

PROVINCIAL ADVISER'S REPORT

Committee: PROGRAM COMMITTEE
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Committee News:

- **Announcements:**

- Unfortunately our Inclusivity/Diversity Program Specialist, Maria Ogilvie has resigned due to time constraints. We have put the word out that we are looking for a new specialist and have been speaking with several potential candidates
- In February we will be putting out an application for a Youth Representative on our committee, which will be going out to Bridging Members, Link Members and Young Adult Members
- We are always looking for new Program Committee members. Interested Guiding members can contact Carissa at bc-program@girlguides.ca

- **National Programming Project:**

- The following BC Program Challenges were removed in November:
 - Passport to the Arts
 - Girls Worldwide
 - Festivals Challenge
- Phase Two of programming project is now underway
 - Webpage update
 - Program Committees have been asked to do an evaluation on current programming
 - BC Program Committee will be evaluating Program content at our February meeting
- BC's "Let's Sing" was mentioned in the most recent Guide Post

- **Correspondence**

- Received and answered a variety of emails
- Ongoing inquiries regarding BC Program Challenges and the Girls First platform
- Ongoing discussion with external organizations to provide joint Program opportunities
- Correspondence regarding Brownies at Science World and GUEST

- **Lones Submitted by Holly Arnold, BC Lones Liaison**

- I am in the process of sending out my girl, parent, guider survey. Survey includes requests for Girl driven ideas around program delivery, new Lones crest etc. Those who answer survey will receive a special crest.
- All Lone units are very engaged with the program. World Thinking Day Challenge seems to be something that all the girls are interested in and are working on. Money Sense, Science and Art Studio, Be Well and Canadian Connections are also areas that the girls are delving into. I am very pleased that one girl was enrolled at a camp with a local unit.
- Feedback and communication problems appears to be a problem through out the Lones program, I have added a few questions to my survey to see if the girls have any ideas on how we can better communicate with each other.
- Our registration has increased by 5 girls since our November report. This increase however does not reflect the many waitlisted girls that could possibly be registered as members. I would like to continue to encourage the Area Commissioners to let those waitlisted girls know about the Lones program.
- Current registration breakdown:
 - Sparks 2
 - Brownies 5

Guides 4
Pathfinders 8
Rangers 7
Total 26

- **FunFinder:**
 - Fall/Winter FunFinder was released in December and themed around Sustainability
 - Our Winter/Spring FunFinder will be released in March and will be themed as “IGNITE”, featuring activities and information from several speakers who presented at IGNITE

Program Events

Alberta Girls Parliament 2020:

- We received 10 applicants for this event, which is much higher than previous years!
- Because of our high number of applicants the Alberta Girls Parliament coordinator has agreed to allow us to send 2 participants once again
- The selected participants are Eliza Tedford from Fraser Skies and Kurstann Mast from Rivers North

Brownies at Science World: May 2-3, 2020

- The deadline for applications has passed and selections have been received from ACs. Thank you to ACs for their prompt response in sending their selections
- We received 102 patrol applications for 60 spots. We received applications from each area
- Patrol acceptances and information packages have been sent out
- The girls will get to enjoy exciting programming and explore Science World exhibits, watch an iMAX movie and celebrate Brownies' 100th Birthday!

Alberta Ranger/Link Event: May 9-10, 2020

- BC will be sending one Ranger and one Link member to this event
- Applications will go out by the end of February

GUEST 2020- May 29-31, 2020

- GUEST 2020 will be held at the University of Victoria
- We are hoping to send out our Expressions of Interest by the end of February
- The event will be open to Guides in SVI and Pacific Shore Units

Other Committee Projects

Festivals Challenge:

- We have been in talks with National regarding re-launching the Festivals Challenge, which will sit on the Girls First platform. National has approved the relaunch, and we are expecting a May or June 2020 launch.

Youth Commitment Pins:

- Youth Commitment Pins will be sent out in early 2020. ACs are asked to remind Guiders to ensure that girl's records are up to date.

Trailblazer Leadership Award Gifts:

- Our Trailblazer Boxes will once again be ordered from Van Horlick's with the same design as last year

Crest Restocking

- Four of our challenges are backordered- Snowflake Ball, CSI, Ocean Aware and Guiding Remembers. Our Guiding Remembers challenge sold over 1600 crests throughout the fall! Each of these crests were reordered. The Snowflake Ball, CSI and Ocean Aware crests were redesigned to include new trefoil

Sustainability Challenge:

- Our STEM Specialist, Clare, is continuing to work with National on our new Sustainability Challenge. Stay tuned for more details!

Thinking Day:

- The Program Committee is excited to attend the BC Thinking Day event and run several activities