

## **ANY Council Program of Excellence Challenge**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this challenge is to encourage girls and Guiders to use the Program Platform and to be engaged in different Guiding programs that span across PR, Membership, Program, International, Camping and Training. There will be a large centre crest and then for each of the committees, there will be a smaller crest to go around.

**PR – Service Projects.** This encourages girls to take action within their own communities.

Relevant program areas: Connect and Question, Take Action

Program Platform Activity Links:

- **Sparks:** Hunger Helpers, Backpack Drive, Keep Warm Project
- **Embers:** Clothing Drive, Posters for Animals, Book Drive
- **Guides:** Volunteer Reader, Tree-Planting Event, Supporting Animal Friends
- **Pathfinders:** ReconciliACTIONS, Community Gardens, Make a Difference Bags
- **Rangers:** Winter Wear, Community Cleanup, Snow Support

**Membership – Bring a Friend/Bridging Events.** This encourages girls and Guiders to bring new girls and women to join Guiding and also to learn about the other branches of Guiding to help with retention.

Program Areas: Our Story, Spirit of Guiding

Program Platform Links:

Bring a Friend: Sparks, Embers, Guides - [-AB Bring a Friend Challenge.pdf](#)  
([girlguides.ca](http://girlguides.ca))

Bridging Event: Guides, Pathfinders Rangers - [How to Plan a Bridging Event.pdf](#)  
([girlguides.ca](http://girlguides.ca))

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All – Connection Bracelets

Sparks – Friendship Bracelets, Crystal's New Friend, Our Story for Sparks, I Like To...

Embers – Ember SWAPS, Embers, Witches and Wizards, Play Together

Guides/Pathfinders/Rangers – Craftivism, Unconventional SWAPS, Mingle Bingo, Colour-Coded Cany

**Training – Enrolment and Advancement Ceremonies.** This helps girls to feel part of their branches and celebrates their achievements over the past year.

Program Platform Links:

Sparks – Enrolment for Sparks, Enrolment Ceremonies  
Embers – Enrolment for Embers, Becoming Embers, Enrolment Ceremonies  
Guides – Enrolment for Older Branches, Enrolment Ceremonies  
Pathfinders – Enrolment for Older Branches, Ceremony Creation, Enrolment Ceremonies  
Rangers – Enrolment for Older Branches, Enrolment Ceremonies

**Program – Learning a New Skill – Woodworking.** This encourages girls and Guiders to learn a new skill and can be part of a service project. Could build a bird house, a bench or a plantar to use at a local park or senior centre.

Program Platform Links:

Sparks – Spark Skills

Embers – Do It Yourself for Embers

Guides/Pathfinders/Rangers – Guiding Resume or Unit's Own

**International – Thinking Day.** To encourage girls and Guiders to learn about the history of Guiding, to celebrate with Guiding members from around the world and this year is learning about how to protect the environment.

Program Platform Links:

Sparks/Embers/Guides/Pathfinders/Rangers – World Thinking Day

Waggs.org has the full World Thinking Day Challenge available.

**Camping – Learn Camping Skills.** This encourages girls and Guiders to get outside to learn and enjoy in the outdoors and get some skills for camping.

Program Platform Links:

Sparks – DIY Sit Upons, Unit Campfire, Going Camping Sparks

Embers – DIY Sit Upons, Discovery Badge: Camper, Going Camping Embers,

Guides – Discovery Badge: Camper, Basic Camper Award, Going Camping Guides, Creating Camp Gadgets

Pathfinders – Going Camping Pathfinders, Plan It Your Way, Welcome to the Wilderness

Rangers – Going Camping Rangers, Plan It Your Way, Welcome to the Wilderness