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## PC Message

### What is the impact on the Girls if we do not have adult members in key roles?

I have considered many times the "why" to taking on leadership opportunities that GGC has to offer. There are many "wins" I feel when I take on a leadership role. I have learned valuable skills in organization, communication, and time management. I have gained a greater sense of purpose while learning about others. I am more compassionate and at times, more committed to my ideals and opinions. But in an organization where the core of our being is "to be a catalyst for girls empowering girls" I can struggle with answering how our leadership roles impact the girls. Or in many cases, how does not having someone in a key role impact the girls.

## So here are my thoughts....

1. Girls have huge potential and if given the support and advice from adults, can have more impact on the world around them. They have the drive, they have the ideas and sometimes, they just need a little adult advice on how to make things happen. Without that facilitator, be it program adviser, District Commissioner, Area Commissioner, etc., sometimes the ideas remain dormant.
2. Girls deserve well trained and prepared Guiders to assist them. We have council structures to help delegate some of the decision making to ensure Guiders, and girls, have what they need, when they need it and how they need it. When we can provide these supports to the Guiders, the girls will experience an exceptional program, gain trust in the adults around them and remain in the organization for a lifetime.
3. Girls need mentors and role models. No one comes into a leadership role with 100% of the skills or knowledge needed, especially in a volunteer role. Girls need to see women take on roles, make them their own, strengthen the work done and gain personal satisfaction from a job well done. Girls need to see how experience dictates good planning, collaborative efforts and successful plans.

I do feel somewhat like a broken record but there is a dire need to fill some vacant roles. Value the skills you will gain from one of these opportunities and provide a well supported structure to empower girls and women in our province. Currently we have the following roles to be fill prior to our May 12 AGM.

**Cookie Adviser** – support and communicate with cookie orderers with both cookie campaigns – time commitment is 2-3 weeks around ordering and delivery times

**Risk and Compliance Coordinator** – assist council in putting risk management strategies in place. Someone with assessment skills or understanding of risk management practices would be ideal. 5-10 hours a month

**Program Adviser** – to develop program supports and resources. In the past this included instant meetings, challenges or additional resources. 5-10 hours a month

**Girl Engagement Coordinator** – to provide assistance and support to the International, Program and Camping Advisers – experience as an adviser is ideal but not necessary. 5-10 hours a month

**Camping Adviser** – to develop and provide support and resources for camping initiatives in the province. Council does wish to support a full patrol yearly to attend an out of province camp. The adviser would assist in selection and preparation of the Responsible Guiders and girls for these trips. 5-10 hours a month

**Safe Guide Adviser** – to assist and support Provincial Safe Guide Assessors. Experience as an adviser would be ideal but the willingness to become a Safe Guide Assessor would suffice. 5-10 hours a month dependent on if you do some of the assessing

**Trefoil Guild Liaison** – to assist and support the Trefoil Guilds in the province. 3-5 hours a month

All positions with the exception of the Trefoil Guild Liaison, are three year terms. Changes to the Trefoil Guild Liaison role does make it an activity so there is no current term limit.

Please don't hesitate to email me at [pc@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:pc@girlguides.sk.ca) if you wish to speak to me about any of these opportunities.

Saskatchewan Council will be sending out a Guider survey regarding your thoughts and needs regarding taking on roles. Please watch for that in your email inbox and take the time to complete and submit so that council can be more effective or make changes to address any common barriers identified. We thank you in advance.



SK Provincial Commissioner

Girl Guides of Canada

**ACTION REQUIRED - Deadlines around the corner**



# **Cookie All Stars Entry Deadline**

**May 2, 2018**

Click **HERE** to register your Unit

**(Only Contact Guiders will have access to this site).**

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A Responsible Guider has been secured for the Upcoming May 11 - 12 Provincial Learn to Camp for Brownies, but we still **require adult volunteers** to assist and cover ratio. Please contact [provincial@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:provincial@girlguides.sk.ca) if you are able to help out.

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## District Cookie Money due to Area

### May 15, 2018

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- May 5 SK Girl Guides Clean-Up (Province Wide)
- May 5 Trefoil Trails Camp Clean-Up (Trefoil Trails)
- May 11-12 Learn to Camp for Brownies (Regina)
- May 11-12 Youth Forum Meeting (Saskatoon)
- May 12 DC Forum/Advisers & Sub Committees (Saskatoon)
- May 12 Annual General Meeting (Saskatoon)
- May 13 Provincial Council Meeting (Saskatoon)
- May 15 District Cookie Money Due to Areas
- May 21 Private Screening: *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* (Saskatoon)

- May 28 Bridging Rivers Council Meeting (Saskatoon)
- June 16-18 Learn to Camp for Guides (Trefoil Trails)
- June 16 Provincial Council Orientation and Strategic Action Planning (Davidson)
- July 2-7 Southern Horizons Area Camp (Glen Harbour Kids Camp)
- Aug. 10-13 Ladies Serenity Camp (Heritage Lake)
- Aug.16-19 Canoe and Wilderness Camp Training for Guides and Up (Heritage Lake)
- Sept. 14-16 Third Year Guides and Up (Trefoil Trails)
- Sept.15 Girls First Training (Various Locations)
- Sept. 29 **Girls First Launch Party (TBD) - SAVE The DATE**
- Oct. 13 Food Bank Drive (Regina)
- Oct. 28 Youth Recognition Ceremony (Saskatoon)
- Nov. 16-17 Provincial Council Meeting (Saskatoon)

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**TREFOIL GUILD NEWS** - submitted by Judi Kehler, Trefoil Guild Liaison



The Provincial Trefoil Annual Meeting will be held on May 12, 2018 in Saskatoon at Saskatoon Salvation Army Temple at 2 p.m. It will be held in conjunction with the Provincial Annual Meeting and Awards Presentation Ceremony and the timing has been arranged so you will be able to attend both Annual Meetings. This meeting will also see the change-over to your new Provincial Liaison.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** By now you should have received the National Gathering information packages. Saskatchewan has a 17 delegate quota, which includes the Provincial Liaison. Remember that ALL APPLICATIONS AND MONEY MUST GO THROUGH PROVINCIAL OFFICE. Cheques should be made out to GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA , PROVINCIAL COUNCIL. The deadline for the first payment of \$225 was April 20, 2018 so you should have already sent your registration. If not, **DO IT NOW! The deadline to National has been extended to June 1 but after that date the remaining spots will be taken back from all Provinces and divided up again.**

We have a new Saskatchewan Trefoil Guild Banner. Our delegates to the National Gathering in Sudbury will be proud to display the new banner which depicts many aspects of our wonderful province. Our heartfelt thanks go to Sharlene Donauer a member of the Regina Trefoil Adventure Guild (TAG) who took a rough design to completion using her marvelous quilting skills.



This will be my last *Prairie Lily* report. I want to say it has been an honour to represent Saskatchewan Trefoil Guilds. I have been able to meet many new Guiding sisters, and I was proud to "Keep the Spirit Alive".

## AREA NEWS

**Check out the [Photo Album](#) for recent submitted pictures and stories.**

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### **Registration for 2018-2019**

**Online registration for the 2018-2019 began April 19 at 8 a.m.  
Check to see when you should register.**

**Returning to the same unit: April 19**

**Moving to a new unit: May 10**

**New members: June 7**

Early registration cost, until June 30 is:

\*\*\* \$125 for the first girl

\*\*\* \$115 for the second girl

\*\*\* \$105 for each additional girl in the family after that.

After June 30 the cost goes up by \$10/girl.



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## AWARDS:

This is the time of year to be thinking about awards for adult Members, your sisters in Guiding. There are many awards of which Guiders and other adult Members may be deserving – check out the Guiding Essentials document, start at page 55 for possibilities or contact your DC.

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## PARTNERS FOR LIFE, CANADIAN BLOOD SERVICES:

Saskatchewan Girl Guides has signed up for Partners for Life. We have pledged to make 175 donations as a Partner for Life with Canadian Blood Services this year. If you donate blood please help us in achieving our 2018 pledge, by [signing up online](#). Our Partner ID is GIRL847982. If you have previously donated with the Bridging Rivers ID please note the change and let them know.

### BRIDGING RIVERS AREA - [bridgingrivers@sasktel.net](mailto:bridgingrivers@sasktel.net)

**Bridging Rivers Area Council** would like to congratulate the ladies who have been members for 20 plus years:

**20 years:**

Mindy Beaver, Janice Behme, Katie Dersch, Erin Dunn, Amanda Guldiman. Merilyn Hay, Tammi Sutherland and Alicia Vandale

**25 years:**

Kathryn Carswell, Victoria Hall, Megan Hardy, Andrea Hayes, Nancy Litwin, Tannis Stang and Laurie Toews

**30 years:**

Lori Colton, Donna Clarke and Shirley Kerr

**35 years:**

Carol Skaar

**40 years:**

Victoria McDougall and Lila Krause

**50 years:**

June Bleir

**55 years:**

Claire Brown

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3rd Saskatoon Rangers are hosting a **Hogwarts X1** in May of 2019. To kick things off they are hosting a private screening of *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* Monday, May 21. To find out about this event and to attend [click here](#).

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1st Saskatoon Trex Unit will be having a used uniform sale in September at the Guide House. If you have a uniform that you would like to sell you can drop it off at the Guide House. This is a fundraiser for the unit, your items will be sold on consignment.

**SOUTHERN HORIZONS AREA - [southernhorizons@sasktel.net](mailto:southernhorizons@sasktel.net)**

**Congratulations to Gloria Toews on receiving the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers!**

Gloria is a long time volunteer with Southern Lights. She has been a Brownie, Guide and Pathfinder Guider and has also acted as our treasurer and tea coordinator, among other roles.

The Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers recognizes the exceptional volunteer achievements of Canadians from across the country in a wide range of fields. As an official Canadian honour, the Medal for Volunteers pays tribute to the dedication and exemplary commitment of volunteers. Gloria was awarded this honour based on her work with the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award, which she has done since 1999. She was also on the organizing committee for the 2006 Duke of Edinburgh's Award Youth Event, which was attended by the Earl of Wessex.



More information can be found here:

<https://www.gg.ca/document.aspx?id=17091&lan=eng>

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## "Mysterious Minds Want to Know" Area Guide and Pathfinder Camp

July 2-7, 2018 at Glen Harbour Kids Camp  
REGISTER BY MAY 31

Click for [Information page](#)

Click for [Registration form for Guides](#)

Click for [Registration form for Pathfinders](#)

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**DRAGON BOAT TEAM:** Friendship, fun and fitness appeal to you? Gather your friends and join Dragon our Cookies!

Race day is Saturday September 1 (Labour Day weekend). We may also race in the 200 m sprints on Friday August 31.

Practice days/times will be determined once the team is in place: once a week through July and August (likely Tuesdays).

Cost is \$65 per person to cover team registration and practices.

To join the team or for more information, contact [Michelle](#) or [Tara](#).

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**Southern Horizon's Guiders**, encourage your **Guides**, **Pathfinders** and **Rangers** to apply for the **Cydney Weir Memorial Award!** This \$100 award acknowledges a girl member who shows kindness, helpfulness and caring for the environment and is applied towards costs associated with attending a two night camp (district, area or other camp). Applicants fill out the registration form, and Guiders provide a recommendation. **The deadline is September 1** but as the camping season is coming, encourage your girls to apply today!

**[Click here for Application](#)**



**RSVP by May 3 for DC Forum/Adviser Mtg/Youth Forum/AGM/Banquet**

## **A snapshot of May 12 Forums**

**District Commissioner, Department Adviser, Sub-Committee Chair, Youth Forum Member or Council member involved in facilitating one of the sessions:**

**9:00 – 3:30 – Sessions at BRAGG Guide House (801 Preston Ave, Saskatoon)**

## **Trefoil Guild Members**

**2:00 – Trefoil Guild Annual General Meeting at Salvation Army Temple**

**All Saskatchewan Adult Members are invited.**

**4:00 – Girls First Champion Presentation at Salvation Army Temple (38 Bateman Crescent, Saskatoon)**

**5:00 – Reception**

**5:30 – AGM followed by Guider Appreciation Banquet and Provincial Awards and Presentation. Social.**

**RSVP required. Contact [provincial@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:provincial@girlguides.sk.ca) or call 306-757-4102 or 1-800-565-8111 prior to May 3, 2018.**

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Our  
Deepest  
Condolences



To Bonnie McLeod and her family in  
the passing of her father.

**CAMPING NEWS** - submitted by Linette Plant, Provincial Camping  
Adviser [camping@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:camping@girlguides.sk.ca)

**ALL camps are PENDING based on RG's being secured and ratio/minimum numbers being met. Registration forms will be provided closer to the event.** The Provincial Camping Adviser requires volunteers for any of the camps to assist and cover ratio. **Please contact [camping@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:camping@girlguides.sk.ca) if you are interested in assisting with any of the camps.**

***Learn to Camp for Guides: June 16 - 17 Trefoil Trails (Pike Lake)*** Click for [Registration form](#)

***Canoe and Wilderness Camp for Guides & UP: August 16 - 19 Heritage Lake***

***Third Year Guides & Pathfinders: September 14 - 16 Trefoil Trails***

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## ***Heritage Lake Ladies Serenity Camp***

***August 10 - 13 at Heritage Lake***

***"Taking time . . . . just for you!"***

Logistics and Registration form click [HERE](#)



## **COOKIES** - [cookies@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:cookies@girlguides.sk.ca)

Question: Can I sell Girl Guide Cookies online on a site like Kijiji or Facebook?

Answer: Girl Guides is committed to ensuring the safety and security of our girl and adult Members in all Guiding-related activities. Therefore, GGC has adopted the following online cookie sales guidelines: Girl Guide cookies are currently **not sold online due to safety concerns**, and so GGC does not lose the face-to-face interaction between girls and the supporting public.

In addition, Girl Guides did some preliminary research into the viability of an online sales option for GGC cookies and found that the cost to implement online sales capability to our members was too high for GGC to reasonably manage.

The process of selling cookies is a valuable learning tool in developing future life skills for girls. Door to door sales helps to promote that Girl Guides are here, and helps to bring new members into our organization.

This being said, if you as a Guider or parent want to say on YOUR personal Facebook page that you have cookies for sale, go ahead! This is advertising to your personal friends and acquaintances. The more cookies you can promote, the better your unit sales can be!

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS NEWS** - submitted by Amanda Lang, Provincial PR Adviser [publicrelations@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:publicrelations@girlguides.sk.ca)

The brand **new Hike Around Saskatchewan Crests** are now available! Hikes can be in the wilderness, in local parks or trail systems, or even urban hikes exploring your city or town!

**Remember to take photos of any of your hiking events and send them to:** [publicrelations@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:publicrelations@girlguides.sk.ca) or [provincial@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:provincial@girlguides.sk.ca) and post them to social media and tag them with #ggcsask and #exploresask.

Click [HERE](#) for the crest Request Forms.

Crests available all year long.

Cost per crest = \$1.30 (taxes included)

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## Reminder: **Girl Guides Clean-Up Saskatchewan**

**May 5, 2018**

**(or whatever date works for your unit)**

**For info and guidelines [Click HERE](#)**



Make sure to post your photos to social media too!

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### **June is Pride Month**

There are Pride events happening all over the province in June. Please consider participating in a local parade or festival. In the past, Girl Guides have provided face-painting at family oriented events if parade participation isn't an option.

**Girl Guides in Regina and Saskatoon will have walking entries in the local Pride Parades happening in June:**

#### **[Saturday, June 16 in Regina](#)**

Regina at noon, staging begins at 10:30 a.m. (Registration link for the Regina GGC entry only <https://tinyurl.com/ya4fs334>). Wear your GGC uniform or other branded casual wear along with all the rainbows you can find!

#### **[Saturday, June 23 in Saskatoon](#)**

More details will be available in the June *Prairie Lily*, or provided via direct email to Guiders, but please add this to your unit's calendar of events now if you have those dates free.

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If there are any local advertising needs in your District or Community, please email [publicrelations@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:publicrelations@girlguides.sk.ca) or get in touch with your Area Commissioner and we can all work together to promote Guiding. National and Province have several ad campaigns on the go, including the Facebook adult recruiting campaign happening now, and radio ads and a few billboards later in the summer.

Spring is here and soon we will be outdoors setting up tents and enjoying the camping experience. I cherish the times I have gone camping with my family and with friends in Guiding, sharing the fun and learning new skills.

From the opening to the skits, action songs and onto Taps, there is a feeling of sisterhood in the Campfire circle. The following poem can be an opening for your Campfire. Use this list of songs at Campfire or just sing one anytime. Older girls can decide who will lead each song. Include an introductory reading for each to tie everything together using your theme for camp. You can use recycled cardboard to print an introduction for each song and hole punch, then tie into order using a string. Pass bundle along to next reader. Google Sue's Virtual Campfire for tunes and words. This edible Campfire is a fun way to learn about how to build a fire.

### [The Campfire Circle](#)

Did you ever watch a campfire?  
When the woods have fallen low?  
And the ashes start to whiten  
Round the embers' crimson glow?  
With the night sounds all around you  
Making silence doubly sweet,  
And a full moon high above you  
That the spell may be complete?  
Tell me, were you ever nearer  
To the land of heart's desire  
Than when you sat there a-thinking  
With your feet before the fire?

*By B. Riddoch*

[Click on this link for more camp songs and where to find them.](#)

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