

Saskatchewan Council Annual Report 2014

Dear Members, and Friends of Saskatchewan Guiding:

Girl Guides in Saskatchewan is a strong and vibrant organization. We empower, challenge and inspire girls. We continue to offer high-impact, hands-on and most important, FUN programming.

Girl Guides in Saskatchewan have amazing adult volunteers who generously share their skills, talents and passion. Thank you. We could not do it without you! Our adult volunteers are role models and mentors. Countless hours are freely given to ensure the girl and youth members have a safe environment where they are able to learn new things and development leadership skills. All members are challenged to be innovative, creative and to use their skills and talents to advocate for positive change. Lifelong friendships are developed. Girl Guides inspires each member to reach their full potential.

Girl Guides in Saskatchewan is committed to providing the resources needed to ensure all girls can participate fully in our organization. Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) provides a significant grant to Saskatchewan Council that supports our programming and membership assistance. A portion of cookie sales is also allocated to provide membership assistance. We strive to be the organization of choice available for girls in Saskatchewan.

Girl Guides in Saskatchewan strives to be an efficient and effective organization. Our focus is on the girl. Our existence is to guide our girls to greatness. Our organizations' role is to provide the skills and values they need not only to survive but to thrive in the world. Our members are Leaders and make a valuable contribution in their schools, community and beyond. Our members Promise to 'Do our Best'. As an organization, we cannot ask any more!

Girl Guides in Saskatchewan acknowledges the generous support from Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) and Community Initiative Fund (CIF). The funds received ensure valuable programming options are offered. We appreciate the donation to our provincial camp by SaskTel Pioneers. Thank you to all the individuals who have donated to our organization. The financial support received enables Girl Guides to offer a strong program and fun adventures for the girls. Our thanks extend to our families, friends and our neighbours throughout Saskatchewan, you have all contributed to our success. We thank you.

Girl Guides in Saskatchewan adhere to the Mission of Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada that 'enables girls to be confident, resourceful and courageous and to make a difference in the world'. Thank you to all who make these words a reality.

Guiding in Saskatchewan - I am very proud to belong.

Charlene McLean
Saskatchewan Provincial Commissioner

"Both of my daughters are more involved in the community now that they are with the Girl Guides. They are willing to do things like the community clean ups- because they have experienced it with the Girl Guides."

2014 Membership Survey



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STRONG AND GROWING MEMBERSHIP

- 2624 girl members, 750 adult members for a total of 3374 members overall
- Membership increased by 4.75%
- New Units in Balgonie, Esterhazy, Foam Lake, Meadow Lake, Stony Rapids
- Increased the number of trainers allowing more training opportunities
- Increased our presence on Social Media



DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING FOR GIRL GREATNESS

- Day Camps/Sleepovers/ Camping.
- 2746 camper nights at Can-ta-ka-ye & Heritage
- 529 campers attended Trefoil Trails
- Lady BP Weekend
- Pathfinder/Ranger Conference
- Sparks Sprees/Brownie Revels/ Guide Rallies
- Enhanced Arts involvement
- Community Service
- Environmental Awareness Adventure opportunities
- Public Speaking
- Project Planning
- Shared leadership opportunities
- Today's Life Skills
- Innovative Program Work
- Badge work
- International Travel
- Interprovincial Travel
- Twinning Challenge – El Salvador
- Hike Around Saskatchewan

“My daughter just loves the kids, the activities, the positive attitude from the leaders and she is so very proud of the organizational skills she has learned such as packing and preparing for camping/outings!”

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CONFIDENCE TO ADVOCATE

- Day of Pink – Anti Bullying
- Words in Action – Literacy Challenge
- Tim Horton's Clean-up
- Run for the Girls
- Partnered with Read Saskatoon and Frontier College



EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION

- Spring classic cookies 10,184 cases, Fall mint cookies 7,576 for a total of 17,760
- Trainers provided over 500 hours of training
- We aligned membership assistance sources in one application form
- Property upgrades to enhance energy efficiency
- Streamlined the grant funding application process

“My daughter loved meeting new friends, trying new things, especially her first sleepover.”

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PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

Provincial Commissioner - Charlene McLean
Deputy Provincial Commissioner - Phyllis White
Provincial Treasurer - Glenda Eden
Bridging Rivers Area Commissioner - Laurie Lanovaz
Southern Horizons Area Commissioner- Michelle Gibney
Elected Members: Megan Van Buskirk, Desire White,
Bonnie Jean Low, Laurie Toews, Janice Graessli, Kay Peters



“My daughter is a Pathfinder who is a unit assistant with Brownies. She told me that Brownies were the highlight of her week and that the experience lifts her spirits.”

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PROVINCIAL COUNCIL NETWORKS

Camping – Heather Neufeld
Safe Guide Assessor – Megan Loessl
Can-ta-ka-ye Operating Chair – Barb Atkinson
Heritage Operating Chair – Susan Prakash
Communications – Jenna Hehn
International – Ashley Geddes
Program – Carrie Morrison
Lones – Vacant
Special Needs – Vacant
Public Relations – Alice Gaveronski
Archives – Audrey Forrest
Cookies – Megan Clake
Recruitment and Retention – Heather Levy
Awards – Megan Clake
Link – Erin Spinney
Trefoil Guild – Mary-Lynne Golphy
Training – Brenda Wilson
Arts – Ali Peters

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Provincial Adhoc Committee Chairs

Finance – Glenda Eden
Fund Development – Phyllis White
Green Agents – Ashley Geddes/Megan Van Buskirk
Literacy Agents – Brenda Lee & Desire White
Twinning Co-Leads – Melissa Gartner & Ashley Geddes
Human Resources – Judi Kehler
Prairie Lily Editor – Marg Stewart

“My daughter has had an excellent time selling cookies and has also taken time to do more crafts and is more interested in the environment around her.”

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SASKATCHEWAN HONOURARY MEMBERS

Elaine Andreas
 Margaret Asquith-Morrey
 MaryAnn Assailly
 Wendy Barker
 June Bleier
 Shirley Byrnes
 Elaine Chatterson
 Marian Clark
 Elizabeth Collicott
 Margaret Ferguson
 Audrey Forrest
 Sandra Hamilton
 Judith Kehler

May Kletke
 Muriel Kochanski
 May Lumbis
 Eveline Lundgren
 Marjorie Martens
 Charlene McLean
 Patricia Melnychuk
 Lois Morrison
 Marie Morrow
 Carolyn Oleniuk
 Gladys Ollinger
 Kathy Palmer

Phyllis Pearson
 Peggy Roettger
 Rose Ruller
 Carol Schimnosky
 Carol Skaar
 Joyce Spence
 Pauline Stenzel
 Jo Szostak
 Janet Thompson
 Bonny Tolley
 Gina Troupe
 Lorraine Vinterlik
 Sheila Wilson

DONATIONS AND GRANTS

Thank you to the following who have provided a financial contribution to Saskatchewan Girl Guides

- Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association for providing program and membership support
- Community Initiatives Fund for providing program and camp funding
- SaskTel Pioneers for providing support for Can-ta-ka-ye
- Saskatchewan Guiders who donated to Sisters to Sisters Fund
- Individual donations from the general public



"Community cleanup gave my daughter a sense of the importance of giving back to her community." 2014 Membership Survey

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Thank you to the following in appreciation and recognition for support of Saskatchewan Girl Guides

- Saskatchewan Girl Guide members Guiders and Girls
- Parents and families of our members
- National Board & office staff and other Provincial offices
- Urban and Rural Communities, local businesses and service groups
- The Honourable Vaughn Solomon Schofield, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan
- Provincial and Area office staff
- First Nations Bands
- Saskatchewan Government
- SK Media
- Tim Horton's

