

MOUSE AROUND THE HOUSE CHALLENGE

Introduction: Fiona the Mouse normally lives at Alberta Guide House.

She likes to do things around the house and wants you to join her in learning new skills. She would also like you to visit her at the Alberta Guide House and have fun in Edmonton.

Challenge: For this challenge, you can either visit Fiona in Edmonton when you stay at Alberta Guide House or you can work on the Around the House challenge. Have fun while you learn about doing things around the house.

Sparks and Embers: do one challenge from each section.

Guides: do two challenges from each section.

Pathfinders and Rangers: do three challenges from each section.

Cooking

- Make cookies or other type of dessert (can be no bake as well)
- Decorate cookies, cakes or cupcakes
- Make a healthy snack to share with your family or unit
- Make a healthy lunch for yourself
- Cook a simple main course using at least 5 ingredients
- Make a meal at camp
- Learn how to clean a stove and properly store knives
- Create a full meal, including appetizer, main course and dessert
- Create a themed meal
- Do an *Iron Chef* inspired meal with a secret ingredient to use
- Price out a menu for one week at home

Basic Repairs

- Learn how to hammer in a nail and use a screwdriver
- Make a simple wood craft such as a jewelry box
- Change batteries in something electronic, learning the difference between the positive and negative ends
- Change a light bulb
- Make a craft using at least 2 different tools
- Learn how to turn off the water and heat in your house
- Use a basic saw to saw wood and use an electric drill
- Learn how to use a household fire extinguisher
- Learn how to change a tire and check the fluids in a vehicle
- Learn how to install a door knob

Sewing

- Do a simple cross-stitch, can be on cross-stitch canvas or with plastic canvas and wool
- Make an old fashioned doll with sewing on eyes and dress
- Sew a simple pillow
- Cork knit or finger knit a craft
- Sew an apron

- Sew at least 5 crests on your badge scarf or camp blanket
- Knit or crochet an eight inch square or a small craft such as a toque
- Learn how to upholster a chair
- Sew an article of clothing
- Cross-stitch a Guiding symbol
- Upcycle a piece of clothing into something new
- Learn how to hem a pair of pants

Gardening

- Plant bulbs or annuals
- Maintain a small garden
- Compost all compostables for one week
- Make a flower arrangement
- Help plant a garden in your community
- Grow a herb garden
- Learn how to press flowers
- Plant a vegetable garden and tend this until harvest
- Plant tulips in the fall and care for them in the spring

Etiquette

- Learn how to set a table
- Play a good/bad game for manners (run to either the good side of the room or the bad side of room depending on if the manner is something good or something that is not good to do)
- Write a thank-you note
- Learn hygiene etiquette around washing your hands
- Learn how to set a table for a banquet or fancy dinner
- Have a fancy meal as a unit using at least four different utensils
- Make an invitation to an event
- Invite a guest to teach about proper dinner etiquette, such as for a banquet
- Have a fancy meal using proper etiquette and using at least five different utensils
- Learn how to do a pedicure or manicure

-OR-

Visit Fiona in Edmonton.

1. Learn about the history of Alberta Guide House
 - a. When was the present building built? (1992)
 - b. Where was the Guide House before? (Several different places – Provincial secretaries houses, Boy Scout provincial building, Tipton Block – 10359 82nd Ave)
2. Learn about the history of Guiding in Alberta
 - a. Who was the first provincial commissioner? (Lady Marjorie Rodney, 1929-1933)
 - b. When did Guiding start in Alberta? (1913)
 - c. How many times did Lord or Lady BP visit Alberta? (Seven times – both visited in 1923, 1935 and 1939. Lady BP visited in 1946, 1952, 1955, and 1962).
 - d. How did Lady BP get the First Nations name Otter Woman? (The original Otter Woman of the Sarcee people was a woman who brought up her children and the children of the tribe to

be good people. She did well for other people's children and everyone loved her. No one had borne that name for 100 years before Lady BP.)

e. One other interesting fact about Girl Guides in Alberta.

3. Visit Fiona in Edmonton.

Program Tie-Ins – All Branches

Guide Together

Our Story

Explore Identities

Being You

Be Well

My Physical Self

Build Skills

Life Stuff

How To