lady B-P Weekend (Moose Jaw)
March 20-21	Provincial Council Meeting
March 21	Wilderness/Remote First Aid Recertification Training (Pike Lake)
March 27-29	Wilderness/Remote First Aid Training (Pike Lake)
April 10	<i>Prairie Lily</i> Deadline
April 10-12	National Conference (Toronto)
May 2	Tim Hortons Community Clean-Up
May 8-10	OAL Adventure Camp Training (Pike Lake)
May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17 & 19-21	OAL Training (Saskatoon)
May 22-24	Spring Camp @ Can-ta-ka-ye
May 29-30	Provincial Council Meeting
May 30	Annual Meeting (Regina)
July 1-5 & July 23-26	Summer Camps at Can-ta-ka-ye
August 7-10	Serenity Retreat (Heritage Lake)
September 10	<i>Prairie Lily</i> Deadline
September 11-13	Provincial Council/Networks Meeting
October 2-4	Quest
October 25	Youth Recognition Ceremony (Regina)

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**September - June:
Monday to Friday
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**The Provincial Office will be closed
April 3 - 6 for Easter.**

*You are invited...
Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada
Saskatchewan Council*



Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 30, 2015

3 – 5 p.m.

*Edna May Forbes Lecture Theatre and
Lady Slipper Court on Wascana Parkway
Regina*

*The Annual Meeting
and Awards Ceremony
will be followed by
an outdoor Garden Party and High Tea.*

*For those wanting to attend the Annual
Meeting and High Tea,
please contact the Provincial Office.*

Tickets are \$15 each.



In January, the Glee Club members visited PC, Charlene McLean (with her two broken legs) in Wascana Rehab Centre. Get well soon, Charlene!

A Message from the PC



Happy Thinking Day to my Sisters in Guiding!

Yes all around the world Girl Guides and Girl Scouts will be celebrating the opportunity to belong to the largest women's organization in the world. I always get goose-bumps understanding I am one voice in 10 million members! We forget sometimes that we are not just a single Unit or person working in isolation but a part of a world-wide sisterhood. Guiding is strong and vital in the world, in Canada, as well as here in Saskatchewan. As we celebrate Thinking Day all around the world take time with your girls and give them a glimpse of who they are and how they are connected in a special way to girls around the world. I think it really is worth celebrating.

While we are celebrating ... we need to celebrate our increase in membership. Both our girl members and adult membership increased. Last year we had 3221 members and we have increased by 4.75%. At the time of the final count we have 3374 registered members. Yahoo! Ensuring that everyone is counted is not an easy task. Thank you to Guiders and District Commissioners for checking your rosters and identifying the girls not registered. Thank you as well to the staff of the Area and Provincial Offices who ensure iMIS is up to date and everyone's paper is processed. We want every girl and adult of Girl Guides to be counted.

Membership is increasing and our girls are returning and this has A LOT to do with you. You enable the girls to gather in a safe environment to do fun, creative and challenging activities. The Guiders in Saskatchewan are truly some of the best in the country! Thank you for your commitment. I celebrate each and every one of you (all 750 of you!). Girl Guides and especially our girl members appreciate that you are willing to share your skills, talents and passions. You are a role model but you touch the lives of our young girls leaving memories that last a life-time. You are the face of Girl Guides in your community. Thank you for representing us in such a strong and vibrant manner. We all seem to be having a great time Guiding along in Saskatchewan!

Many of you are aware, that on December 20, 2014, I missed one stair and in falling down sadly broke both my legs (actually 5 breaks in the two legs). I have been in hospital and now rehab since then. My recovery is slow but steady. I might suggest it is all the positive and encouraging emails, cards, gifts and visits. Thank you all for your concern and care. You truly have helped in my healing. I have really cool walking boots and I am walking again! ☺ No big deal for anyone over one year old but a major hurdle for me. I have a new appreciation for being patient and gentle to self – a lesson we can all be reminded of in this 'busy' life. I celebrate each step I take closer to full recovery.

Step by step may we all delight in our journey!

Charlene

Charlene McLean

Provincial Commissioner pc@girlguides.sk.ca

Editor's note: On behalf of Guiding members in Saskatchewan, we wish you well, Charlene, and we hope you will soon be mobile again!





BRIDGING RIVERS AREA NEWS STREAM...

REGISTRATION UPDATE

The "Count" is done – 2014 - 2015 numbers are in and we are pleased to again report higher numbers! The January 31 National Count has BRAGG with:

- 1298 girls = a 4.9% increase; 369 adults = a 1.6% increase; for an overall 3.25% increase in members.
- Online registrations are up from 72.5% to 75.5%.
- One new town; expansion in some Units to include additional branches and few closures.

Your diligence in ensuring that girls and adults were registered and counted is greatly appreciated!

AREA COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED

Area Council is still in need of a rural
Area Council member.

We will have an opening for one rural and
one undesignated Elected Member (three
year term) to be elected in April.

Consider letting your name stand for
one of these roles.

Submit nominations or your own
name to the Area Office.



AWARDS

Consider nominating a fellow Guider this season!
Some awards to consider are:

- Gold Thanks
- Unit Guider Award - Bronze, Silver and Gold
- Commissioner/ACL Award
- Area Award
- Merit Awards - Bronze, Silver and Gold
- Medal of Merit

Check out Member Zone – Policies and Procedures
- Guiding Essentials document for complete
information.

COOKIE SELLER WINS PRIZE!

Raj Kavia, owner of Kavia Autobody in Saskatoon, provided an iPad Mini as a prize for a draw among girls who sold 2014 Chocolatey Mint cookies. The lucky winner was **Michelle Garrett** of Borden, pictured here with Raj. Since the spring of 2013 he has supported our Area by purchasing cookies from us to give as thank you gifts to his customers – thank you Raj!



Condolences to:

- * Jackie Peacock, Guider in Saskatoon, on the passing of her mom
- * June Bleier, Guider in Prince Albert, on the passing of her husband
- * Karen and Alexa Wallace, Guiders in Saskatoon, on the passing of Karen's mother
- * Joelle Haffermehl, Guider in Saskatoon, on the passing of her Grandma



SPOTLIGHT ON GUIDERS – Unit Guider!

Carol Skaar has been Guiding for 31 years and wears many hats. She is a Safe Guide Assessor, Trainer, Trefoil Guild member, Heritage Lake Camp committee member and has been a Unit Guider at every level. She is in the Evergreen District and is a great resource!

What opportunities have you had in Guiding? I have travelled as a Guider and as a Unit Guider to many great locations. I have travelled with Pathfinders or Ranger aged girls as Responsible Guider or with a Guider group. My travels have taken me to England, Switzerland, France, Mexico, and Ghana. My experiences range from staying at B-P Lodge in the UK; to visits to Pax Lodge, Our Chalet and Our Cabana; to experiencing community life in Ghana with Free the Children. Would I go on another international trip? ...Yes in a heartbeat!

How did you get involved? My two daughters were in Brownies and they asked for parent volunteers ... so started my journey!

Why have you stayed in Guiding? I have stayed in Guiding for the sisterhood of other Guiders. I love to camp, canoe, and do outdoor adventures and pass this love onto the girls. It is always a joy to see a little Brownie turn into a young adult who is now passing on her skills to the younger girls.

Your Two Stars and a Wish for GGC?

#1 Star: Our Trefoil Guiders, who love to share their time, knowledge and experience with all ages.

#2.Star: The many Guiders who volunteer hours of their time to come up with exciting, challenging activities for their girls.

Wish for GGC: That we continue offering opportunities for girls to travel to other parts of our world and experience the sisterhood of Guiding with other cultures.

ARE YOU UP-TO-DATE?

Checklist for Units and DCs

All Unit Guiders have:

- ✓ received their current membership year pins.
- ✓ completed their Safe Guide Training.
- ✓ been enrolled and received their enrolment pins.
- ✓ received their appointment pins.
- ✓ met (in person or by phone) with their District Commissioner.



Any questions regarding any of the above?
Please call your District Commissioner.

LOOKING AHEAD

Did you know that it is never too early to plan for next year? Thinking about your own plans as well as recruiting and screening new Guiders now will make your Unit's start-up in the fall so much smoother!

Questions to consider:

- Are you returning to lead in your present Unit?
- Will you be advancing to lead at the next level?
- Would you like to help on a committee?
- Are there parents in your Unit who may be interested in leading? Consider inviting some of these women to sleepovers/camps or involve them in some planning activities.

Please let your DC know your plans for next season and also provide her with complete contact details for any women potentially interested in leadership.

If you have something you'd like to see included in our Bridging Rivers Area Girl Guides section of the next Prairie Lily, please send to the Area Office no later than March 31, 2015. Notices of condolence, postings of achievements, or other news of wide interest are welcomed.



Southern Horizons Happenings

TREFOIL ADVENTURE GUILD OUTING . . .



Back Row L to R: Marian Clark, Darlene Fehler, Alice Gaveronski, Sharlene Donauer, Beth Dreger, Marjorie Anderson.
Front Row L to R: Jan Stirr, Fran Protz

On January 22, 2015, eight Trefoil Adventure Guild (TAG) members attended the U of R to see the Witness Blanket Display. They met with Dr. Shauneen Pete, Associate Professor for Aboriginal Education and Executive Lead for Indigenization. Dr. Pete was very informative and provided them not only with an historical perspective of the development of Residential Schools in Canada but also shared personal stories from her family members who attended residential schools in Saskatchewan. She then explained the significance of various items incorporated in the wall. Their tour was very enlightening and moving. The display remained in Regina until February 27 and then continued on its seven year journey across Canada. Dr. Pete and her team of volunteers gave tours to groups of children and adults. After their tour, the TAG members met at Stones Throw Coffee Shop for socializing. It was a great afternoon.



A Bit of History

The first stapler in recorded history was the stapling machine or fastener of King Louis XV of France in the 1700's. Each staple had to be handmade and was inscribed with the insignia of the royal court.

Modern paper fastening devices started with the patent of the first paper fastener on September 30, 1841 by Samuel Slocum. This crude device stuck pins on paper to fasten them. On August 7, 1866, the Novelty Paper Fastener was patented by the Patent Novelty Mfg Co. It allowed a single staple to be loaded and was used to mainly bind papers or books, but also carpet, furniture or boxes.

On July 24, 1866, George W. McGill was awarded U.S. Patent No. 56,587 for a small, bendable brass paper fastener, the precursor to the modern staple. On August 13, 1867, he received a patent for a press to insert the fastener into paper. He showed his invention at the 1867 Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia, and continued to work on these and other various paper fasteners through the 1880's. On February 18, 1879, a patent was given for the McGill Single-Stroke Staple Press. This device weighed over two and a half pounds and was able to load a single 1/2 inch wide wire staple at a time and drive it through several sheets of paper.



Independent travel can be in our own back yard

Rangers #11, Prairie Gold District Regina, embarked on a trip to Churchill, Manitoba in the hopes of seeing Polar bears and whales and THEY DID!



*Top left: Ready for the train ride. Top centre: Relaxing and planning. Top right: A polar bear!
Bottom left: Preparing to kayak with Beluga whales. Bottom right: Whales - look how close.*

Awesome things you may not know were made in Canada

Saskatchewan makes most of the world's lentils. Whether at home or travelling abroad, order some lentil soup and odds are you're getting a little taste of home. Canada is the largest exporter of green lentils in the world – about 1.5 million metric tonnes annually, with 95% of it coming from Saskatchewan.

Winnipeg mints coins for over 60 countries. Canada produces currency for more countries than you can imagine! The Royal Winnipeg Mint produces coins for 60 different countries, including centavos for Cuba, kroner for Norway, and pesos for Colombia. Currently the Mint can produce over 20 million coins a day.

Kelowna makes most of the world's water slides. When you slip down one of those clear tube water slides on a Disney Cruise, you're likely using Canadian design and technology. Canada's Whitewater West Industries Ltd. is the largest water parks attraction company in the world. Their Kelowna, B.C. facility, FormaShape, makes thousands of water slides each year.



Condolences are extended to the family and Guiding family of **Julie Silzer**. Julie was a long time Guider in Regina as well as the Area's Executive Administrator for many years. It was Julie's Grandma, Christine Riepseman, who baked and sold the very first Girl Guide cookies. Julie will be truly missed.

Saskatchewan Provincial Council 2014 - 2015

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Deputy Provincial Commissioner
Provincial Treasurer
Area Commissioners: Bridging Rivers
Southern Horizons
Elected Members:



Charlene McLean
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Provincial Communications Adviser
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Provincial Recruitment & Retention Adviser
Provincial Awards Adviser
Provincial Link Adviser
Provincial Trefoil Guild Adviser
Provincial Program Adviser
Provincial Public Relations Adviser
Provincial Archives
Provincial Cookie Adviser
Provincial Training Adviser
Provincial Arts Adviser
Provincial Lones Adviser
Provincial Special Needs Adviser
Provincial Nominations & Search Committee
Finance Committee Chair
Fund Development Chair
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New Provincial Safe Guide Adviser

Megan Loessl has resigned as Provincial Safe Guide Adviser. Our thanks are extended to Megan for the time and efforts she put into this role.

Carol Skaar has accepted the position as Saskatchewan Provincial Safe Guide Adviser. Carol has been a Yellow and Red level Safe Guide Activity Assessor for the past six years. Carol has participated in a number of outdoor, camping and leadership roles in her 31 years of membership with GGC. She has mentored new Assessors in the assessment role and has travelled internationally with GGC also. Her vast experiences and knowledge will be an asset as she takes on this new role. Congratulations Carol!

Nominations for Saskatchewan Council

Saskatchewan Council

is seeking nominations for

two elected members – urban – one from each Area.

Term of office is three years.

Please feel free to nominate yourself as well.

Join our Provincial Council Leadership Team!

Job description is available on request from the Provincial Office.

Nominations may be:

- Emailed to pc@girlguides.sk.ca
- Faxed to 306-347-0995
- Or placed in an envelope marked "Confidential" and mailed to:
Saskatchewan Council #200 – 1530 Broadway Ave, Regina, SK S4P 1E2

Please have your nominations in by March 30, 2015.



The following provincial positions need filling as soon as possible:

- District Commissioner for Northern Pines District (responsible for:
Stanley Mission, La Ronge, Pinehouse Lake and Stony Rapids)
- Provincial Cookie Adviser
- Provincial Communications Adviser
- Provincial Nominations & Search Committee
- Safe Guide Assessors



The following provincial positions will need filling in May:

- Provincial Camping Adviser
- Provincial Program Adviser
- Provincial Training Adviser
- Provincial Trefoil Guild Adviser
- Provincial Archives Adviser
- Provincial Lones Adviser
- Provincial Special Needs Advise

Communications

Submitted by Jenna Hehn, Provincial Communications Adviser
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Social Media is a growing communication tool for Guiders. As we continue to use it please watch for upcoming "guidelines" in the near future.

We would like to welcome **Leah Yelland** to our social media team! She has been doing an excellent job monitoring our Facebook and Twitter accounts; answering any questions and promoting Guiding around Saskatchewan.

Please join us in the fun!

- Add Saskatchewan GirlGuides
- Like Saskatchewan Girl Guides of Canada on Facebook
- Follow Saskgirlguides on Twitter

Awards

Membership pins and awards were presented in December, 2014 in the Northern Pines District.
The following list of awards was submitted by Gina Troupe.

Stanley Mission:	Laura Young – 10 year; Bella Merasty – 4 year	
La Ronge:	Maureen Elias	20 year pin and Gold Merit award
	Diane Blair	15 year pin and Bronze Merit award
	Nicole Beaudin	4 year pin and Gold Thanks award
	Tammy Watt	3 year pin and Gold Thanks award
	Sara Poole	3 year pin
Pinehouse Lake:	Shannon Young	14 year pin and Gold Thanks award
	Laura Harman	8 year pin and Gold Thanks award



Girl Greatness Awards

Nominations are now open for the national Girl Greatness Awards



Please encourage the girls in your Unit to nominate either themselves or another girl in one of the following Girl Greatness Awards categories inspired by our Mission: Confidence, Resourcefulness, Courage and Making a Difference.

You can use the *Girl Greatness Meeting Guide* found on the national website for ideas on how to inspire your girls to participate. The *Meeting Guide* will introduce the GGC's Mission to girls of all branches and encourages girls to consider what the GGC's Mission means to them. It's a great way to introduce the Girl Greatness Awards and kick-start the nomination process!



Please remember that this is an awards program for girls. Parents and Guiders cannot submit nominations.
Let's have Saskatchewan girls nominated!

Nomination deadline: March 15, 2015

New: All award recipients to be recognized on the "Awards" page in *Prairie Lily*



All Members are encouraged to recognize Guiders by nominating them for an award.



And, calling all District Commissioners – Please celebrate all the Guiders who receive any awards in your District by sending their names and the awards they receive to the editor of the *Prairie Lily*, Marg Stewart at b.stewart@sasktel.net and she will publish all awards in the *Prairie Lily*. Let's recognize all our dedicated Guiders!

Announcing a Membership Fee increase for 2015-2016

Chief Commissioner, Sharron Callahan announced in January 2015 that the registration fees will increase by \$10. This increase applies to the national membership fee. Saskatchewan Council did not increase their portion of the membership/registration fee.



Early bird Registration fees April 1 – June 30, 2015

Saskatchewan Council continues to offer a family plan subsidy as well as an early registration incentive. Membership assistance is also available. Girl Guides remains an organization of choice and accessible to all. The early bird savings of \$10 is available to individuals who register before the end of June.

Registration Fees April 1 – June 30 Early Bird: \$10 discount = \$125		Registration Fees After June 30 Regular = \$135	
First girl	\$125	First girl	\$135
Second girl	\$115	Second girl	\$125
Third and subsequent girls	\$105	Third and subsequent girls	\$105

Family Plan:

- First girl pays the full membership/registration fee.
- Second girl in the immediate family receives a \$10 discount.
- Third and subsequent girls in the immediate family receive a \$20 discount.

Girl Guides is confident that our fees continue to provide excellent value to families.

2015 - 2016 Regular Membership/Registration Fee breakdown:

Total Registration Fee collected \$135: National portion – \$60; Provincial portion – \$55; Area portion – \$20

Recruitment and Retention

Submitted by Heather Levy, Provincial Recruitment and Retention Adviser
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Congratulations Saskatchewan - You Did It!

The official count is in and you helped Grow Guiding in Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan has **2,624 girl members for the 2014-2015 year**, up from **2491** last year. This could not have happened without you – your commitment to Guiding, the great programming you provide, your time and effort made this possible. Thank you for all that you do.



Saskatchewan's online registration improved from 61percent last year to **69 percent** this year. Thank you for your support of the GGC process to move to online registration. This has helped GGC save countless trees.

Guiding Mosaic 2016

Submitted by Heather Neufeld,
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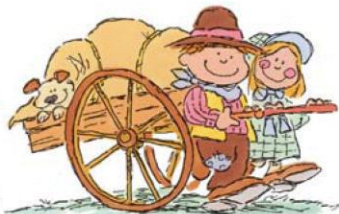


Things are happening!

1. Registration is open (it was delayed so keep checking if you are having difficulty).
2. The Guiding Mosaic website is www.guidingmosaic.com
3. You can join us on on Twitter (the button is on the website). Facebook and Tumblr
4. There are still staff lead positions to be filled. Applications can be found on the website.
5. Fundraising has begun. Remember, 25 percent of fundraising needs to be in the form of cookies.
6. In order for girls to be placed in a patrol there needs to be a Contact Guider identified.
7. Keep talking to your girls; this is an awesome opportunity for girls to experience a large camp close to home.

Let's show Canada that Saskatchewan is Growing Guiding!

Serenity Camp 2015



Hi there Guider Gals!

It's time to start thinkin' about gettin' your bonnets, baskets or buckskin boots ready, for the best round-up camp for miles around! Tell your neighbours and friends; we'll take all the gals around who want to come on down. That's right, you guessed it, **Serenity Camp Ladies Retreat – August 7-10, 2015**. We're goin' back to "Pioneer Days" and it's goin' to be a real "Hoe-down"! Watch for a registration form in the next *Prairie Lily*.

Prairie Lily

Submitted by Marg Stewart, editor of the *Prairie Lily*
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The provincial newsletter, the *Prairie Lily*, is published four times a year.

Deadlines for submissions of articles are:

September 10, November 10, February 10 and April 10.



- **Note:** If you prefer to read the *Prairie Lily* online and would like to discontinue receiving a paper copy, please inform the Provincial Office. The office will contact you when the current *Prairie Lily* is posted online.
- Submissions of provincial articles or suggestions may be sent to the Provincial Office at provincial@girlguides.sk.ca or directly to Marg at b.stewart@sasktel.net
- Articles and photos that pertain to Area, District or Unit events, please submit to your Area Office for inclusion on the Area pages. We would love to see what Units and Districts are doing!
- Please send Marg lists of all Guider awards that are presented throughout the year and they will be listed on the Awards page.
- A colour version of the *Prairie Lily* is on the provincial website at www.girlguides.ca/SK/
- Many thanks to all those who have sent in submissions! Guiding is great in Saskatchewan!



Adult Volunteers are needed to assist in the smooth operation of camp. Consider volunteering!

Benefits of being an Adult Volunteer at Camp Can-ta-ka-ye

- ✱ **Spending time in the great outdoors** – As an adult volunteer you will have the opportunity to experience all of the things that make Can-ta-ka-ye so special, from swimming and hiking to campfires and outdoor games. Camp will be a time for you to reconnect with yourself and to watch dreams come true.
- ✱ **Making a Difference in the Lives of Our Campers** – For many of our campers, a camp at Can-ta-ka-ye is the first time that they have been away from home on their own. The girls are our number one priority, and with your help, we can make the Can-ta-ka-ye experience one that they will remember for the rest of their lives.
- ✱ **Help Grow Guiding in Saskatchewan** – What better way to recruit new members to Guiding than by showing them what a great time we have at camp!
- ✱ **You CAN make a difference!** – Every summer girls from across Saskatchewan travel to Can-ta-ka-ye for a chance to camp while making new friends and learning new skills in a positive “girls only” environment.

Why are adult volunteers needed?

Adult volunteers are needed for a number of reasons:

- They assist our summer camp staff by sharing their experience and skills.
- They help provide ratio as per the Safe Guide.
- They provide supervision for the girls during quiet times and at night.

What do adult volunteers do at Can-ta-ka-ye?

- Adult volunteers assist with supervision of the girls throughout their time at camp.
- They are also asked to help with programmed activities, kitchen duties and swim times.
- The more volunteers we have at camp, the more relaxed everyone can be, and the more fun we can all have.

Can I volunteer at camp?

Absolutely! We welcome ALL adult members of Guiding to apply to spend a camp or two with us this summer. Non-members are also welcome and if successful in the application process they will be required to complete a Police Record Check (PRC) and A.7.

Cooking around the campfire is one of the many traditional skills practiced at camp.

Adult volunteers have always been essential to the operation of Can-ta-ka-ye. Whether you bring your daughter, your Unit or you come alone, you can help make this our best summer yet! Due to increased participation at camp, combined with the guidelines of Safe Guide, we need your help to continue to provide these camping experiences for the girls of Saskatchewan

What does it cost?

This wonderful opportunity will cost you some time well spent! In appreciation, if selected, you will be offered an honorarium. Some restrictions apply.

How do I apply?

The Adult Volunteer Application Form is on the Saskatchewan website www.girlguides.ca/SK/ or contact the Provincial Office. Let them know which camp you are able to assist with along with your name, contact information and sleeping preference – site or lodge. Make sure your PRC is up-to-date and an A.7 is completed for non-members. Your application will be reviewed by the Can-ta-ka-ye Operating Committee (COC) and you will be notified by this committee regarding their decision.

Can-ta-ka-ye 2015 Spring Camp – Unit camping



Dr. Seuss Theme

May 22 – 24, 2015

“Children want the same things we want:
To laugh, to be challenged, to be entertained,
and delighted.”

The Spring Camp is designed for camping with your Unit.
Units provide ratio and first aider.

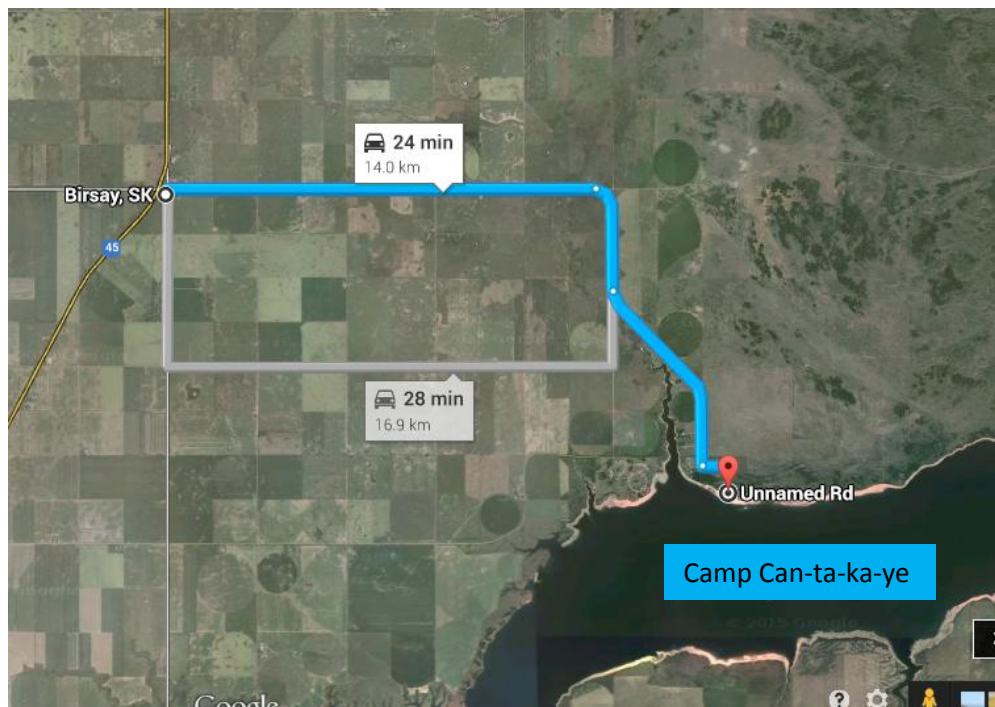
Sparks and Brownies are housed in the lodge, girls of older branches camp on site.
Girls participate in a variety of activities geared to build their confidence and skills in camping.
All meals, snacks and mug-ups are provided. Guiders help supervise girls during quiet time and at night; assist with camp activities including crafts, games, hikes, etc; and also assist in the kitchen with meal preparation, clean up and any other duties required.

Cost - \$47.62 + GST = \$50 per girl

Unit Registration Forms and information are available on the provincial website: www.girlguides.ca/SK/

Refund Policy: The fee is refunded less \$10/ girl administration fee until two weeks prior to the event. Within the two weeks, a written request must be sent to the Provincial Office for consideration of any refund.

“Just go. Go. Go! I don’t care how. You can go by foot. You can go by cow.”



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Can-ta-ka-ye 2015 Summer Programmed Camps



All Branches July 1 – 5, 2015



A celebration this will be, come to camp and you will see.
A holiday for one and all, so come along we'll have a ball!
We'd like you here the tall and small, the young, the old –
We welcome all!

Cost: \$140 + GST = \$147 per girl



Guides and Pathfinders July 23 – 26, 2015



This camp will introduce girls to archery and canoeing.
Dry land and water activities will develop skills under fully trained instructors.
Girls will camp on site and learn how to maintain their camp.

Cost: \$120 + GST = \$126 per girl

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**DEADLINE FOR FINAL REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT:** Three weeks prior to the camp start date

**MINIMUM REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:** In order for camps to proceed, all camps must have a minimum registration of 20 campers by the registration deadline. If a minimum number of campers is not met by the registration deadline date, notice of cancellation will be given to all registrants and deposits will be returned in full.

### PLEASE NOTE:

- Registration Forms are available on the provincial website: [www.girlguides.ca/SK/](http://www.girlguides.ca/SK/)
- Balance is due three weeks prior to the start of camp.
- **All deposits are non-refundable.**
- Cancellations within three weeks of the start of camp will result in forfeiture of the entire fee.  
(If it is for medical or compassionate reasons, a letter is required for consideration of any refund).



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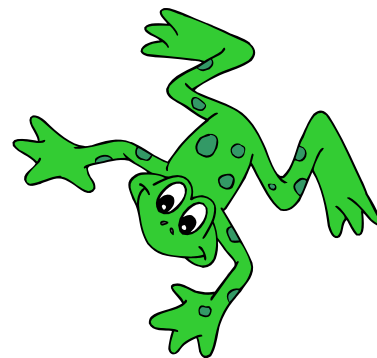
# Leap Into Adventure

## OAL Adventure Camp Training – Part B

May 8 - 10, 2015

Friday, 7:30 pm – Sunday, 2:00 pm  
Trefoil Trails, Pike Lake

Cost: \$75



Are you an experienced camper that wants to gain the skills and knowledge to take your girls backpacking, canoe tripping, cycle camping, or more? Come to this weekend training and “leap into adventure”.  
(Note – Part A and Part B can be taken in any order! We will alternate parts each year!)

Content will be from the OAL Adventure Camping program:

- Module 2 Risk Assessment
  - Module 3 Leadership Styles, Group Dynamics, and Management
  - Module 7 Campsite Management
- AND
- You will earn Paddle Canada Lake Canoe Skills Introduction Tandem certification

You will then plan for a canoe trip which will occur in the summer of 2015 (date and location to be chosen by the group at this training). Want more details on this OAL Adventure program? Follow this... go to Member Zone, Program Resources, Camping and Outdoors, Adventure Camping.

Deadline to register: April 15, 2015

If you have any questions, please contact Carla Punshon @ Email: [carla@punshon.ca](mailto:carla@punshon.ca)

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| <b>OAL Adventure Camp Training</b> | <b>Pike Lake</b>  | <b>May 8-10, 2015</b> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Name: _____                        | iMIS #: _____     |                       |
| Mailing Address: _____             |                   |                       |
| E-mail: _____                      | Home Phone: _____ | Cell Phone: _____     |
| Special Dietary Needs: _____       |                   |                       |

Cost: \$75 Payment enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Cheque payable to Girl Guides of Canada, SK Council)

**Please return registration form to the Provincial Office.**

If registering by email, please indicate all particulars in the registration form.

Girl Guides of Canada, Saskatchewan Council  
200 – 1530 Broadway Ave, Regina, SK S4P 1E2  
OR email [provincial@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:provincial@girlguides.sk.ca)  
OR register by phone 306-757-4102  
Toll-free 1-877-694-0383  
OR fax 306-347-0995

OR Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_  
(VISA, MC only) Expiry \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

REFUNDS: This fee is refunded less \$25 administration fee until two weeks prior to the event. Within those two weeks, a written request must be sent to the provincial office for consideration of any refund.

# Outdoor Activity Leadership (OAL)

## Residential & Tent Training



This training is designed for Guiders with little to no camping experience or Guiders who want to expand their basic knowledge of residential and tent camping. Participants will gain the skills needed to plan dynamic, safe and fun camp outings!

Over the course of 5 sessions and a two-night camp we will cover a variety of skills and concepts including camp planning, Safe Guide, programming, outdoor cooking, health & safety management, equipment & gear, ceremonies, knots & gadgets and so much more!

**5 Sessions** (These sessions will cover all four Modules in OAL Residential Camping and OAL Tent Camping):

- Wednesdays: May 20, May 27, June 3, June 10 & June 17  
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
Guide House (801 Preston Ave, Saskatoon)

**Camp** (Participants will put their new skills to the test & gain the experience necessary to take girls camping!)  
*This will be a two night camp in tents.*

- Friday, June 19 (7:00 p.m.) – Sunday, June 21 (2:00 p.m.)  
Trefoil Trails Girl Guide Camp  
Pike Lake Provincial Park



**Cost** (covers all sessions and camp): \$100

**Deadline to register: May 1, 2015** (Minimum 6 – maximum 16 participants)

If you have questions or for more information email Megan Loessl at [guidermegan@hotmail.com](mailto:guidermegan@hotmail.com)

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**OAL Residential & Tent Training**                      **Saskatoon & Trefoil Trails**                      **May & June, 2015**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ iMIS #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$100.00 Payment enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ (cheque payable to Girl Guides of Canada, SK Council)

**Please return registration form to the Provincial Office.**

If registering by email, please indicate all the particulars in the Registration Form.

Girl Guides of Canada, Saskatchewan Council  
200-1530 Broadway Ave, Regina, SK S4P 1E2

OR Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_  
(VISA, MC only) Expiry \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

OR email [provincial@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:provincial@girlguides.sk.ca)  
OR register by phone 306-757-4102  
Toll-free 1-877-694-0383  
OR fax 306-347-0995

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October 2 – 4, 2015

Camp Can-ta-ka-ye

## A QUEST OF BOOKS

# Q U E S T

- Question your knowledge on outdoor skills & leadership
- Use that knowledge positively, to create and have fun
- Enhance skills learned through Guiding
- Socialize to meet other Guiding members
- Team work

Girls in groups of four will complete tasks for a 12 hour period to challenge the skills they have gained in Guiding and life. Come as a Unit or sign up independently and meet some new friends.

**Units must provide their own first aider and ratio.**

Adults attending will assist with station supervision while girls complete the challenge course.

**Registration deadline is September 23, 2015.** You can register prior to year end (this spring) and if you need to change team members in the fall, notify the Provincial Office. It is better to register early than late as you will need to receive further information after registration! Be ready in the fall by registering in the spring!

**Quest is open to 3<sup>rd</sup> year Guides, Pathfinders and Extra Ops**

Cost for this event is (\$25 + GST) = \$26.25 per girl

**EARLY REGISTRATION FEE: (\$20 + GST) = \$21 by June 1, 2015**



If you would rather put together a project for the teams to challenge, contact the Provincial Office for a "Project Registration Form". Our goal is to have a minimum of 24 projects continually running for 12 hours. Projects start on Saturday at 10 a.m. and go until Saturday at 10 p.m. Contact Heather if you would like some ideas for projects. The Project Coordinator needs to know your project details in order to assign an appropriate project site. You will be contacted once your form has been received. The Quest planning team recommends you have a minimum of three people working your project to allow for breaks.

**Register early (May or June) to eliminate the early fall chaos!**

For more information contact: Heather Neufeld at [camping@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:camping@girlguides.sk.ca)

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# Safe Guide

Submitted by Carol Skaar, Provincial Safe Guide Adviser

I would like to introduce myself, Carol Skaar, as your new Provincial Safe Guide Adviser. I am not new to Safe Guide assessing and I am sure at one time or another, our emails have crossed.

I will keep you up to date with any changes that National has with the Safe Guide and continue assessing your activities as they come to me.



We are coming into the busy season (fun season) of Guiding, and with that comes the filling out of your Safe Guide activities forms. To ensure that your activities get the “Good to Go!” please submit your forms on time. This will allow the Assessors time to look over your forms and get back to you with any changes that need to be done. We all want to see the girls getting out there and doing fun activities.

- **Green Level Activities** ... Approval is not required
- **Yellow Level Activities** ... Your paperwork must be submitted for “Good to Go!” at least 14 days before your activity.
- **Red Level Activities** ... Your paperwork must be submitted for “Approval” at least 21 days before your activity.

If you are not sure what Level your activity is go to:

- SG.3 page 2 Activity Planning Chart – An example of one can be found in your *Safe Guide Manual* (page 16)
- You can also find further information on each activity level on page 20 & 21 of your *Safe Guide Manual*.

## Reminder: Volunteer Safe Guide Assessors are needed!

Qualifications:

- ✓ Have taken the Safe Guide Training
- ✓ Have regular access to a computer
- ✓ Have experience completing the Safe Guide paperwork

Mentorship will provide you with the additional training required.

The hours are flexible and you can work in the comfort of your own home!

If interested, contact the Provincial Office and provide a recommendation from your commissioner.



## Program idea – Last Mountain Bird Observatory

Where: Last Mountain Regional Park  
(15 km west of Govan)

Open: May 9 – 31 and August and September



Great facilities for spending a day: nature trail, picnic sites and beach, campsites, pool, canteen.

An opportunity for all ages of girls to see many bird species up close... to observe catching, handling and banding techniques, and to learn about our natural heritage! Girls can help bring captured birds to the banding station, and release the birds once they are banded!

Girls can earn badges related to Conservation, Bird Watching and the Outdoors.

To arrange a visit contact Nature Saskatchewan at  
306-780-9481 or 1-800-667-4668  
or email [lweekes@naturesask.ca](mailto:lweekes@naturesask.ca)



# Cookie Chatter



[cookies@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:cookies@girlguides.sk.ca)



## Cookie All Stars

The new, improved Cookie All Stars registration site launched mid-February and will close May 1. If you have been using Unit Tracking, your Cookie Order information will already have been transferred over to the Cookie All Stars registration site.

### Things to remember

If any of your girls are planning on attending Guiding Mosaic 2016 the Camp Credit is an excellent reward option to work towards for the 2014-2015 Cookie All Stars Campaign. Girls selling 80+ cases can choose a \$300 Camp Credit as their reward. A \$150 Camp Credit will also be offered as an option at the 40-79 case level.



### What's new

- Trex, Lones and other individual cases -The new registration site will have Trex and trip Unit rosters available and the Unit Guiders will also be able to record sales by Girl Assistants and Lones and transitional Members. Detailed instructions will be posted on Member Zone in the Cookie All Stars section prior to the site opening in mid-February.
- Change to Unit group sales qualification rules for the upcoming season:  
To accommodate many requests from Units in smaller Districts, **the number of cases needed to qualify for a group sales crest has been changed to 10 cases in total** for both Mint 2014 and Classic 2015 campaigns.

## Group Sales events

Now is the time to start planning your group sales events. Don't forget the important step of adding these events to the national Cookie Finder Map – just fill in the form to make sure cookie lovers can find you. Promoting group sales events is now easier by allowing you to enter multiple dates for one location and saves events to be reused in upcoming campaigns.



**Saskatchewan's proposed Classic Cookies delivery dates are March 16-21, 2015**



# CRUNCHING THE COOKIE NUMBERS

This Fall



**2,572,416**  
boxes of Girl Guide cookies  
will be sold



**24** cookies  
are in a box

**TOTAL 61,737,984 CHOCOLATEY MINT SOLD**

That's almost

**2X** the  
population  
of Canada!

That's 2 cookies for every  
Canadian man, woman and child



## Classic or Chocolatey Mint?

Classic Chocolate and Vanilla Girl Guide Cookies

**61,323,600**

Chocolatey Mint Girl Guide Cookies

**61,737,984**

Chocolatey Mint by a nose

Classic and Chocolatey Mint  
cookies sold in a year

**123,061,584**

Set out lengthwise they would stretch

**6,143 km**



Across Canada they would reach  
from the Pacific Ocean to the  
Atlantic Ocean, with more than  
12.5 million cookies to spare



Stacked they  
would reach a  
height of

**1,843  
km**



It takes approximately

**45 seconds**  
to devour a Girl Guide  
cookie



It takes

**462,000 kg**

of flour to bake a year's worth  
of Girl Guide cookies



That's equivalent to the weight of over



**102**  
elephants

At

**\$5**

per box,  
Girl Guide  
cookies  
are a sweet  
deal



An even sweeter deal is that

**100%**

of the money raised goes to  
**Guiding programs**  
in local communities  
from coast to coast



**NO MATTER HOW YOU STACK 'EM,  
GIRL GUIDE COOKIES  
ARE A TASTY TREAT!**

# International

Submitted by Ashley Geddes, Provincial International Adviser  
[international@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:international@girlguides.sk.ca)



## Nationally Sponsored International trip participants selected from Saskatchewan:

- **Megan Peters of Melfort** and **Nicole Lindgren of Saskatoon** have been selected as Responsible Guiders for the Nationally Sponsored Sea of Cortez trip in July.
- **Rowan Hollinger of Saskatoon** has been selected as a girl participant for the Australia Jamboree trip.
- **Alana McLeod of Regina** has been selected as a girl participant for the Swiss Challenge trip.

## Journey through London – August, 2014

Submitted by Bailey Mundell (Saskatoon)

In one sentence, my trip to London was unforgettable. One of my favourite parts of my trip was that I got to meet so many fantastic people, from the girls I accompanied to the random strangers on the streets of London, not to mention all the girls at Pax Lodge. We went to many of the known landmarks, but the places I liked the most were those related to Harry Potter. This experience has opened my eyes to the diversities of the world and I look forward to exploring it and learning further about the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. For more information on this trip, see the December 2014 issue of the *Prairie Lily*, page 35.



On the London Eye (the humongous Ferris wheel) with Bailey standing on the right and Tammy Sutherland (Saskatoon) kneeling down on the left



Windsor Castle with Bailey Mundell in centre

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## Twinning Update

Submitted by Melissa Gartner, Co-Provincial Twinning Lead  
[gartner.mel@gmail.com](mailto:gartner.mel@gmail.com)

Did you and your girls enjoy the Thinking Day board game? This is one of the postcards created by our El Salvadoran sisters to share their #GuidingLight. If you haven't already, please submit your feedback for the board game and responses to the service project questionnaire to [gartner.mel@gmail.com](mailto:gartner.mel@gmail.com).

The Twinning team would like to welcome our newest member. **Danielle d'Entremont from Moose Jaw** has been chosen as the Girl Twinning Co-Lead for Saskatchewan. She will be working with girls and adults from Saskatchewan, Manitoba and El Salvador to ensure the success of our Twinning project.







## Public Relations

Submitted by Alice Gaveronski  
Provincial PR Adviser, [publicrelations@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:publicrelations@girlguides.sk.ca)

**"GUIDING IS GREAT IN SASKATCHEWAN"**

### **2015 National Girl Greatness Awards: Confident, Courageous, Resourceful & Making a Difference**

If you know of any Saskatchewan Girl Guide member who nominated herself or a sister Girl Guide member for achievements in any of the four Award Categories, please let the Provincial Office or Public Relations Network know. Saskatchewan Council would like to celebrate and applaud them and their achievements. We have many members of Saskatchewan Girl Guides who do AMAZING things! **February 2 – March 15, 2015** is this year's nomination time frame. You can check out the **2014** Girl Greatness Award Recipients by going to Girl Greatness Awards on the National website, and the **2015** award recipients will be announced in June.



#### **Four reasons why photos are important to PR**

1. Photos get more traffic. Articles with images get 94 percent more views.
2. Visual storytelling strengthens our brand. Our brain processes visuals 60,000 times faster than words (text).
3. A picture is worth a THOUSAND words. Photos save the journalist time and show credibility.
4. Photos complete the story and motivate our audience to act.



Photos are needed for the Provincial Annual Report, PR Displays, Provincial's four *Prairie Lily* newsletters, as well as for the two Area sections of the *Prairie Lily*. Photos are also needed to send to the National Office to show that "**Guiding is Great in Saskatchewan**" and for Social Media. Remember to check that the Image Release Form is completed, and also, a brief phrase about "who, where and when" the photos were taken is needed.

#### **Annual Girl Guides & Tim Hortons Clean-Up Saskatchewan Saturday, May 2, 2015**

- I hope you have registered & ordered your T-Shirts!
- Have you decided on your location for your Community Clean-Up?
- Your District Reps will receive information on arrival date of T-shirts and supplies around the middle of April by email from the Provincial Office.
- Please review the 2015 Clean-Up Guidelines which are printed on next two pages of this *Prairie Lily*.
- Thanks for Participating – Have a great FUN day!
- Please send Photos to the Provincial Office or the Provincial Public Relations Adviser.







**Girl Guides & Tim Hortons Clean-Up Saskatchewan**

**May 2, 2015**

**Before the Clean-Up:**

- Please refer to the Safe Guide Activity Planning Chart, page 11, and plan accordingly.
- Fill out the Emergency Response Form (SG.4) for each separate location being cleaned.
- Have a plan in place to dispose of the garbage you collect as soon as possible.
- Contact the town, city and/or school to let them know your plan (where you are going to clean and when).
- If you are cleaning a highway, contact Highways & Transportation to let them know your plan.

**Things you need:**

- First Aiders & First Aid Kit(s)
- Hand Sanitizer (or hand wash jugs & towels)
- Whistle(s)
- Disposable gloves (Tim Hortons will be supplying gloves.)
- Extra work gloves (Suggestion: Younger girls could wear mini-gloves under the disposable gloves.)
- Industrial strength garbage bags (Tim Hortons will be supplying one garbage bag per participant.)
- Coffee cans, plastic jars or milk jugs \*WITH LIDS\* for sharps and/or pieces of glass.
- Safety Vests, especially if cleaning highways
- Permission Slips for each participant under 18 (SG.1 and SG.2)
- Emergency contact & medical information for each participant (members & non-members)
- Emergency numbers if applicable and at least one cell phone unless a landline is available nearby
- Emergency Response Plan form (SG.4)



**During the Clean-Up:**

**General:**

- Maintain required ratios at all times. (Girls should be in pairs, at least, and should have an adult in sight and within talking distance at all times.)
- Wear gloves at all times.
- Wear sturdy shoes or boots. (Rubber boots would work.) No flip flops or sandals.
- Do NOT wear MP3 players, walkmans, etc... that could distract from danger signs & sounds.
- Clean only during daylight hours.
- Do not clean in severe weather (lightning, heavy rains etc...). In cases of severe weather, please let [publicrelations@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:publicrelations@girlguides.sk.ca) know, with your plans to reschedule your event, if possible.
- Do not pick up hazardous materials such as chemical/herbicide containers or animal/birds carcasses. On the highway, contact Highways and let them know what and where the item is to be picked up. In your town/city, find out who to contact to remove these items. Condoms may also be an issue. One suggestion to deal with this issue was to tell younger girls not to pick up any balloons.
- If you find needles, syringes or other sharps, you can use a puncture proof container (coffee can) to collect these. Only ADULTS should ever touch these items. Place the container on a flat level surface, and while wearing gloves, pick up the item by the non-sharp end (i.e., needles by hub, syringes by plunger) and place them in the container. Do not try to put the lid back on the needles. Put the lids in the containers as well. Containers should be taped shut and placed in the garbage for disposal. \*\*\*Check with your community in regards to this practice – some communities may prefer that needles & syringes are NOT picked up by the general public, and there may be a number to call in this situation.\*\*\*
- Never squeeze or push down garbage in the bags – this could result in injury.
- No pets allowed.
- Have whistle(s) in case of emergency – make sure everyone knows what the signals mean and what to do if they hear the whistle.
- Assign clear boundaries and make sure everyone stays within them.
- Every registered participant should get a Tim Hortons Clean-Up T-shirt in a bright colour for good visibility.



### Highways & Major Roads (guidelines from Highways & Transportation):

- Cleaners should be over 12.
- Anyone between 8 and 12 can clean highways with low traffic (1500 vehicles/day).
- Wear safety vests.
- Do not pick up tires or tire remnants – let Highways know and they will have them disposed of properly.
- Wear lighter coloured clothes that cover arms and legs (old clothes that can get dirty).
- Clean one side of the highway at a time, facing oncoming traffic – no zigzagging across the road.
- Do not clean underpasses, bridges or overpasses.
- Stay off the highway.
- Do not direct, stop or interfere with traffic.
- Post signs, if possible, to make the public aware of the fact that you will be cleaning in the ditches.
- See Highways Website for more information:  
[http://www.highways.gov.sk.ca/docs/programs\\_services/Adopt-A-Highways/safetyrules.asp](http://www.highways.gov.sk.ca/docs/programs_services/Adopt-A-Highways/safetyrules.asp)



### After the Clean-Up:

- Ensure that all garbage is picked up and delivered to the landfill as soon as possible (ASAP) or designated containers.
- Make sure that someone has contacted any groups like Highways & Transportation to let them know of hazardous materials that needed to be picked up.

**PLEASE**, before the Clean-Up begins, **TALK** with all of the participants about the safety guidelines set out above. Discuss emergency plans, point out the first aiders and make sure everyone knows the boundaries.

**Thank you for participating!**  
**Have a great day!**

## HIKE AROUND SASKATCHEWAN Crest Request Form



### NEW 2015 Crests Are Available For Purchase

Remember to take photos of your hiking event and send them to:  
[publicrelations@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:publicrelations@girlguides.sk.ca) or [provincial@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:provincial@girlguides.sk.ca).



Unit Participating: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Participants: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Hike: \_\_\_\_\_ Location of Hike: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete mailing address for crests: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Crests @ \$2 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada, Saskatchewan Council  
200-1530 Broadway Avenue, Regina, SK S4P 1E2

- If you hiked in 2014, there are some Crests available to purchase.
- Place your order now & please indicate that you want the 2014 Crests!



# National Service Project: Words in Action

Submitted by Saskatchewan's Literacy Agents,  
Brenda Lee [culee@sasktel.net](mailto:culee@sasktel.net) and Desire White [desire.white@yahoo.ca](mailto:desire.white@yahoo.ca)



Girl Guides of Canada's National Service Project (NSP) offers members an opportunity to provide service to their communities and make a difference in the world, together. GGC's fourth NSP, Words in Action, will focus on literacy.

## Did you know?

- Four in 10 Canadian 15 year-olds have insufficient reading skills. Poor youth literacy is related to high school drop-out rates, long-term unemployment and high crime rates.
- 42 per cent of Canadians aged 16 to 65 have lower literacy than is needed to cope with the increasing information demands of our society. This means that about two in every five Canadian adults – nine million people – can't read well enough to do simple everyday tasks.
- Low literacy is more common in certain groups, which may include seniors, immigrants, and Aboriginal Canadians.

Inspired by the 3rd Yellowknife Girl Guides, the title "Words in Action" embodies the spirit of service by putting girls in action, promoting the importance of literacy, increasing access to books across Canada, and more. This will be done through service activities such as hosting a book drive in their community, hosting a book exchange during a Unit meeting, volunteering to read at a library, and more.

## How the program works:

Units can earn the Words in Action crest by completing one of five service activities.

A *Meeting Guide* is available for Units to use, providing girls the opportunity to learn and develop their interest in literacy before they act.

## Program duration:

Words in Action will run from January 2015 until August 2016. In fall 2015, GGC will launch additional activities to celebrate International Literacy Day.

## Service Activities:

### 1. Book Drive

- a. Girls are asked to bring in new or gently used books (no textbooks, encyclopedias, old magazines etc.); these should be books that their peers would want to read.
- b. The books are then transferred to schools, community centres, shelters, and charities that need them.



### 2. Book Exchange

- a. Girls are asked to bring in new or gently used books (no textbooks, encyclopedias, old magazines etc.); these should be books that their peers would want to read.
- b. The girls are asked to each take a 'new' book home (a book they did not arrive with).
- c. Any leftover books are gathered and transferred to schools, community centres, shelters, and charities that need them.



### 3. Literacy backpack drive

- a. Ask girls to bring in new and gently-used backpacks, books and school supplies to be donated.
- b. Backpacks can be prepared in groups or pairs. It is recommended that girls pack gender-neutral colours/graphics for their backpacks and books.
- c. Gather the backpacks and transport them to the donation location. (Contact schools, community centres, shelters, and charities.)



## Words in Action continued

### 4. Reading tents

- Ask girls to bring a large camping tent to your meeting. This will be your reading tent!
- Have each Sparks and Brownie girls bring in one of their favourite books.
- In the tent, invite Guides, Pathfinders and Rangers to read the books to the girls.
- Sparks and Brownies may even read books to the older girls, who will help by encouraging them and helping them with pronunciation and learning new words.



### 5. Volunteer to read

- Volunteer to read at a reading program in local libraries, community centres, seniors' centres, women's and children's shelters, schools and animal shelters. Ask if there will be books available at the location for you to use. If they don't have any, ask them what age the audience will be and research popular books for that age range. You may borrow these books from the library and bring them with you to the location.
- If there aren't any reading programs in the community, start one! Decide where you would like to read and work with the staff members to start a program.



Check out the program by visiting <https://nsp.girlguides.ca/>

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## GGC – National Scholarship Program

### Attention members of Girl Guides – girls or adults:

National has an online scholarship application system and therefore scholarship applications can only be submitted online.



Scholarships are open to both girl and adult members who are pursuing post-secondary education at a recognized college, university or trades program and it is for full or part-time students.

Applicants must remain a member of Girl Guides of Canada for the upcoming 2015-2016 Guiding year.

Guiders are asked to encourage their girls to apply.



Scholarships are awarded to members who are active in their communities and not necessarily those with the highest marks. For more information, or how to apply, refer to: [www.girlguides.ca/scholarships](http://www.girlguides.ca/scholarships) and view the "FAQ – Submitting a National Scholarship" for instructions of how to do the online submissions.

*The application deadline is **April 1, 2015 at 11:59 p.m. EST.***

*We do not want this great membership opportunity to be a secret –  
Share with anyone you know who would be eligible. Good Luck!*



### Sisters to Sisters Fund

A little reminder: Donations to the **Sisters to Sisters Fund** are always greatly appreciated. You can donate any amount, anytime.

Just forward your donation to the Provincial Office.

For all personal donations, an income tax charitable donation receipt will be issued.





## Arts

Submitted by Ali Peters, Provincial Arts Adviser  
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Did you know that there are many different arts activities you can do that help with programming? Thankfully, you don't have to look too far to find some really good resources out there. Aside from your sister Guiders (and your OWN expertise!), take a look at these sites for inspiration.

<http://guidingjewels.ca/brownies/songs> -- Guiding Jewels is a website created by a Brownie Guider, and there are meeting ideas, recordkeeping documents, and links to favourite arts activities and songs.

<http://www.paxlodge.org/en/programmes/independent/activities> -- From Pax Lodge, there are songs and activities based on different countries (compiled by the resident volunteers from those countries – check out Canada's!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AmPbW1BQdu8> - *The WORLD Song*! Did you know there is a song that was put to music by a well-known Finnish composer? This website is a WAGGGS World Conference singing *The World Song* all together. Very cool! The lyrics and music can be found by googling "WAGGGS World Song".

[urchin.earth.li/~aendr/guides/games/WAGGGS%20GAME.doc](http://urchin.earth.li/~aendr/guides/games/WAGGGS%20GAME.doc) – This is an interesting game for older girls (Pathfinders and up). There are different components to this game, and you need to understand the World Flag and some of WAGGGS.



Remember, WAGGGS and learning about world Guiding doesn't just happen around Thinking Day! It's fun to sing about warm countries or find new dances when it's still bitterly cold in March.

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## Spring Link Digest

Submitted by Erin Spinney, Provincial Link Adviser  
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Hello Fellow Links (if you're between the ages of 18-30, that's you)!

It was great to meet with some of you at breakfast during January Conference to talk about what you are interested in doing. Plans are in the works for a retreat/camp for this summer so check the next *Prairie Lily* for information.



### National Scholarships

The application form for National Scholarships is now open at <https://girlguidescanada.fluidreview.com/>.

**The deadline for applications is April 1.** Scholarships are open to currently registered members pursuing or intending to pursue a post-secondary degree either full-time or part-time. Some scholarships are industry or discipline specific so make sure that you check which ones best suit you.

### Link Program Taskforce

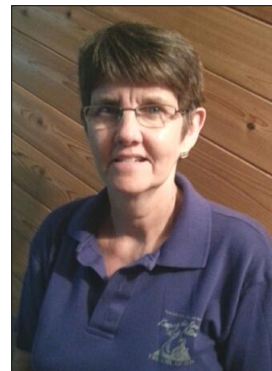
I am part of a National Link Program Taskforce that is seeking to overhaul the current Link program and I need your ideas! What do you want Link to be? Do you want the option to work on badges or special Link service projects? How should Link be organized? Send your ideas to [erin.spinney@usask.ca](mailto:erin.spinney@usask.ca). I welcome and appreciate your feedback and input in this process.

Hoping your year has gotten off to an awesome start!



# Keeping the Spirit Alive!

Submitted by Mary Lynne Golphy,  
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*Trefoil Guild* members meet together *for friendship and learning, to provide service and to keep the Spirit of Guiding alive.* Based on the interests and abilities of the members, activities are varied and range from camping, hiking or travel, to attending lectures, tours at local points of interest, crafting, hosting a potluck OR *all of the above!*

Most Guilds are actively involved with a variety of projects to assist Guiding in the community. By keeping in touch with Districts and Areas, opportunities often arise where Trefoil Guild members can provide invaluable service, experience and knowledge.

Guilds meet as often as they wish – some meet every month, some perhaps two or three times a year, with meetings held in the afternoon or the evening. Each Guild ultimately determines their own schedule, as it best suits their members.

Membership is open to all women 30 years of age or over. Guild Members are considered full members of Girl Guides and wear the same official uniform as all adult members, as well as purple T-shirts representing the Trefoil Guilds.

## Purple heads east

Every three years a **National Gathering of Trefoil Guild members** is held. **June 15-19, 2016** Trefoil Guild members from across Canada will meet in **St John's, Newfoundland.** Trefoil Guild members have received the information and registration form either by mail or email. The deadline for applications, along with the deposit, is **May 1, 2015.** There is lots of excitement from our members interested in going, and at present our quota is 18, so we will have to wait and see if selections are required.



## Trefoil Guilds in Saskatchewan

- Prairie Spirit Trefoil Guild – Davidson
- Tiger Lily Trefoil Guild – Melfort
- Prairie to Pine Purple Petals Trefoil –  
Maidstone / North Battleford
- Evergreen Trefoil Guild – Prince Albert
- Taiga Adventure Guild – Prince Albert
- Regina Trefoil Guild – Regina
- R & R Trefoil Guild – Regina
- Trefoil Adventure Group – Regina
- 1<sup>st</sup> Saskatoon Trefoil Guild – Saskatoon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Saskatoon Trefoil Guild – Saskatoon
- Wildcats Trefoil Guild – Saskatoon
- Yorkton 1<sup>st</sup> Trefoil – Yorkton
- Moose Jaw Trefoil Guild – Moose Jaw

## Note: Long Lake District

If you know of any Guiders in the **Long Lake District** that would be interested in joining a new Guild, please have them contact Mary Lynne Golphy. They are in the process of getting themselves organized and we hope to have a formal announcement in the next *Prairie Lily* in this regard.



# Training

Submitted by Brenda Wilson, Provincial Training Adviser  
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As Provincial Training Adviser, I would proudly like to report a few 2014 training stats. 33 out of 43 iMIS trainers delivered 439 hours of training to 1079 Guiders in Saskatchewan! Thank you to those who volunteered to train and to those who took the opportunity to attend a training! Great work! Included in these trainings are the annual January Conference; District Commissioner, Safe Guide, OAL, Camping, First Aid, Archery, Trainers' Training, Train the Trainer, and Riots held in a variety of locations – Foam Lake, Humboldt, Regina and Saskatoon. Super job Trainers and Guiders!

## January Conference 2015

Thank you to the Guiders who took the time out of their busy lives to improve their skills to provide better Guiding experiences for the girls. We had **138 participants** take part in 155 hours of training over the weekend with 27 trainers and 3 facilitators. You, the Guider, helped out in so many ways by offering a lending hand to trainers and by being an active participant all weekend long. Thank you to the participants for joining in on all the training sessions and the events including Sing Song, Campfire, Quest and hospitality! Also, thank you to the participants who handed in evaluations so preparations can be made for the next January Conference. Conference was a great start to our training year! Now I challenge each Guider to attend at least one training this year!

- Thanks to Marg Stewart, Lila Krause, Kristin Shantz and Laurie Lanovaz for helping me organize the conference.
- Thank you to the Provincial Office staff – Gayle Hurd and Margot Mack for all their support!
- Thank you to the five Saskatoon Trefoil Guild members who worked at the registration tables.



Lila Krause and Brenda Wilson



Teamwork stood out strong and clear with the training team at January Conference

- \* I would like to congratulate the trainers for stepping in and running a session on short notice; for offering help to another trainer; for taking a chance on training something new, for doing what they do best, for 'being prepared' and for volunteering their time, and for prepping many hours to deliver great training.
- \* Thanks to Joelle Haffermehl, Carla Punshon, Carol Skaar, Melissa Gartner and Charmaine Macdonald for prepping sessions but then were unable to either attend or deliver them. Hugs! Who knew 'no snow' would play a part in not having a session!
- \* Thanks to the five trainer candidates who were evaluated; they are now listed in iMIS as trainers!
- \* Thanks to Laurie Lanovaz, Sara Horseman, Carrie Morrison, Ali Peters, Heather Levy, Jacqueline Peacock, Kay Peters, Shelley Matsalla, Janice Graessli, Heather Neufeld, Barb Atkinson, Jenna Hehn, Evelyn Steciuk, Peggy Roettger, Desire White, Ashley Geddes, Megan Loessl, Karen Litke, JoAnn Scott-Hodgins, Sue Boxall, Brenda Laliberte, Sue Christiansen, Cathleen MacPhee and Brittany Peacock for the wonderful training plus all you did to help conference run smoothly. Fantastic job!



- \* Thank you to Kristin, Jenna and Nicole for attending and taking an active part with a new born child; knowing this was a safe and comfortable place to come with a child. I know you had lots of sisters to help you with those babies!

January Conference 2015 has come and gone but not the memories we have of what one Guider claimed, "This was the best January Conference to date!" The friendships we have made or reinforced are positive as one Guider is planning on moving to another province and states, "It is going to be hard to top Saskatchewan Guiders who have made me feel so included!"

I wanted to share some comments from Trainers about Guiders that were collected from the Trainers evaluations as they show such positive feedback of the Guiders who attended conference.

- \* "Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and seemed to have fun and were so enthusiastic!"
- \* "I loved that Guiders shared with me that they wanted to come to my sessions!"
- \* "Guiders did not want to leave my session and had more to talk about, more questions to ask and were thirsty for more information!"
- \* "The laughter was a great indicator that Guiders were having fun!"
- \* "I loved the moment when Guiders realized the 'something' they learned; they can now go home and use!"
- \* "Participants were active and engaged and great at teamwork and problem solving."
- \* A Guider attending for the first time, told me she thought this conference was exactly like what she pictured a Girl Guide conference to be!

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Service Projects – **Warm Hands, Warm Feet, Warm Hearts** and **Capes for Kids**. Well done! Thank you, as well, to everyone who contributed items for the Raffle table and to those who purchased tickets. **We raised \$886 for CWFF.**



Making Capes for Kids

We had so much fun at "Quest" on Saturday evening that no one stopped long enough to take pictures. We do however, have a few pictures to share which display that Guiders truly know that "Blue is the Colour and Guiding is the Game"! Hence our weekend theme song: "Blue is the Colour ~ Guiding is the Game ~ We're all together and friendship is our aim ~ So come and learn, sing and camp and play ~ Saskatchewan Girl Guiding is our game!"



At Banquet



Back L to R: Shirley Masse, Kathy Worsley, Andrea Hayes, Denise Worsley-McClelland  
Front: Erin Grassing, Janine Grassing, Lisa Conant.



A huge THANK YOU is extended to Brenda Wilson for all her planning and organizing of the January Conference!



# January Conference 2015

What a variety of sessions that were offered!



Campfire



OAL Burlap Cooking



Belly Dancers



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