Girl Guides of Canada, Newfoundland and Labrador Council

Canada 150

Girl Guide Birthday Party Event
Background:
Girl Guides of Canada developed an Instant Meeting (available here) to assist units in celebrating this amazing country that we live in. Newfoundland and Labrador Council has developed an event for use in all units. The activities can be modified for the age of the girls.

Suggestions:
- Start this Guiding year off with a party!
- Make it a “Bring a Friend” night to invite new members to your Unit.
- This is a fun event but you may find some program correlations to add to the programming in your Unit.
- These activities can be used as whole group activities or they can be station based.
- These activities are appropriate to use with multi-branch Units or bridging events. Invite another branch of Guiding to join the party! Have a District or Area event.

Activities:
We have provided an extensive list of activities. Choose the ones that are appropriate for your unit. Choose as many or as few as you like, there are no minimum requirements. The purpose is to have fun! Many of these activities have an accompanying link, use them as you see fit.

Games:
- Pin the antler on the moose – Celebrate Canada’s animals by playing games. Provide a large picture of a moose head, minus one antler. Have cut-outs for the girls and play the same as “Pin the Tail on the Donkey”. Other variations include: pin the tail on the beaver; bill on the goose; Pin the leaf on the flag; etc.
- Pool Noodle Hockey – Celebrate Canada’s Game! Use pool noodles and balloons, have teams of girls play a game of hockey (or baseball!). This is a good indoor or outdoor game.
- Tabletop Curling – Another Canadian pastime! Find the instructions and printable here

Crafts
- Make a windsock using a recycled can and streamers. Instructions are here
- Make Canada Day streamer wands.
- MAPLE LEAF PRINTING -- This paper can be used to make special placemats for a Canada Day dinner, or as paper for cards, or just for the sake of it!
- Canadian Clothes Peg Dolls – Make a moose, a beaver or a mountie using simple clothespins. Instruction are in this blog
Appendix

Some instructions are included here.

**Canada Day streamer wands:**
You Will Need:
- Red and white coloured wooden dowels
- Red and white ribbon
- Hot glue
- Red and white wooden beads
- Optional: red and white striped paper straws

Cut 4 or more pieces of ribbon. Hot glue them to the end of the wooden dowel. Glue a wooden bead on the end. If you want to use the straws – feed them over top of a skinny wooden dowel and secure with glue before adding ribbon and bead!

**Maple Leaf Printing**
You Will Need:
- White acrylic paint
- Red paper
- A Maple leaf cookie cutter

Pour out some white paint and show your girls how to dip the cookie cutter into the paint and then make prints onto the paper! Easy, but attractive.