
Alberta Council Provincial Commissioner's Challenge

Tracy Burton started her Guiding adventure at the age of 6 as a Ember. From Embers, she continued her way through the youth program until Rangers. She has been a unit Guider for Sparks, Embers and Guides. Tracy currently has a multibranch unit of Sparks and Embers.

She has been a deputy Provincial Commissioner, Area Commissioner, Provincial Program Adviser and has worked at the area level.

Tracy has had the chance to travel with Girl Guides, going to Costa Rica as a girl, and then having the opportunity as an adult to travel to 3 of the 5 World Centers owned by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). She is always amazed by the sisterhood of Guiding when she travels and see Girl Guides from other countries, who are immediately your friend and sister even though you have just met them.

Tracy loves camping and has been fortunate to attend 2 National/International camps as a girl and 2 as an adult member.

For the Alberta Council Provincial Commissioner's Challenge, there are three parts – Plant, Grow and Share. Please follow Safe Guide while performing the projects but the potential ideas are limitless.

Plant

1. Plan a camping event to learn a new camping skill. Ensure you are following Safe Guide. This can be done as a bridging event. This can include, but is not limited to:
 - Camping unit meeting
 - Day camp
 - Sleepover
 - Weekend camp
2. For more ideas check out the [Alberta Council Camping Challenge](#) and [Camping Cuisine Cookbook](#).

Grow

1. Learn a new skill you can use at your next camping event. Be sure to keep safe and follow Safe Guide. Examples of a new skill you could try are:
 - Cook over an open fire
 - Knife safety
 - Knots
 - Pitch a tent
 - Make fire starters
 - Types of fires
 - Make a camp gadget



2. At the end of your camping activity, gather everyone together to discuss the new skills you learned.
 - Were there any difficulties?
 - What could have helped make it easier?
 - Do you want to learn more? Start planning your next camping activity!

Share

1. Share your new camping skills with another unit.
2. Share your new skills with Provincial Commissioner Tracy Burton. Write a story or report about your camping event; paint a picture with your words! Don't forget to send pictures (make sure everyone has a signed IR.1 Image Release form in iMIS). You can include things like -
 - What did you do?
 - When and where did you hold your camping event?
 - How many participants did you have?
 - What new skills did you learn?
 - Are there more skills you want to learn?

Guiders can write the story of their units' adventure throughout this challenge, however, please include some input from the girls themselves in their own words. Please submit only one story per event. A crest can be ordered for every participant by filling out [this form](#).

Send the story and photos, include the names of all participants in the photos and confirm that they all have a signed IR.1 image release form in iMIS, to the Alberta Council office by emailing it to any-info@girlguides.ca. You will receive a personal message back from the Provincial Commissioner herself!