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Editorial

Editor's Note

Greetings from the editorial team. We took advantage of being in Vancouver at the same time, in May for the BC Council AGM, to meet in person, some of us for the first time. It's always nice to put faces to names, and *Pipeline's* readers may like to do the same with this photo of the editorial team.



Left to right: Katrina Petrik, Robyn So, Linda Hodgkin, Ruth Seabloom, Ming Berka. Not pictured: Helen Varga and *Pipeline's* designer, Patti Zazulak.

Our team welcomes new members, whether you're already an avowed wordsmith or just curious about editing and publishing magazines. Email Robyn at Pipeline@bc-girlguides.org. We look forward to hearing from you and to publishing your stories of Guiding adventures and discoveries and implementing the new Girls First program.

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PC's PAGE

by Leslie Bush,
Provincial Commissioner



Welcome back!

Welcome to the 2018–2019 year from the whole PC team!

This new Guiding year we start transitioning to the Girls First programming so our girls can be all they want to be! It is all about the girl-driven experience with our Guiding “secret sauce.” Girls will have the choice, use their voice and take action on what is important to them, all within our special Guiding environment. There is lots of support to help you learn about Girls First and how to work with it. We have 38 amazing Girls First Champions across the province who would love to talk to you about anything Girls First! They will be reaching out in many different ways, at various trainings and through one-on-one contact, video-conferencing and email help lines. Please reach out to your commissioner or to one of the champions to ask for anything you need. Or you can ask through the girlsfirst@bc-girlguides.org email address. Help is always available—just reach out for it!

I look forward to seeing some of you at the National Girls First launch event at UBC, on September 29. I know that this girl-led, adult-supported event will be amazing!

I also look forward to seeing many of you at the Guider Conference in Richmond, October 12–14. These conferences are amazing opportunities to network with your peers, learn new things, ask questions and experience a large group of powerful women in a conference setting. We ask you to bring your enthusiasm, experiences and willingness to learn with you and to come and enjoy!

This summer BC Girl Guides has been in the news twice, when Search and Rescue (SAR) was called to assist. Once it was to extract a group of girls and leaders on a weekend canoe trip at Alouette Lake, because of strong winds. The second time was during our provincially sponsored Pathfinder Paddles trip to Wells Gray Park, for a girl with a medical issue. These are good news stories, because in both cases the groups were well prepared, had the right equipment and made the right decisions. I want to recognize them and say great job to the girls and leaders involved in both trips. I also want to say great job to the Provincial Camping Committee and the Outdoor Activity Leadership trainers, who plan these events and prepare and

train our adult members to carry out these types of outdoor activities. And also great job to our Safe Guide Assessors, who review the planned events to make sure the groups have appropriate plans in place for just these types of emergencies.

This year will be my last as your Provincial Commissioner, and the call for applications/nominations for my replacement will be posted in late September or early October. This is an exciting leadership opportunity that I hope some of you will consider! You will work with a wonderful group of women volunteers and staff at the provincial and national levels, and I can guarantee you will be gently stretched in positive ways!

A lot will happen this coming year, and I challenge all of you to make the most of this Guiding year. There will be so many opportunities for you and the girls to experience. Some of you may be concerned about what will change this year, but I encourage you to be bold, to be courageous, to be prepared and to go for it!

Talk to you soon.

Upcoming Events

DATE	WHAT	WHO	WHERE	NOTES
2018				
September 28–30	The Road to Dynamic Presentations Workshop	Rangers, Transitioning members, Link, all Guiders	<i>Guide House, North Vancouver</i>	Application deadline has passed.
October 5–8	Trex Rendezvous	Trex girl members and Guiders	<i>Camp Jubilee, Indian Arm, near North Vancouver</i>	Application deadline has passed.
October 12–14	Guider Conference	Guide, Pathfinder, Ranger Guiders	<i>Richmond</i>	Participants have been selected.
October 19–21	Pathfinder Summit	Pathfinders	<i>Vancouver</i>	Application deadline has passed.
October 26–28	Area Training Advisers Workshop	Area Training Advisers	<i>Guide House, North Vancouver</i>	More information to come by email, or contact training@bc-girlguides.org .
2019				
January 11–13	Beyond Dogwood	All Guiders, including those who have taken Dogwood training	<i>Guide House, North Vancouver</i>	More information to come by email, or contact training@bc-girlguides.org .
March 1–3	Trainers Conference	All Trainers and Trainer candidates	<i>Guide House, North Vancouver</i>	More information to come by email, or contact training@bc-girlguides.org .
August	AC/DC Workshop	Area and District Commissioners	<i>Guide House, North Vancouver</i>	More information to come by email, or contact training@bc-girlguides.org .

Identify Your Membership Number

Five membership numbers are randomly drawn from the iMIS database for each issue of Pipeline. If your number is listed below, you are eligible to receive a gift from the provincial PR Committee. To receive your gift, send an email, identifying your number, to pipeline@bc-girlguides.org by October 15.

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Letter to the Editor

Beginning with this issue, selected letters to the editor will be published in *Pipeline* as an occasional feature. This open letter from a youth member to Pamela Rice, Chair of the Board and Chief Commissioner of Girl Guides of Canada—Guides du Canada is not only a testament to the power of Guiding; it's also the Vision and Mission writ large. How do you understand the new Vision, a better world, by girls, and the new Mission, to be a catalyst for girls empowering girls? Write in and tell your story to BC Council and the membership.

Dear Ms. Rice:

I have been involved in the Girl Guide organization, even before I was a Spark (I attended my older sister's meetings and events as an infant and toddler), so I have been involved for eleven-plus years. I have attended Camp Olave, in Sechelt, on the West Coast of BC, on many occasions through tent and cabin camping. I have sold my small share of classic chocolate and vanilla and chocolatey mint cookies,

including dressing up as a Girl Guide cookie. I have played Hedgehog as I learned the names of other Sparks, worked with other girls as we learned the Brownie Promise and Law, learned science and construction as a Guide, sewed purses and products for less fortunate girls in other countries and, more recently, met and planned our own activities as a Ranger.

I want to say thank you. Thank you to the Guiding organization for its leaders and the immense time, effort and expertise from across the country, in each province and within each unit and district. I have learned so much as the result of being a part of this organization. I have learned teamwork and cooperation starting from being a Spark. I have learned and improved my camping skills and independence starting from being a Brownie. I have gained confidence in public speaking from participating in activities and earning badges as a Guide and Pathfinder. I have honed my determination to achieve goals and give back to society as a



Pathfinder. Now, as a Ranger, I have realized that my accumulation of knowledge, skills and abilities and my determination to achieve goals is in part due to the Guiding movement.

One could call this experience “female empowerment”; I call this experience “building a stronger character to be a better member of Canadian society.”

I convey my thanks to you and the Canadian Guiding organization. What a gift, a gift that I can use and build upon as I continue to grow into an adult.

Sincerely yours,
*Natalie, Ranger, Ocean Vista District,
West Coast Area*

PR Grants for Districts and Areas

BC Public Relations Committee

Is your district or area looking for funding support for a PR event or item that will make Guiding more visible to the general public?

You can apply for a grant for up to 50 per cent of the total cost of the PR event or item, to a maximum of \$500 per area, when your district or area contributes an equal or greater amount to the cost of the opportunity.

Funds can be used to purchase GGC promotional items for distribution at a community event, ads in a community newspaper and entries for a community parade. These are just examples—we'd love to hear your creative PR ideas!

Applications are evaluated based on need and anticipated PR benefits. Grants are awarded until available funds have been depleted.

Watch your email inbox for the applications or contact publicrelations@bc-girlguides.org.



The deadline to apply is October 15, 2018.

Announcing BC's 2018 Bursary, Grant and Scholarship Recipients

Joy Andersen, BC Awards Adviser

The provincial bursary, grant and scholarship program is one of the ways that Girl Guides of Canada—Guides du Canada BC Council recognizes members who embody the Mission and Values of the organization.

Girl Guides of Canada empowers every girl to be everything she wants to be. It's a place where girls are empowered to lead the way and where they can seek new challenges, find their voices, discover how they can make a difference in their world, make friends and, above all, have a ton of fun.

The 2018 bursary, grant and scholarship recipients exemplify what Guiding today is all about. Congratulations to this year's recipients. BC Council and the Awards Committee are proud and honoured to support you as you take the next step in pursuing your education goals and developing a rewarding career.

BC Council and the Awards Committee thank all those who have contributed to making these educational funding opportunities available to our members. Through the bursaries, education grants and scholarships, the recipients are being empowered to become the best they can be. These funds help to make their dreams come true.

The introductions to this year's recipients include excerpted answers from their applications to the following question: "Explain how Guiding has enriched your life and influenced your future plans." The answers have been edited for length.



**Aliza, Chaim and Tova
Kornfeld Scholarship**

**Chloe Faught, Southern
Vancouver Island Area**

Guiding has enabled me to grow into someone with strong public speaking skills. As a girl I would have never imagined myself as a teacher or as someone who speaks at public events.

Until I became a leader and found out how rewarding it is to teach and give back to the youth, I didn't think I wanted to [work] with kids. In Guiding I also discovered that community service is not just fun or "good" to do but something that is also very personally and spiritually rewarding. Volunteering at Sangam

for six months certainly inspired me.

Public speaking and service have led me to the path of teaching—first as a volunteer in Namibia, Africa, and today as my career. My desire to start a master's program comes from the same source—a desire to better myself, push my boundaries and do something that will benefit the environment and my community.



**BC Trefoil Guild's Education
Grant (two recipients)**

**Carissa Konesky,
West Coast Area**

Guiding has played such a huge role in shaping who I am that it is hard to imagine who I would be without it. Through my involvement in Guiding, I have developed a passion for working in the non-profit sector. I know that the leadership skills that I have developed in Guiding will help me succeed. In addition, Guiding has influenced my passion for women's rights, and I am now majoring in the women's studies program at Simon Fraser University. I hope to work with an organization that advocates for women. Most importantly, because the women I have worked with in Guiding have always had confidence in me, I have a strong sense of confidence in myself. I know that I have the ability to take on new roles that are presented to me, and I have always taken on new opportunities and embraced them.



**Christina Manning,
Lougheed Area**

Ever since I joined Guiding, it has been an adventure. I have faced my fears and learned that everyone has an experience to share. I found my passions for singing, working with children, exploring nature and volunteering. I also had the guidance to develop the self-confidence and courage to seize opportunities, achieve my goals and strive towards my dreams. I gained interpersonal skills and found the insight to come to terms with what I want in my life. Guiding helped me discover new perspectives and an

awareness of my surroundings through volunteering. With the experiences that Guiding gave me, I gained a greater interest in the world and discovered my interest in health sciences and public health, where I hope to have the opportunity to make a difference not just in my local community, but also in the world.



Margery Dumfries Scholarship

Anastasia, West Coast Area

Over the years, Guiding has been a supportive and open environment for all future plans that I have. I found it especially helpful that many Guiders had backgrounds in education, science and engineering. These mentors gave me valuable advice and shared experiences in a more interactive way than any website or book. Their guidance was especially important as these fields personally interested me. Guiding also helped me realize my passion for teaching and planning. These areas of interest influence where I volunteer today and what I search for in a career. Finally, I am certain that Girl Guides will continue to be a pivotal part of my life as I would love to expand my past ten years of incredible adventures as a Guider.



Eve Pound Scholarship

Ardis, West Coast Area

Guiding has enriched my life by giving me experiences I wouldn't have otherwise had and has introduced me to snowshoeing, backpacking, knitting, kayaking and countless other activities. These have expanded my horizons, my strengths, and I prevail[ed] over my weaknesses. Being submerged in the outdoors all year, every year, as a Girl Guide has shown me how important the outdoors is to me. I plan on keeping them clean and valuable by going into environmental sciences. Continuing this passion of being around nature, I plan to continue volunteering for Girl Guides in a Trex unit. After postsecondary school, I hope to dedicate myself to a unit where I can introduce the new generations to the activities I was introduced to as a Guide.



BC Council Bursary of Honour

Sophie, Lions Area

In school, I struggled with severe test anxiety because of the challenges and pressure to succeed. Guiding has positively impacted my mental health with its many outdoor activities, hands-on activities and opportunities to cultivate

lifelong friendships. It has given me great purpose to help others and launch the national challenge Mighty Minds in BC, to mentor younger girls and enrich their mental health.

Guiding has empowered me and given me the skills to pursue a career in engineering and embark on a journey into a male-dominated field. I have learned to prepare for unforeseen circumstances and solve problems effectively from many camping experiences. Building and making projects and traders has given me a creative mind, perfect for innovation.



BC Council Bursary (eight recipients)

Vivian, Lions Area

To me, Guiding is always opening doors to new paths, to leadership, to backpacking, to unforgettable friendships. It is because of Guiding that I am who I am today, confident, ambitious and adventurous, all because of cookie selling, camp planning and all the camps I have been privileged to attend. With the experiences I have gained camping and meeting new people, my eyes to the world only open wider, and I always try to share the knowledge I have wherever I go. Guiding has taught me anything is possible as long as you have the ambition to get there. I plan on becoming a leader at some point so I can give back to the organization that has given so much to me.



Meghan, Lions Area

Being in Guiding, being exposed to the leadership opportunities that I have, made me realize that I really benefit from teaching others. When I was at SOAR 2017 my fellow Ranger and I helped a group of Guides re-tarp their campsite after they woke up in puddles. It was so much fun being around them because they were so excited for the week, and they were thrilled at the prospect of staying dry for the rest of camp. Being able to share the knowledge and techniques Guiding has offered me with future generations is something that brings me solace. If I can impact the next generation in the way that Guiding has impacted me, then the future will be better and brighter for us all.



Nerissa, West Coast Area

My dream job is one where I need to use a waterproof notebook; whether that means marine biologist or meteorologist, I'm not too sure yet. I do know that I love being outside. From my first camp in Guides, I instantly fell in love. Over the past seven years, Guiding has pushed

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my limits with adventure camping. From canoeing on Quadra Island to cycling in Haida Gwaii, I've discovered the magic of packing in everything you need for a week-long trek, while leaving the forest exactly as you found it. Guiding has inspired me to pursue a career where I get to work out in the field and do my part to protect the environment.



Lauren, Fraser Skies Area

Being a member of Girl Guides of Canada for the past thirteen years has challenged me to become a better individual and inspired me to pursue a great role with the organization. I have seen many girls and young women move through the Guiding program and improve as they do so. I aspire to one day be an inspiration and a role model to the younger girls as so

many Guiders were to me. The program options available provided me with a strong sense of what my passions are and led me to further pursue my interests at a higher education level. I hope to apply my knowledge and experienced gained as I move into adulthood as a member of Girl Guides of Canada.



Meagan, Lions Area

Guiding has brought me closer to nature. Guiding had inspired me to commit to improving life on this planet, with highest priority on environmental conservation and sustainability. Through adventurous camping trips, I learned about the local habitat of my community. What I have learned from these activities has encouraged me to be more involved in

protecting the local environment. My intellectual curiosity falls onto environmental science, biochemistry and pharmaceutical science. Girl Guides has taught me how to lead, communicate and collaborate. Also, Girl Guiding has provided me with opportunities to make friends around the world, to understand alarming world issues such as poverty and pollution and to be a good global citizen.



Amy, Thompson Nicola Area

Guiding has enriched my life by providing me with unique experiences that have impacted my life. From camping trips to unit meetings, Guiding always encouraged me to embrace my curiosity about the world and think about my future. One of my most memorable Guide meetings was when my Guiders invited an engineer to speak to my unit.

I remember being intrigued by her job, and this sparked my initial interest in engineering. That Guide meeting is part of the reason I am pursuing an engineering degree after high school and is just one of the ways Guiding has influenced my future plans. Guiding has opened the door for so many opportunities for me and has changed my life.



Breanna, Pacific Shores Area

I have learned skills from my Guiding leaders that have been enormous assets to me. This has given me an enviable résumé, which resulted in a job working with the International Student Program. I now have confidence and abilities to lead, mentor and volunteer at school and in my community. I am

frequently asked by teachers to lead and organize activities. Guiding has shown me empathy and respect for differences in others and has taught me to speak up and defend the rights and feelings of others. Leading Sparks and Brownies has given me experience working with children that is extremely valuable to my future career as an elementary school teacher and solidified my desire to be a teacher and role model for children.



Kyla, Rivers North Area

Guiding has enriched my life by giving me new experiences and enabling me to find a passion for the outdoors. From hiking Mount Robson and canoeing the Clearwater and Azure Lakes, I realized that I really enjoy hiking and canoeing. In the near future, I plan on doing more trips like this. It has also made me realize that I would really like

to get a job working for BC Parks and helping others who are new to the outdoors learn and hopefully enjoy it as much as I do. Being in Guiding for nine years really improved my life, and it is because of this that I would like to become a Guider and help girls, like myself, find new passions through their experiences in Guiding.

Pat Drugge Adult Bursary

No applications were submitted this year.

Leslee Jean Arnet Bursary

No applications were submitted this year.

NEW! BC Crest Contest

It's time for a new provincial crest!

Contest
is open to
all BC youth
and adult
members



You can make it any shape, and you can draw your design by hand or generate it on a computer.

Below is the criteria:

- Include the new Trefoil.
- Create *original* content that reflects BC themes, such as wildlife, plant life, geographical features, population diversity, historical events, sports and recreation. The possibilities are endless.
- Use the GGC colour palette for the background (for current guidelines, go to Member Zone on the national website; select *Communications > Brand Centre > Brand Documents > Merchandise Standards*).
- Make the crest 6–7.5 cm (2.5–3 in.) in size.

Send your submissions to bccrest2018@gmail.com.

Include your name, the name of your district and area and your age if you're a youth member with your submission.

The deadline to submit your design is November 1, 2018.

Please note that some of the previous BC Girl Guide crests shown here do not comply with current Event Merchandise Guidelines.



2019 Sponsored Travel Events

Check out the amazing travel opportunities being offered to girls and Guiders next year, and be sure to encourage the girls and Guiders in your units to apply. It's these experiences that often make such an impact, including on the participants' commitment to Guiding.

PROVINCIALY SPONSORED TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Applications and information about the following opportunities were recently distributed. The deadline to submit your application and reference forms for these events is October 15, 2018. Please refer to the BC Girl Guide website for the applicable forms and for further details on these exciting opportunities available only to members of BC Girl Guides.

Costa Rica 2019

Who: 12 girls ages 14 to 15 at the time of the event and 2 Guiders

When: Approximately two weeks in early July 2019

Kenya 2019

Who: 12 girls ages 16 to 17 at the time of the event and 2 Guiders

When: Approximately two weeks in late July/early August 2019

Amazing Race 2019

Who: 16 girls ages 14 to 16 at the time of the event and 4 Guiders

When: Approximately one week in August 2019

NATIONALLY SPONSORED TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Applications were made available on July 18, 2018. Applications for these events are accepted only via the national selections process. Please refer to the Girl Guides of Canada—Guides du Canada website for details on this process as well as on each of these exciting opportunities. The deadline for submission is September 12, 2018.

In Canada

Old Quebec City and Old Montreal

Who: Girls ages 12 to 13 at the time of the event and Guiders

When: August 12–19, 2019

Discovering Newfoundland and Labrador

Who: Girls ages 14 to 15 at the time of the event and Guiders

When: August 4–15, 2019

International

Journey through London

Who: Girls ages 14 to 15 at the time of the event and Guiders

When: July 17–28, 2019

Rome and Paris: A European Escapade

Who: Girls ages 14 to 15 at the time of the event and Guiders

When: June 30–July 11, 2019

Marsna Jamborette (southern Netherlands) Patrol #1

Who: Girls ages 14 to 15 at the time of the event and Guiders

When: July 26–August 11, 2019

Marsna Jamborette (southern Netherlands) Patrol #2

Who: Girls ages 16 to 18 at the time of the event and Guiders

When: July 26–August 11, 2019

Swiss Experience

Who: Girls ages 16 to 18 at the time of the event and Guiders

When: August 21–September 2, 2019

Venture to the Andes and the Amazon

Who: Girls ages 16 to 18 at the time of the event and Guiders

When: July 9–22, 2019

PROVINCIAL SPONSORED CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES

A Taste of Adventure

Who: 20 Pathfinder or Trex members born in 2004–2006 and 2 selected Guiders

What: A Taste for Adventure is an opportunity for Pathfinders to try adventurous activities—canoeing, backpacking and whitewater rafting. Participants will learn about water safety, rescue procedures and paddling techniques before heading off on their overnight canoe trip down Crooked Lake. During the overnight backpacking trip, on the Eureka Peak Trail, participants will learn to be safe in the backcountry, use a personal locator device (SPOT/InReach), cook on backpacking stoves and “go” in the woods. The whitewater rafting trip will take participants down the Chilcotin River, past the steep rock walls of Hanceville Canyon and the iconic Big Creek, and among the colourful hoodoos at Farwell Canyon. By the end of camp, participants will not only have gained experience doing adventure activities, they will have also expanded their camping and leadership skills and, best of all, made new friends while doing it.

When: July 21–26, 2019

Where: Williams Lake, in the central interior of BC

Prerequisites:

- Good physical condition
- Four nights of Girl Guide camping experience (minimum of two consecutive nights)
- Swim or boat test completed and entered into iMIS prior to event
- Ability to adapt and work cooperatively
- Ability to cope with daily camp activities

Pacific Coast Experience

Who: Rangers, Transitioning members, Link members and Link-age Guiders (born in 1989–2003)

What: Build on your camping skills learned as a girl and gain skills for taking a leadership role in an adventure camping setting, including a two-night adventure expedition. Pacific Coast Experience will provide the opportunity for Rangers, Transitioning members, Link members and Link-age Guiders to take part in Outdoor Activity Leadership (OAL) Adventure training designed specifically to embrace the camping knowledge and experience that they have already gained, while focusing on the mindset and skills needed to take on a leadership role in adventure camping opportunities, including risk management, group dynamics and trip design. To top it all off, members will get to participate in one of two two-night adventure expeditions that may include ocean kayaking around the Thormanby Island Group, backpacking to Garibaldi Lake, mountain biking to Cheakamus Lake or rock climbing (including a via ferrata) near Squamish.

When: August 23–28, 2019

Where: Around Whistler, BC

Independent Travel and Camping Opportunities

The BC Camping Committee, with support from BC Council, is excited to announce summer camps/trips that BC girls (and Guiders!) can apply for independently. Applications will be available in September 2018, via email.

LEAP 2019

Who: Girls born in 2003–2006 and Guiders

What: Take a LEAP by travelling to Doe Lake Camp for a seven-day Outdoorpalooza hosted by Ontario Council, followed by three days of exploring Greater Toronto Area, including a day tour to Niagara Falls. BC's patrol will gather for one night in Vancouver for a team briefing before flying to Toronto.

When: August 3–14, 2019

Where: Sprucedale, Ontario

Newfoundland 2019

Who: Girls born in 2001–2005 and Guiders

What: Participate in the 2019 summer camp planned by the Newfoundland and Labrador Council, hosted in Gros Morne National Park. It will be a true camping experience involving an amazing program full of challenge and fun, with adventures in water activities, arts, crafts and sports. Explore and experience Newfoundland before travelling home.

When: July 29–August 4, 2019

Where: Gros Morne National Park

Voilà Quebec! 2019

Who: Girls ages 13 to 15 at the time of the event and Guiders

What: Participate in an eight-day international Girl Guide camp hosted by Quebec Council, followed by sightseeing in Montreal. Girls will experience Quebec culture, language and heritage in an intimate community camp with 120 Guiding sisters. Girls will complete program work and a special camp challenge. Adventure awaits with two outings: St-Sauveur water park and a day trip to Mont Tremblant village and ziplining. This outdoor adventure will take place at the beautiful Girl Guide Camp Wa-Thik-Ane, in Quebec's Laurentian region. BC's patrol will gather in Vancouver on August 2 for a team briefing and will have three days of sightseeing after the camp.

When: August 2–13, 2019

Where: Quebec



Sisterhood of Guiding

Three Members, Three Viewpoints

Ayla (“A.J.”), 11, joined Guides this year for the first time. She’s loving it! And the Dragon Lake Guides, Quesnel District, Rivers North Area, are loving her bubbly enthusiasm for the Guide program. Here’s how A.J. understands the Guiding Law.

Sisterhood of Guiding Ayla

Sisterhood of Guiding

Including all girls

Sing songs

Thinking of others

Experience adventures

Reach your potential

Help others

Outdoor fun

Opportunity

Diversity

Emily, the district commissioner and a Sparks Guider in Renfrew District, West Coast Area, reacts to the remark “You’re from Girl Guides? You’re the cookie people!” that she’s heard since she was a Spark. She cares deeply about how the public perceives Guiding, and this poem is her call to action.

Girl Guides Are So Much More than Cookies

Emily Chan

When someone learns you’re in Girl Guides, there’s one thing they might do:

They might ask if they can buy Girl Guide cookies from you.

Or they’ll mention activities—you know, cooking and knitting.

Do they imagine all we do is cross-legged sitting?

They don’t mention the camping and the girls’ constant learning;

How the topics we learn leave the girls’ minds churning.

How Girl Guides makes spaces for girls to grow by great length,

By being surrounded by women who demonstrate strength.

The girls in our units inspire us every week.

Opportunities they’ll take, and answers they’ll seek.

And beyond the units themselves, Girl Guides spreads wide,

Advocating across the world for girls’ safety and pride.

Most people are surprised that us Guiders aren’t paid,

But our payment is knowing the difference we’ve made.

The program’s girl-driven, truly girls empowered,

And you’ll bet each opportunity is devoured.

Next time you hear assumptions about Girl Guides to you,

You can share to them about all that we do.

Mention what’s nurtured when girls have meaningful talks,

And when they ask if we sell cookies—yes we do. They’re five dollars a box.



More to Think about on Thinking Day

Maureen Martine, Monashee Area

On Thinking Day 2018, my 15-year-old daughter, who is a Ranger, and I talked about our unit challenge to spread the word of Guiding to at least five people. Dressed in my Guider shirt, I went to the school in Cranbrook where I manage a daycare and afterschool program, as well as work as an education assistant. I joked with my co-Guider that by 9 a.m. I had told many more than five people about Guiding. (Working in a school makes it easy!)

I was surprised to be pulled from class at about 9:30 a.m. to take a phone call from our local hospital. My husband had fallen at work, and I needed to get to the ER. He had sustained severe internal injuries and needed to be flown to Kelowna; if I wanted to go I had to leave with him immediately. My husband and I had just celebrated our 19th anniversary a week earlier, and we are rarely apart from our kids. My mom and his mom were able to help care for our two children (ages 8 and 15), who had no clue as to what had happened.

We ended up being in Kelowna for five days. The ICU nurses did all they could to make me comfortable with a cot next to his bed as I had no way to commute or pay for a hotel. Not only was I alone and devastated about my husband's injuries and about being apart from our family, but I also had nothing but the clothes—my wonderful Guider shirt—I had put on that morning.

My co-Guiders and best friends, Tamara Mclean and Nycki Wannamaker, wanted to help me and hug me. They knew if they reached out to other Guiders that they would come through ... and they did. On the third day of our stay, Barb showed up in the ICU, asking for me. She had a large bag overflowing with things I so desperately needed, like a change of clothes, toothbrushes and toothpaste, hair brush, deodorant! I was so happy. And there were things I didn't realize I needed, like pajamas and slippers, a colouring book with felts and pencil crayons (I am an admitted addict), cards and books to read. My co-Guiders know me better than I know myself sometimes. Most lovely of all was a card signed by Monashee Area Guiders Barb Wilson, Julie Thomson and my co-Guider Tamara. I felt loved immediately and felt my friends' arms around me. Barb didn't stay long, but I appreciate the time she took to help someone she had never met who is in this sisterhood we call Guiding.

Three days later we travelled home to Cranbrook, where my husband was in our local hospital for three weeks. Our family is complete; for that I am truly thankful. Rob is doing well and has recently returned to work. He's so supportive of Guiding

activities and the time I volunteer. He saw the power of this wonderful sisterhood. I'm so proud that I am a member of this amazing organization.

To all the Guiders who texted and called, hugged me when they saw me or just asked how he was, thank you from the bottom of my heart. Knowing you all cared so much helped me get through. When I thought I had no family, Guiding showed me that you always have family!

Tamara, Nycki, Barb and Julie, you are what Guiding is all about. Thank you, ladies.



Alberta Girls' Parliament 2018



This event, run by Alberta Council, aims to inform young women about how the parliamentary system works. Girls learn about parliamentary debate and how caucus works by attending party caucus meetings prior to each debate. They also learn how to debate and develop their arguments. BC Council and the BC Program Committee support two Rangers from BC to attend this event each year.

Alberta Girls' Parliament is held annually in March, and applications are sent to Rangers in November of the prior year. Rangers, keep an eye on your email inboxes in November 2018 for information about the 2019 event.

Natalie, 1st Chilco Rangers, Rivers North Area

I heard about Alberta Girls' Parliament (AGP) from my leader. Immediately my interest spiked. A camp in Edmonton, reimbursed travel, a topic I was interested in—it was like a dream camp! I spent over a week on my application, making sure it

was as perfect as it could be. When I got the email that I had been accepted, I hadn't thought I would get in, so this was even more amazing!

On the first night, we did some ice breaker activities and elected our whips [the person in a political party caucus who, among other responsibilities, keeps track of party members' attendance in the legislature]. I was elected co-whip for the Opposition. My duty was to do roll call any time we had to be together, like when we got on a bus, gathered for meals and had caucus meetings. It was really good for me because I learned the names of all the people!

Going to the legislature was really cool—we heard stories about the architecture of the buildings and sat in on a bit of a debate! Our formal opening was also really cool because the lieutenant-governor was there!

For our first debate, Opposition argued for the resolution: Be it resolved that Alberta government use tax dollars to reduce the price on water-efficient appliances. We went



Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta, Her Honour, the Honourable Lois Mitchell, with BC delegates Natalie (left) and Elizabeth (right).

in circles with our points of “How will low-income families afford these appliances, which are more expensive than appliances that aren’t water efficient?” and “This bill will help low-income families afford these appliances, which will make their water bills smaller.”

Opposition argued against the next resolution: Be it resolved that the minimum age to purchase marijuana once it is legalized be 18. We argued that the minimum age be 25, but we lost.

The next day, Opposition argued for the resolution that a four-day work week be mandatory in the Province of Alberta, and we argued against the resolution that all Alberta universities have standard tuition fees per program for all Alberta students. Government won the debates, but it was still really fun.

We had a service project one evening—providing toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner and soap to a community in the Northwest Territories, Gameti, which doesn’t have access to a lot of supplies. And on the final evening, we went to a trampoline park, which was really cool since I had never been to one! When we got back, we were allowed to stay up as long as we wanted. We had a talent show,

which spiralled into a poetry reading thing, but it was a lot of fun for everyone involved.

Our fun debate, “It’s the year 3018, and the government wants to place tracking chips into the skin behind the ear of youth born in 3019 or later,” turned out to be strange, but it was still hilarious and full of joking around since we had all brought stuffed animals as extra team members, and posters and fake history and statistics!

At our closing ceremony, we were given our certificates. It turned out that I was the person who spoke the most!

I met new people, made new friends, stepped outside of my comfort zone, got to do things I wouldn’t normally do and learned new skills. I learned from guest speakers such as Noreen Remtulla, Youth Forum Adviser; Shannen Hoffman, AGP Adviser Emeritus; and Alyssa Moore, Equal Voice Canada! This is going to be a lifelong memory, and I will keep the skills I learned from this camp forever.

Elizabeth, 1st North Delta Rangers, Fraser Skies Area

Amazing, empowering, fun: these are the words that come to mind while I reflect back on my week at AGP. When I got

my itinerary, I was a little unsure. I had signed up to learn more about Parliament but realized that it was mostly debating. However, I was determined to turn the experience into a learning opportunity, and I am happy to say that not only did I learn more about provincial politics but I am also better at expressing my ideas and at public speaking.

Every person I met was supportive and kind, whether a guest speaker, delegate, page, executive or leader. I knew I was going to make close friends. My first activities included pizza, a game and caucus. At caucus you really get to connect with the other delegates in your group. I was in Government, so I got the chance to work with the premier and deputy premier of AGP. These women came with the energy and leadership to help even the shyest of people get talking. Our executives really helped everyone to be involved in the debates and to feel that what the delegates had to say mattered.

The second day involved practising for opening, a tour of the legislature building and a practice debate. A movie showcasing the history of Canada’s government, a presentation on the Japanese internment

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AGP delegates posing with Alyssa Moore, from Equal Voice Canada. Photos: Natalie H.



Everyone in auditorium, seated in their debate positions.

camp and an interactive display about the legislative buildings and its traditions were thought provoking and interesting. We got a guided tour of the actual legislative building, met the speaker of the house, watched question period, learned about the history of the building and saw many important political figures. The guest speaker was a powerful speaker and left us with a lasting impression and a motto for our week: be bold. One memory of

the tour I will cherish is that the deputy premier, Sarah Hoffman, sent us a page.

During our first practice debate I was so nervous, but finally talked, and I am so glad I did. I loved AGP because everyone is so supportive of each other's points.

Our third day was another busy day that started with a trip to West Edmonton Mall, which was great, and another amazing guest speaker. She gave us great ideas about how we could pursue a future in politics or support other women in politics in our communities. After that was the official opening of Parliament where the actual lieutenant-governor showed up! I loved that we were able to have such an amazing woman open Parliament for us and that the opening was so official. The traditions were completed exactly as they're done in Parliament. After the opening, we had our first official debate. Many people came to watch, which was lovely! After our debate we talked about the elections. All the girls were so supportive of everyone who ran, and everyone who ran was an amazing candidate.

Different activities made the most of the last day. First thing, we had caucus, a guest speaker and a debate. After lunch we had a really special Guides' Own. We told the leaders what we liked about the camp, suggested ideas for next year and complimented all the other girls. The activity was filled with positivity. After this was another debate, a banquet and the trampoline park!

All too soon, it was our last morning, but we still had lots of activities! Elections, caucus, a fun debate, one final presentation from a guest speaker and then it was time for closing of the 47th session of AGP.

I grew so much and made many new friends from all over Canada. I will treasure the memories. I really recommend anyone who is interested in politics or debating to apply next year because it is an amazing, once-in-a-lifetime chance.



Gone Home

Jeanne Berdan, Lillooet
Mary Caple, Sechelt
Thelma Clark, Nanaimo/Victoria
Dorothy Hearn, Salmo
Florence (Babs) Jones, Creston
Elaine Killam, North Saanich
Wendy LaBrie, Kamloops
Aaliyah Rosa (girl member), Langley



AWARDS

BC Award

Gerry Koepke, *Burnaby*

Medal of Merit

Maura Lum, *Surrey*

Roanna McCormack, *Cowichan Bay*

Gold Merit

Carol Gamey, *Saanichton*

Sarah Grierson Bishop, *North Vancouver*

Deborah Hall, *North Vancouver*

Stephanie Mann, *Burnaby*

Beth McCormack, *Surrey*

Gillian McCormack, *Gold River*

Colleen McKenna, *Victoria*

Barbara Munsie, *Vancouver*

Tereasa Regehr, *Chilliwack*

Silver Merit

Emily Chan, *Vancouver*

Van Chau, *Langley*

Susan Christman, *Victoria*

Fiona Daubaras, *North Vancouver*

Heather Denusik, *New Westminster*

Katey Kyle, *Kelowna*

Linda Love, *Chilliwack*

Tracy Mcrae, *Vancouver*

Sandi Smith, *Aldergrove*

Michelle Winsor, *Victoria*

Bronze Merit

Alanna Fitzgerald, *Kelowna*

Cassandra Herbert, *Victoria*

Elizabeth Hunt, *Vancouver*

Carissa Konesky, *Burnaby*

Cate McEachern, *Burnaby*

Taamisah Mitha, *Richmond*

Stephanie Monk, *Burnaby*

Jane Read, *Burnaby*

Melissa Scheffelmaier, *Kelowna*

Robyn So, *New Westminster*

Brianna Stefanik, *Richmond*

Beth Whalen, *Burnaby*

Laurie Wilson, *Burnaby*

Book of Honour

Joy Anderson, *Castlegar*

Jean Bannerman, *Vancouver*

Barbara Gallant, *Maple Ridge*

Rosa Hossack, *Parksville*

Norma Johnson, *Smithers*

Ruth Seabloom, *Comox*

Honorary Life

Alison Speirs, *Madeira Park*

Beaver

Robyn McDonald, *Surrey*

Fortitude

Nancy Bothamley, *Nanaimo*

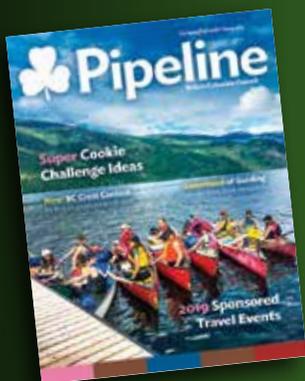
Cheryl Hancock, *Kelowna*

Gail Moersch, *North Vancouver*

Gail Rose, *Kelowna*

Barbara Wood, *Campbell River*

NOTE: The awards list is created from the iMIS database. If an award was presented but not entered in iMIS before the *Pipeline* submission date, it will not be included here.



Pipeline is Available Online!

Issues of *Pipeline* from 2014 to the present are available at www.bc-girlguides.org; select *Volunteers* > *Guider Resources* > *Pipeline*. Note: Issues are available as PDF files and are about 10 MB in size.



For All
Branches
of Guiding!

Super Cookie Challenge

Van Chau, BC Program Committee

Girl Guide cookies are the official fundraiser of Girl Guides of Canada, and it is essential that the girls and Guiders understand their importance. Through cookie sales, Girl Guides of Canada can provide many opportunities to girl members and Guiders by offering supplementary program challenges, national and international trips, girl events and training events.

This challenge encourages girls and Guiders to explore the power of Girl Guide cookies. It is a great way to do some fun hands-on activities and to meet various program requirements while earning a super cute crest! The requirements for the challenge can be easily done in one or two meetings. We encourage Guiders doing the challenge with their units to use a variety of methods when presenting the concepts to the girls. Some ideas include using skits, discussions, displays and other visual aids. Activities can be modified or adapted for your branch level. Think outside the cookie box and have fun!

There are six main components to the challenge: The History of Girl Guide Cookies, Cookie Information, Essential Life Skills with Cookie Selling, Cookie Selling and Public Relations, Think Outside the Cookie Box and Cookies Around the World. This challenge is a fun and exciting way to work on program that gets the girls interested in cookies. We have included photos of how different parts of the Super Cookie Challenge have been completed by units around BC.

For the full challenge, go to www.bc-girlguides.org; select *Girl Engagement > Program > Program Challenges*, and select *Program Challenges > Super Cookie Challenge* from the drop-down menu. Upon completion of the challenge, the Super Cookie Challenge crest and GGC Cookie USB may be ordered through the provincial office; please note that they are available while supplies last. Remember to send in five photos and one testimonial write-up of the different Cookie Creations to crests@bc-girlguides.org.



Bake-Off with Girl Guide Cookie Recipes

Pick a recipe from the Girl Guides of Canada website or the internet and have a bake-off.

34th West Point Grey Guides, West Coast Area.
Photos: Angela d'Eon

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1st Peninsula Guides, Fraser Skies Area.
Photo: Lisa Wechzelberger

Make Cookie Concession Boxes

Make concession boxes to carry cookie boxes for a door-to-door blitz. Add fun and colourful clip art to decorate the concession boxes.



1st Telegraph Trail Pathfinders, Fraser Skies Area.
Photo: Van Chau



1st View Royal Brownies, South Vancouver Island Area.
Photo: Colleen McKenna



31st Peninsula Guides, Fraser Skies Area.
Photo: Lisa Wechzelberger

Play Cookie Twister

Play fun games to get girls active and moving around while learning about cookies.

Sell Cookies at Booths

Make creative and eye-catching signs to draw customers' attention.



1st Telegraph Trail Pathfinders, Fraser Skies Area.
Photo: Van Chau



28th Burnaby Lakes Guides, West Coast Area.
Photo: Barbara Cherry

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Craft with Cookie Boxes

Upcycle and reuse cookie boxes and cases for different crafts to cover program challenges. For example, make a miniature doll house with a cookie case.



28th Burnaby Lakes Guides, West Coast Area.
Photo: Barbara Cherry

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Craft Cookie Box Designs

Have girls put on their thinking hats and get creative. Have them design their own Girl Guide cookie boxes.



1st Monarch Brownies.
Photo: Stephanie Beresh



1st Monarch Brownies.
Photo: Stephanie Beresh

Sample Cookies from Around the World

Exchange cookies with a Girl Scout troop from the United States, or buy some boxes of cookies from our sisters in Guiding to show them our support. Get to know their cookie flavours by playing a game with their cookies.



1st View Royal Brownies, South Vancouver Island Area. Photo: Colleen McKenna

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Hands Across the Border 2018

BC International Committee

On Sunday, June 10, 2018, the BC International Committee joined about 1,500 members of Girl Guides, Girl Scouts, Scouts Canada and Scouts of America in celebration at Peace Arch Park in White Rock. Under (thankfully!) dry skies, everyone gathered together to learn more about each other and do what we do best—trade! The large flags above the arch were raised, and both national anthems were sung as we celebrated our sister- and brotherhood. Many Guides and Scouts learned about each other, compared badges and swapped stories about how the badges were earned.

The International Committee was tasked with finding and outfitting a colour party to lead the parade through the arch. Our committee has a collection of almost 150 flags, representing almost every member country of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. Almost 75 girls marched in the colour party, making for picture-perfect moments. Each girl received a special Hands Across the Border crest for her participation.

All too soon the event was over. Some Girl Guides had been up since 4 a.m. to get to the event from Vancouver Island! With tired smiles and flags waving, the girls emptied quickly out of the park—you would have never known just how many people had been there!

To see photos of the event and for more information, visit the International Peace Arch Association website at www.handsacrosstheborder.info. The BC International Committee hopes to see you next year!



NEW! Camp Skills Day Challenge An Area- or Team-Hosted Camp

BC Camping Committee

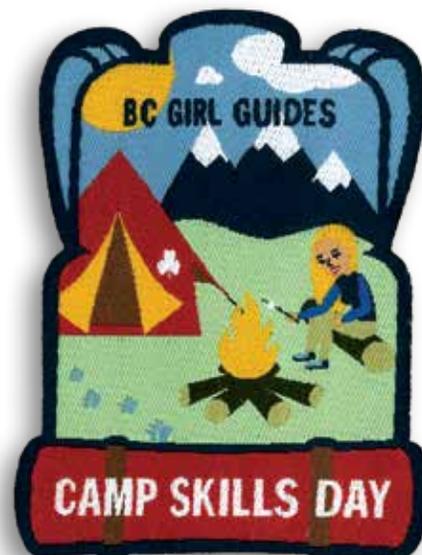
The Camp Skills Day program objective is to introduce and teach basic camping skills to newer Guides and their Guiders, to help motivate them to want to camp in tents and to increase their interest to camp more often while having fun in a camping environment. Basic camping skills include outdoor cooking using propane stoves, buddy burners and box ovens; tent care; shelter building and tarping; menu planning; basic compass use; and camp planning.

The challenge package includes suggestions for the area's planning timeline, templates for registration information and a registration form, suggestions for program sessions and itinerary, templates for session

selection forms and session registration forms, and information including necessary equipment, supplies, participant numbers and possible activities.

The complete challenge can be found on the BC Girl Guides website at www.bc-girlguides.org; select *Girl Engagement > Camping > Camping Challenges > Camping Challenges > Camp Skills Day Challenge*. When you have fulfilled the challenge requirements, please fill out the BC Crest Order Form available on the website. Instructions on how to order the crests are provided on the form.

We encourage every group to submit pictures and a write-up of their activities



to the BC Camping Committee to be used in *Headlamp*, our newsletter. Please email them to headlamp.bc.ggc@gmail.com.

Camp Skills Challenge *in Action*

Ottergrove District spent a sunny weekend at Ponder Park, in Aldergrove, learning new camp skills planned by the Rangers and Pathfinders in the district. They were very proud of their accomplishments.

To start, we reviewed the “Progression of Camping Skills” from Girl Guides of Canada—BC Council and put a plan into action of what skills to teach the Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders.

After deciding on the skills to teach, the

Rangers wrote up learning plans for each activity. The learning plans contained all the information that the Pathfinders would require to run a station, including a gathering activity, supplies and teaching points. The 1st Pathfinder Unit took on the task of teaching these skills. They reviewed the learning plans, worked in their own suggestions for how to cover the teaching points and practised delivering the content. This was a great opportunity to see the Pathfinders in action, searching for activities and working together to create

a fun learning experience for the younger Guiding members.

We could not have asked for better camping weather, and when camp began on Friday evening the Pathfinders assisted the younger Guiding members to ensure the tents were set up and lashed down correctly. This took some time, as many of the Guides had not set up tents before, so it was a wonderful hands-on learning opportunity. We then sat down to a wonderful spaghetti dinner prepared by our one Ranger in attendance. With full bellies and after a little relaxation round the campfire, we all headed to bed to get a good night’s sleep before our very full day would begin. It only took a few hours for the giggling girls to settle.

The morning was bright and beautiful, and each group prepared their own breakfast on camp stoves, some cooking for the very first time. After our pancakes and bacon, the girls washed their own dishes (and leader dishes, too) and practised the three-bin dishwashing method. At every teaching opportunity, our Pathfinders stepped up to help ensure their fellow campers were supported in their learning.



Photos: Ottergrove District Guiders

One Pathfinder took on the task of teaching storm lashing to the Guides and other Pathfinders. They learned the taut-line hitch and how to properly lash down the tent to keep it in place during stormy weather.

Mid-morning, the Brownies arrived to join the fun. Since a few of them were spending the night, they set up their tent and then the activities began. The Pathfinders ran a station teaching compass navigation and trail signs through fun games and activities. The second Pathfinder-run station taught the Brownies and Guides knots and gadget building.

Lunch was grilled cheese made on buddy burners. Many of the members, including a few Pathfinders and leaders, had never cooked on a buddy burner before.



The afternoon brought the Sparks in on the fun. The participants were split into groups of three so all the Sparks, Brownies and Guides would have the opportunity to learn at each station. The Pathfinders ran a station on fire safety and match lighting. It was wonderful to see the look of accomplishment come over a Spark's face when she lit a match and the candle, even though she had been scared to try. The Pathfinders were encouraging and supportive and shared in high-fives upon every successful lighting of the candle!

Our Ranger in attendance took the groups off for a little nature exploration and discussion about local plant life. The girls



loved exploring the flora and fauna, and at the end all were aware of what stinging nettle looks like and what you can do to soothe the sting!

One of the leaders at camp ran a session on wide games. The girls and leaders learned a few new games that required little or no supplies but produced squeals (and moos) of delight. After lots of running and playing in the bright sunshine, they took a few minutes to lie back in the soft grass and watch the clouds go by.

Dinner was eaten together as a district, and all participants helped prepare it. The Guides helped to teach the Brownies and Sparks the three-bin dishwashing method

and to hang up their dippy bags.

The group then walked into the woods to a wonderful campfire setting overlooking the valley. The Ranger and second-year Pathfinders led a formal campfire complete with opening, skits and active songs before quieting down and ending with "Taps." After our campfire, it was time for our Spark and Brownie friends to head home, and the groups who were spending the night prepared s'mores over the campfire. More singing erupted, and some of the younger Pathfinders took the lead in an enthusiastic round of "There Ain't No Flies on Us," which was echoed by the Sparks and Brownies heading home.

The girls finally headed back to their tents for a few more minutes of whispering and giggling before they slept. The night unfortunately brought some showers, but all participants were snug and dry in their tents.

Morning brought the last teaching session, as the girls and leaders learned to ensure their tents were clean and dry before packing up. The end of a wonderful weekend had come. We took a moment during closing to just listen to the sounds of nature and focus on one sound. We took that sound home with us to remind us of our fun learning weekend and the wonders of the world around us. And the girls are excited for the next camp!

CWFF Pizza Challenge 2019



Are you looking for ways to incorporate international Guiding into your meeting? Does your unit love pizza? Then this challenge is for you. The BC International Committee challenges your unit to find a unique way to fundraise for the Canadian World Friendship Fund. Some past ideas include a community carnival and a multi-unit used book sale. Some units have encouraged the girls' entrepreneurial spirit by hosting a bake sale or craft sale. Once your unit has completed its fundraiser, fill out the CWFF Pizza Challenge entry form found on the BC Girl Guides website at www.bc-girlguides.org; select *Girl Engagement > International > International Challenges > CWFF Pizza Challenge*. Send the completed form to the provincial International Committee at bc.pizza.challenge@gmail.com, and forward the money to your district treasurer.

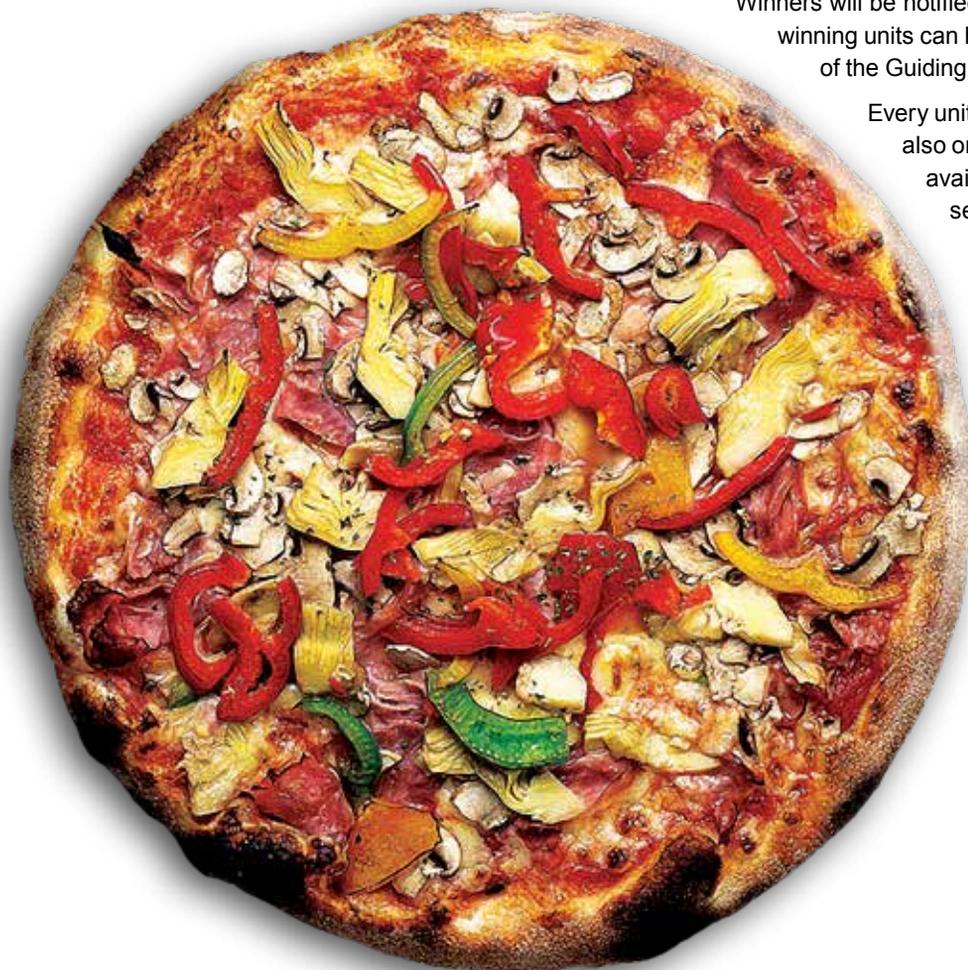
There will be a prize for one unit in each level of Guiding. The unit in each branch that collects the most money per unit member (including Guiders) will win up to \$100 to be used for a pizza party for the unit. That means a Sparks unit, a Brownie unit, a Guide unit, a Pathfinder unit and a Ranger unit can each win up to \$100 for a pizza party. An additional prize of up to \$100 for a pizza party will be awarded to the BC unit that uses the most original fundraising activity in this challenge.

Entries must be received by the provincial International Committee by March 31, 2019.

Winners will be notified by the end of April 2019, so that the winning units can have their pizza parties before the end of the Guiding year.

Every unit that participates in this challenge can also order the CWFF Pizza Challenge crest, available from the BC Girl Guide website; select *Girl Engagement > International > International Challenges > BC Challenge Crest, Pin and Camp To Go Order Form*.

The winners of the 2018 CWFF Pizza challenge are the 8th Mission Sparks from Lougheed Area, the 129th Brownies from West Coast Area, the 5th Mission Guides from Lougheed Area and the 1st Arrowsmith Pathfinders from Pacific Shores Area. No Ranger applications were received. The award for the most creative fundraising goes to the 1st Grouse Sparks, Lions Area, who held a book sale.

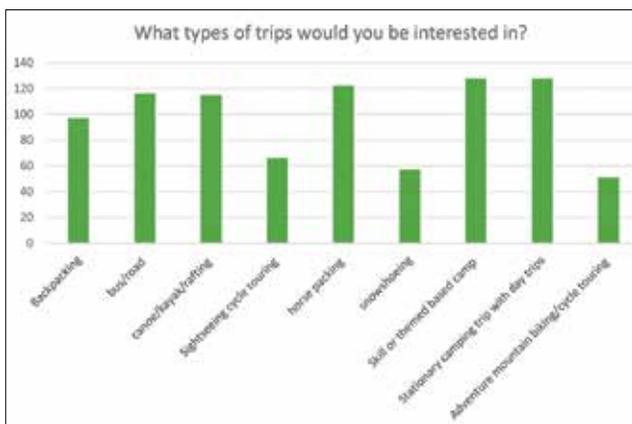


Girls Speak ... about Camping BC Camping Committee

The BC Camping Committee's job is to promote and support camping and the outdoors. We create tools and resources such as Camps to Go, Instant Meetings and the *Headlamp* newsletter. We organize provincial training and support district and area trainings. And we implement camping opportunities for girls at the provincial level, both selected independent opportunities and patrol-based events.

In order to ensure that the camping trips and events we host for the girls are what the girls want, the BC Camping Committee surveyed Guides, Pathfinders and Rangers in BC. We had 490 responses about what the girls want! We would like to share with you what the girls say.

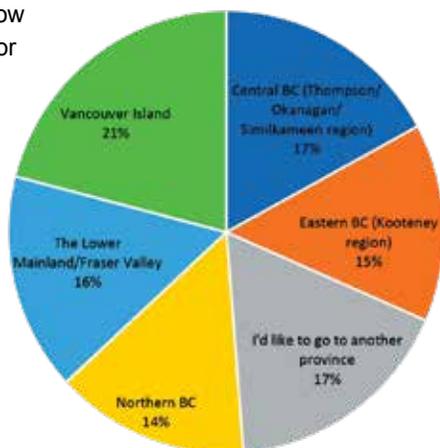
Types of trips: We wanted to know where the girls' interests lay. Is it in adventure trips or travel touring, or is it theme/skills based? It turns out that girls have varied interests—from adventure trips to stationary camps with day trips.



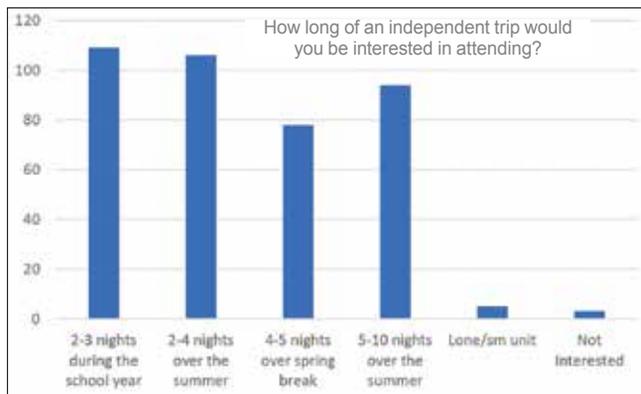
Location of trips:

We wanted to know if an area of BC (or out of province) was of particular interest to the girls. There was lots of interest to explore different parts of our province, as well as out of province.

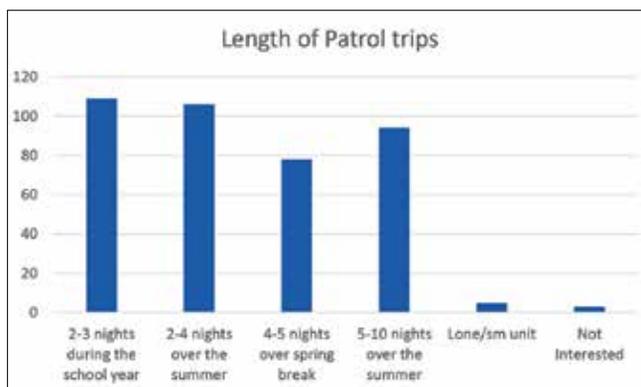
Where do you want to travel?



Independent trips: We know girls are busy, and they all have varied schedules. There are lots of different preferences for lengths of trips and times of the year for travel.

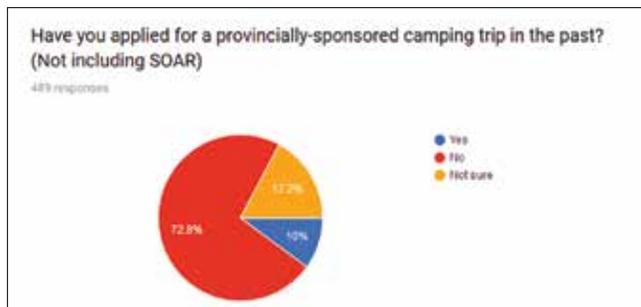


Patrol trips: Girls are very interested in patrol-style camps, such as Mix It Up, where they get to come with their friends and Guiders they know. Their preferences for lengths of trips and times of the year for travel vary.



Applications: We have camp and travel opportunities in the works for summer 2019, and we need the girls to apply for them. Summer camps in 2018 were in danger of being cancelled due to a lack of applications!

We look forward to receiving lots of applications and to sending girls on amazing camps and trips.





SAVE THE DATE



BC Girl Guides at the Canucks 2019



Sunday, January 20, 2019

1 p.m.

Vancouver Canucks vs. Detroit Red Wings

- Discount tickets available to all members of BC Girl Guides and their families
- Custom crest to first 250 members in uniform
- Member-only draws for merchandise and future game tickets

For more information, contact

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Canucks jersey winner!

Photos: Sue Street



Cookies and Canucks—a great pairing!



Canucks mascot Fin the Whale poses with sisters Viena (left) and Makena (right), from Lougheed Area. Provincial PR adviser Sue Street is to Fin's right.



Ava, a **1st Fraser Lake Brownie, Rivers North Area**, sprayed water from a fire hose with a little help from Officer Paul Nadin (*right*) and Fire Chief Joe Pacheko (*left*). Police and fire rescue paid a visit to the unit's last meeting before the summer. The girls explored a fire truck, emergency response truck and police car and got to run through the mist created by the fire hose spray. Photo: Anna Clark



Pathfinders and Rangers from **Ottergrove District, Fraser Skies Area**, did a backpacking trip to Saysutshu–Newcastle Island. This was the first backpacking experience for many of the girls and they did well! Packing in all equipment and food, they learned how to pack lightly and efficiently. They spent the weekend exploring the island and discovering all its wildlife, including an otter on the dock as they arrived! They even walked over to Protection Island during low tide and discovered a HUGE moon snail. They can't wait for the next adventure! Photos: Deb Shaw



The **1st Elphinstone Rangers, Lions Area**, honed their axe skills with throwing lessons at Axe Monkeys. With techniques such as two-handed, one-handed and underhand throwing, many axes hit the targets. No bull's eyes but lots of fun nonetheless. Photo: Annalisa Adam



The **129th Brownies, West Coast Area**, enjoyed some park stewardship at Everett Crowley Park, in Vancouver. They dug up this giant pile of morning glory and enjoyed seeing who could pull the longest root! Photo: Helen Varga



The **1st Fernie Rangers, Elk Valley District, Kootenay Area**, taught the Fernie Brownies about bats and the benefits of having them around. This project contributed to the Rangers earning their Chief Commissioner's Gold awards. The Rangers fundraised and purchased the bat houses. After explaining basic woodworking safety precautions, such as wearing gloves and eye protection, the Brownies assembled the bat houses with the Rangers' help. The Brownies were

faster than anticipated, so the Rangers then led them in a game of camouflage. The Rangers had contacted the Wildsight organization for suggestions about where the best spots would be to place the bat houses in the community. They will meet with the Brownies to put up the bat houses together. Not only was this a great hands-on educational project for the Rangers and Brownies to give back to their community. Photo: Jennifer Thibodeau



The **3rd Wellington Guides, Nanaimo-Piper District, Pacific Shores Area**, worked on team, communication and leadership skills: in groups, they needed to move marshmallows between certain bowls using only straws; after that they just had fun. Photo: Jo Webster



The **34th Vancouver Guides and 36th Vancouver Brownies, West Coast Area**, held a bridging camp at Camp Olave, the beautiful Girl Guide waterfront camping facility on the Sunshine Coast. Photos: Angela d'Eon



The **Como Lake Rangers, Lougheed Area**, travelled to Whistler in May. They went ziplining, explored the village and walked around Lost Lake. It was an awesome adventure!

Photo: Carissa Konesky and Audrey Wang



Twelve **Kootenay Area Pathfinders and Rangers** met in Nelson to receive their Canada Cords and Chief Commissioner's Gold awards. Afterward, they celebrated with a zipline adventure on Kokanee Mountain. Photo: Heather Hall



The **5th Vancouver Guides, West Coast Area**, were busy last year. They tried a yoga class, woodworking using kits from Home Depot and synchronized swimming with the help of teachers from Pacific Wave Synchronized Swimming. And that's not the only new sport they learned: The UBC Quidditch team joined them on a cold dark night to teach them the game.



On a warm, sunny fall weekend, they went to Hollyburn Chalet, near Cypress Provincial Park, for their first camping trip of the year. Another weekend was spent at Richmond Guide House, where they completed six science badges as part of a really cool Super Science camp. Photos: Kathryn Murray Hoenig



Youth and adult members in **North Delta District, Fraser Skies Area**, helped the Cougar Canyon Streamkeepers turn a scrub forest behind a local high school back to rain forest. They pulled out blackberries, put down wood chips and a variety of flora, including sword ferns. Photo: Marlene Graham



The **4th Guides, Abbotsford District, Lougheed Area**, spent a weekly meeting discovering their community while walking in Willband Creek Park, in Abbotsford. They had fun being together and seeing all the ducks and birds in the area. They also discovered a geocache that was hidden along the path! Photo: Jennifer Berg



Lizzie, a **6th Telegraph Trail Brownie, in Langley, Fraser Skies Area**, sold a box of cookies to Caber, an accredited facility dog with the Delta Police Department. Caber is the first victim services facility dog in Canada! Follow Caber on Instagram: @k9caber. Photo: Kim Gramlich



The **2nd Parksville Guides, Pacific Shores Area**, made a day trip to Saysutshun (formerly Newcastle Island), off the coast of Nanaimo, for a fun day of hiking and nature exploring. The girls got a rare chance to cross back to Nanaimo on a catamaran. It was awesome!!! Photo: Valerie Froom



Susan Zutz presented **Heather McNeill** with her Gold Duke of Edinburgh pin at the **Pacific Shores Area** annual Guider Gathering. Heather successfully completed the requirements of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Program in Service, Skill, Physical Recreation and Adventurous Journey. The official certificate presentation will take place at a later date, with a member of the Royal Family or Official Representative (Governor General of Canada) presiding over the ceremony.

Photos: Valerie Froom



The **Pender Harbour Guides, Tetrahedron District, Lions Area**, had a taste of snowshoeing on Dakota Ridge, on the Sunshine Coast, in March. There was a lot of snow and very few people. They mostly had the trail to themselves but were overtaken by a group that included other adult Guiding members from Tetrahedron District! The girls were troopers and didn't complain when the fog rolled in and obscured the view of the ocean and inlet. Everyone had rosy cheeks and a smile when they completed the loop, and all said they want to try cross country skiing next. Photo: Anne Pino



Mary D'Isendoorn stands proudly with other longtime Guiding members, having just received her 60-year pin—on her 90th birthday—at the **Pacific Shores Area** annual Guider Gathering. Mary is a member of the Lunchkins Trefoil Guild and the Internet Trefoil Guild.



Susan Zutz (right), with Pacific Shores Acting Area Commissioner **Johanna Scott** (left), presented **Rosa Hossack** (centre) with a page in the Book of Honour at the **Pacific Shores Area** annual Guider Gathering.



Mahleah, a third-year Guide with **Mt. Paul Guides, Thompson Nicola Area**, did her heritage project for school on Guiding. She spent a month researching and putting it together. Her presentation, WAGGGS & Tales, was a success.

Photo: Heather Flack

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