

The Buffalo

Message from the Provincial Commissioner

Dare I say spring has sprung and warmer times are here?!?
Units are out selling cookies and thinking of ways to spend their profits like spring camps, sleepovers, badges, advancements and so much more.

It is also less than a month until our convention and AGM. To go with our theme this year (The Greatest Show: Guiding) we have just announced a special for Saturday night – a Guider talent show, highlighting our Guiders and their special talents. It is sure to be fun and we hope to see you there.

We still have a role on provincial council open for the Area Commissioner, Prairie Valley and I would encourage you to consider it, or consider a role on your District or Area Council. These positions offer you the opportunity to contribute to Guiding in a different way. I won't lie, these roles take time and may even take you away from working directly with the girls on occasion but you will be benefiting the girls in other ways such as keeping your area strong and vibrant. You will help them learn by watching you in your role and inspiring them to be like you. Do not be deceived, these roles have a huge impact on the girls, on your community and to Guiding in Manitoba.

The approach of the end of the Guiding year means we are coming to the end of our first year with Girls First. Many units have already made the switch to the new program and platform and are enjoying it. If you have not done so yet, give it a try. Reach out to your Girls First Champion to assist you and try a meeting or two with the new program – it's easier than you think. In September every unit will be utilizing the Girls First program and it will continue to grow and develop from your feedback to the team.

The end of the year is approaching but there are still a few months left before the "lazy days of summer" and with that there are many provincial events still schedule such as the International Cook-off, OAL training (residential, tenting and adventure), area banquets, Prairie Dog Central, spring clean-up and of course the ever popular Goldeyes sleepover. Check out the website for details and register your unit for more Guiding fun.

Finally, don't forget the Try Now Join Later program is now on. Encourage girls to bring a friend, talk to people you know who have always wanted to try Guiding and tell them now's the time. Let's continue to increase our membership for both girls and Guiders in Manitoba!

Krista Laberge, Provincial Commissioner

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We are very excited to share a special event that will be happening at our provincial convention.

My Magical Moon is a book of comfort, a book of hope, a book of love. For anyone who needs a little light in their lives. Beautifully illustrated with original artwork, the reader can take comfort that no matter the situation or difficulty being faced you will have that light to guide and comfort you.

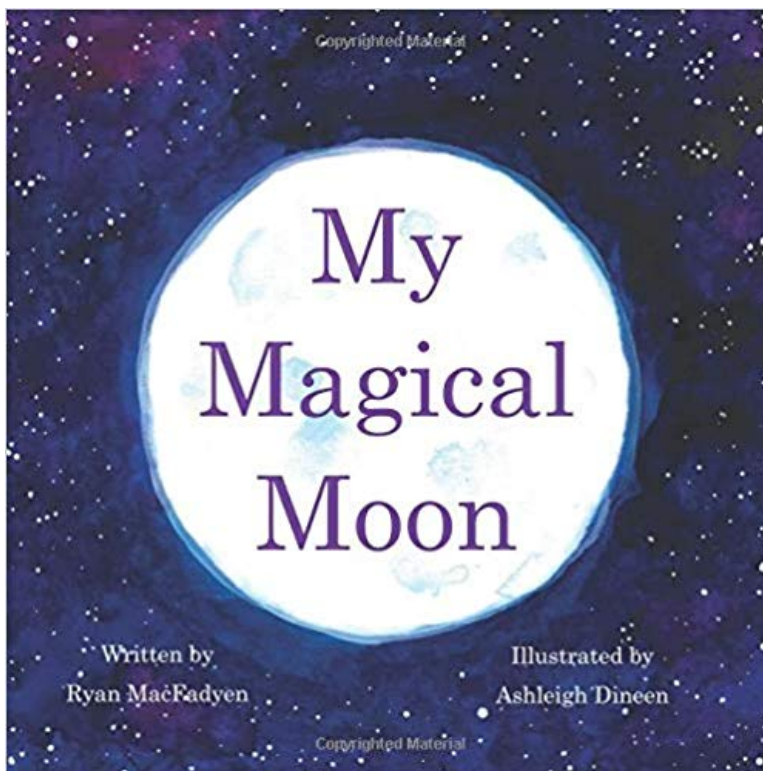
If you don't know already, our long-time sister in Guiding, Marlo Jurkowski was the inspiration for this book when she was diagnosed with breast cancer and her good friend Ryan MacFadyen wrote it to bring hope during this time. Ashleigh Dineen, another Manitoba Guider, did the beautiful illustrations in the book. To top it off, Ryan donates all proceeds to Girl Guides of Canada and Manitoba Cancer Care!

We are so fortunate to have Ryan and Marlo make a special appearance at our provincial convention to do a book signing followed by a reading. This event will take place on the Saturday evening of the convention weekend (April 27) with the signing beginning at 6:00 p.m. We invite everyone to be seated by 6:45 p.m. at which time we will do the reading followed by dinner.

We will also be raffling off a signed copy of the book along with a blanket titled "Sisters" which you can wrap up in while you enjoy the book. Marlo has chosen to have all proceeds split between Manitoba Guiding Scholarship and Travel funds. Tickets will be 1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00.

Ryan will have a limited number of copies of the book on hand so we encourage you to go online at Amazon.ca or stop by McNally Robinson in Winnipeg to pick up your cop(ies).

Amazon link - <https://www.amazon.ca/My-Magical-Moon-Ryan-MacFadyen/dp/199943370X>



GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA TALENT SHOW



Calling All Guiders! Your Provincial Ops Forum Team is looking for talented Guiders like you! We want to showcase just how special our Guiders are by hosting a talent show at our upcoming Provincial Annual Convention! We are looking forward to this being Guiding's Greatest Show – all we need is your help!

WHO: Wonderfully talented Guiders like YOU!

WHAT: Share a special talent that you have!

WHEN: Saturday April 27 AGM and Banquet

Send your 2 minute audition video to
mb-info@girlguides.ca and stay tuned to
GGC - MB social media for updates!

Upcoming Events for 2019

Manitoba Council still has a lot going on for the remainder of the 2018 - 2019 Guiding year! We are constantly updating the provincial website with details and new events – check in regularly is your best bet to stay informed!

Date	Event
April 12, 2019	Open Youth Forum Meeting
April 26 – 28, 2019	Provincial Annual Convention
May 5, 2019	Youth Awards
May 11, 2019	Prairie Dog Central
May 24 – 26, 2019	OAL Outdoor Camp Skills Training
May 25, 2019	International Cook Off
June 8, 2019	Goldeyes Sleepover

Diversity and Inclusivity Team

Have you heard about the Diversity and Inclusivity Team?

The Manitoba Diversity & Inclusivity Team was formed in the spring of last year with the goal to forge partnerships with organizations within the province to spread the message that Girl Guides is an inclusive organization and is open to all girls. Our goal is to provide resources for organizations that may have contact with girls and/or their parents as well as to open more funded units within our province. We are hoping to increase membership by bringing down the barriers to belonging to this fabulous organization.

We have currently developed a list of organizations that we feel would benefit from information about Girl Guides as well as organizations that we feel would be interested in forming a partnership with Girl Guides to offer programming. The next step is to make contact and see what we can do!

Please let Tamara (guidertamara@gmail.com) know if you have any suggestions for our list!

Cookies – Amy Wiens, Provincial Cookie Adviser

Cookies Are Here!!

As we all know the Classic Sandwich Cookies are out now and I am sure all levels of Guides have been finding new and creative ways to sell the yummy Classic Sandwich Cookies. The girls learn so many valuable life skills just by selling every campaign from money handling, street safety, teamwork, planning and responsibility just to name a few it almost seems like they should be awarded for their hard work. Well guess what, that is what Cookie All-Stars celebrates!

Cookie All-Stars is a national cookie selling reward initiative across Canada that celebrates and rewards the girls for being amazing sales people. This program is very little extra work for the Guider to do and it has huge benefit to both the girls earning the prizing and the unit with more cookies sold which results in more funds for unit activities. Cookie All-Star prizing is entered by each units Contact Guider only by signing into Member Zone Cookie All- Stars section and fill in the blanks and follow the drop downs as

soon as you enter the unit name all the girls should appear and you just have to fill out how many cases each girl sells remembering of course how many were sold as group sales so each girl can earn the group sales crest at least. Please remember you only have to MAY 1, 2019 to enter your units numbers for the prizing.

With Cookie All-Stars every girl gets a prize see the chart below:

# of Cases	Prizing	How prizing comes
0-7 cases	Certificate	Guider Prints off from www.girlguides.ca
7-14 cases	Crest	Comes in mail to Contact Guider
15-29 cases	Crest & \$25 Movie Voucher	Comes in mail to Contact Guider
30-39 cases	Crest & \$75 Indigo Gift Card	Comes in mail to Contact Guider
40-79 cases	Crest & \$125 Amazon Gift Card	Comes in mail to Contact Guider
80+ cases	Crest + Camp Kit (value approx. \$300) or \$250 Amazon gift card	Shipped directly to Individual Recipient
Group Sales of over 20 Cases	Group Sales Crest (for those that Participated in Group Sales)	Comes in mail to Contact Guider

If you have any questions as to what is Individual Sales versus Group Sales or any other questions regarding Cookie All-Stars and how to enter prizing please read under the Cookie All-Stars section on the Girl Guides of Canada website.

Become a Trainer! – Sherry Thom, Provincial Training Adviser

We are looking for Guiders who love to share their resources and expertise with others! We'd love for you to consider becoming a Trainer.

Become a Trainer and you can help other Guiders to deliver great experiences to girls. A Trainer is an inspiring volunteer who helps other volunteers learn skills to help them be even better catalyst for girls empowering girls!

Who can become a Girl Guide Trainer?

Any active current member of Girl Guides can apply to become a Trainer Candidate.

How do I get more information about becoming a Girl Guide Trainer?

If you are interested in finding out more information about the trainer candidate process and the time commitment required, please contact mb-training@girlguides.ca.

Manitoba Youth Forum now on Instagram!



Follow us @mb_youthforum to:

- ♣ Hear about upcoming events such as camps, open night meetings and Youth Forum applications!
- ♣ Connect and share your ideas with us!
- ♣ Participate in challenges and questions posed by Youth Forum to have your voice heard!
- ♣ Join us in girl-driven opportunities and experiences.

Safe Guide Updates – Jackie Hritzuk, Provincial Safe Guide Adviser

Spring is coming and that means more camps, sleepovers and all sorts of other interesting activities! This is a very busy time for assessors and Monika so please ensure your Safe Guide forms are submitted a minimum of 2 weeks prior to your activity for yellow level and 3 weeks for red level. It is also a good practice to review your forms before submitting them. All questions/statements should have a response (exception is a few boxes on page 2 of the SG.3). Challenge yourself to submit them correctly the first time!!

As well, many of you have been asking about protocol when transporting girls. National will be posting some guidelines to the Safe Guide page in Member Zone soon. Check it out for who requires liability insurance, entering/exiting a vehicle, booster seats, long distance travel and more.

Fun times with Manitoba Youth Forum – Samara Schenkeveld, Manitoba Youth Forum Member

The Manitoba Youth Forum was so excited to host a Thinking Day / Survival Camp for 3rd year Pathfinders and Rangers this past February!

Attendees participated in a day full of outdoor fun, quick thinking Pictionary, and creating friendship bracelets for Sangam! Highlights of the weekend include a Thinking Day Trivia (Can you name all 5 Guiding World Centres?), digging through snow to find hidden clues during the scavenger hunt, a race to build a fire and pop popcorn over it, and taking a walk through the woods looking for animal tracks. Other featured activities included racing down a toboggan run on tubes, cross country skiing through the trails, and being wrapped like a burrito while learning about wilderness safety from Search and Rescue. The night wrapped up with an escape room challenge, seeing the big dipper and sharing songs over a campfire. It was all around a great weekend.

If you have never been to camp Koinonia before, this is definitely a place you should consider camping! It is further away from the Winnipeg area (approximately 3-3.5 hours) than other camps, but the service, facility, and scenery is absolutely perfect. Our host made delicious home-cooked meals for us, was very accommodating with regards to food allergies and restrictions, as well as with rental requests. The facility was well kept with lots of space for activities and overnight accommodation. The view of the woods and the frozen lake created a peaceful weekend get-away. Thank you so much for the accommodation, Camp Koinonia!

Big thanks to the Manitoba Youth Forum for their efforts in the planning and implementation of the event. Thanks to the Guiders who volunteered their weekend to spend it with us. Another big thanks goes out to all of the Pathfinders and Rangers who joined us this weekend – we hope you had as much fun as we did! Stay tuned for future events hosted by the Manitoba Youth Forum – we would love to see you there!

Overall, a fun, enjoyable and successful weekend all around!



Ah Spring... Time for Camp! – Sandra Eaton, Provincial Camping Adviser

It's that time of year again, time to start planning for camps or other outdoor activities with your unit. Sometimes the planning and execution ends up becoming a boring chore or you feel like you get stuck in a rut of doing the same things repeatedly, year after year. Why not try something new this year? Here are some ideas that may give you a fresh take for your unit this spring!

Try out a new campground - all Manitoba Provincial Parks will allow you to book for very low cost if you tell them you are booking for girl guides. Check out https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/pubs/parks-protected-spaces/group_use.pdf for more information about which parks have group use available.

Try a bridging camp – get together with another a branch and do some planning together. It can be a good opportunity for your second or third year girls to see what the next branch is all about or to let your older girls develop their leadership skills in an outdoor setting.

Try a totally girl led camp – a spring camp is a great opportunity to leap into the girl-driven approach of our new girls first program. If you feel the monotony of the same spring camp, let the girls spark new ideas and run with them. You may be surprised by what they come up with!

Try a themed camp – themes can help create unity through all the activities and meals of your camp. Here are some ideas: game show camp, Harry Potter camp (or other favourite book/movie series camp), survivor camp, fear factor camp (or other reality show camp), travel around the world camp, animal camp, or try including some splashing around – did you know that standing or exploring in shallow water where the water level is below mid-calf on all participants and the water is calm (e.g. slow moving river, creek, wading pool, etc.) is a green level activity? Spending a bit of time splashing and wading can be a great way to cool off in the hot afternoon sun!

As always, feel free to contact mb-camping@girlguides.ca if you have any questions, would like some mentorship through a camp planning or execution or if you are looking for some more fresh ideas!



Scholarships!

Did you know that Manitoba Council offers four amazing scholarship opportunities to girls in Guiding? Did you also know that now is the perfect time to be submitting your applications?

Three of our scholarship opportunities have not passed their deadlines yet and are as follows:

The [Award of Excellence Scholarship](#) deadline is approaching fast and is on May 15th, 2019.

The [Full-Time Enrollment Bursary](#) deadline is August 31st, 2019.

The [Part-Time Enrollment Bursary](#) deadline is August 31st, 2019.

To find more information about these scholarship opportunities and if you qualify please visit the [provincial website](#).



Sturgeon District Winter Camp

The weekend of March 15-17th Sturgeon District did a winter Camp at Camp Nutimik. We had nearly 70 girls from 4 Guide and 2 Pathfinder units from our district participate which was wonderful! Friday was just getting settled into our cabins and lodge. Saturday started with a great breakfast and then right into our round robin activities for the morning. Morning activities were Tube Sliding, hiking and coloring the snow and also playing on the huge Fort Nutimik structure. After lunch the round robin activities started again - Minute to win it games, homemade hand warmers and parachute fun!

After the activities we all enjoyed some free time. Units decided what they wanted to do, choices were quiet time, enjoying the Fort or going tubing again. Dinner was followed by an hour of unit time where units were able to choose their preferred activities – tubing was a big hit! To finish off the night we all gathered together and had a Camp fire and then watched a movie and had a snack.

Sunday was pack up and breakfast followed by each unit doing Guides Own. Girls came together as a whole and played games.

Great camp weekend girls had lots of fun. Girls learned new things, overcame fears, made new friends in the sisterhood of Guiding. This was great to see. As leaders it's great to see all this happen over the course of a weekend not only for the girls but also for ourselves to meet new Guiders and make our sisterhood of guiding bigger and better!



Trefoil – Who, What, Where... - Sharon Romanow, Trefoil Guild Liaison

Have you ever wondered who Trefoil members are?

Any Guiding member over the age of 30 may become a Trefoil member. It doesn't mean you have to give up your current position. Many Trefoil members are still active in other positions including Unit Guiders. Trefoil is for those who want to have activities outside of the Units. It is for those who may want to take a break from working with the girls but still remain an active member; those that feel they have given years to the girls and want to remain a member but now want something just for them. Essentially, it is for everyone.

What is Trefoil?

Trefoil is an adult only branch of Guiding. There are Trefoil Guilds in other WAGGGS countries but mainly in the UK and Canada. Trefoil members are asked to accept the wider responsibility of guild membership to keep the spirit of the Guiding Promise and Law alive, to carry that spirit into the communities in which they live and work and to support Guiding.

Where can you find Trefoil Guilds/members?

Trefoil is all around and you probably didn't know it. There is at least one Guild in every Area of Manitoba. Some are more active than others. Trefoil Guilds are what their members wish it to be. Some Trefoil members are very active in community service, helping units/Districts, some Guilds support their Areas at Area events by either helping out or participating, some just want to get together to share in the Sisterhood that they have built during their time in Guiding and some are more adventurous with road trips and camping. It is what you make it.

If this sounds like something you might be interested in and would like more information, or would like to start your own Guild, please contact your Area office and they will forward you on to your Area's Guild(s) or contact Sharon Romanow at mb-trefoil@girlguides.ca.

Updated holidays and hours at GGC Office

Easter Monday has been added to the holidays observed by GGC – this is new so please mark your calendar! In addition, on the last day prior to a long weekend the offices will close 1.5 hours early (2:30 pm for the provincial office, 3:00 pm for the area offices).

The GGC office will be open during the summer – not all staff will be working throughout the entire summer. Each week will be staffed by at least one person, who that person will be is still TBA and we will share the schedule with Guiders once it's set. During July and August the offices will also be closing 1.5 hours early on Fridays.



Youth Leaders in Girl Guides – Alyshia Parsons, Youth Forum Member

Girl Guides has always been supporting girls and encouraging them to explore their interests while empowering them to discover new ones, and introducing them to new ideas which helps broaden their horizons. For over 100 years, girls across Canada have found a safe space where they are free to express themselves and help their communities grow & thrive. Leaders hold a very important piece of the pie that is Girl Guides, as they are the outlets which provide the girls with a figure to look up to and trust, along with running various activities and ensuring order (well, some order anyway) so chaos does not *completely* break free. Leaders are an integral part of Girl Guides, and they have a crucial role of nurturing young minds and encouraging them to be their own advocates. The encouragement that girls should be their own leaders plants a seed of confidence that reinforces a good mindset and ensures success in each girl's future. To put it simply, leaders are supporting and building the girls of tomorrow by providing them with the tools they need to create their own visions. Every leader engraves these skills upon each girl, thereby contributing to the future of guiding and the community which the girls are a piece of.

The vital part that leaders play in Girl Guides is a huge reason of why we are important. Girls often do not have many female figures in their lives aside from their family members that they can look up to for advice. Leaders provide the girls with both a secure environment and a person that they can confide in and learn from, as they were once their age looking for answers to their driving questions as well. The lessons that leaders have taught me are what inspired me to follow in their footsteps and become a part of the Manitoba Youth Forum which I write about today.

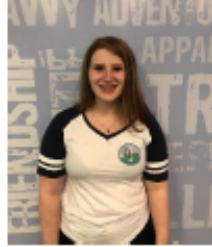
The importance of mentors you can trust is clear, but what about people you can look up to that are your age? There may be a few peers that come to your mind that do things you find interesting, but it may be difficult to ask them about their experiences and get into things that they do without talking to them or planning with them beforehand. In Girl Guides, you are surrounded with girls that are learning and growing with you, and they are another channel that you can access to grow your knowledge on things that intrigue you, but what if you had some ideas about how you could help Girl Guides itself grow? Or, what if you wanted to immerse yourself even more within guiding and help bring your voice to the table? Those are some of the things that I began wanting to do. I wished to take even further action and show other girls that they had the power to do this as well. When I found out about Youth Forum, I knew that it would be a way to help sharpen my leadership skills and become even more involved within guiding by surrounding myself with likeminded people. In Youth Forum, you take the initiative as a girl and you put yourself in a leadership position while collaborating with others and sharing ideas about things that are important to you.

By being a part of Youth Forum I have been able to meet girls who are just as passionate about the future of guiding as I am, and I like knowing that we are able to encourage and apprise girls at a young age so that they can see anyone can do it if they put themselves into it. Leadership is a very important skill that you will use throughout your life, and I feel that Youth Forum has helped that part of me grow. Youth Forum is more than a few girls sitting around a table discussing bright ideas. We take action by facilitating & attending events and involve ourselves with girls across Manitoba to help foster the spirit of guiding as girl members. We ask questions and brainstorm ideas, and we think of the bigger picture that is Guiding. I believe that in this day women and girls who want to make a change are essential, and allowing girls to take the wheel and be heard, or in this case, become leaders is a very empowering thing. I'm proud to be a member of Girl Guides, and I'm happy to be able to make a positive impact through the Youth Forum. Whether we are hosting a weekend camp or chatting about the stats and future of Girl Guides, I am always excited to learn about which project we are taking on as a team next.

Meet the 2018 – 2019 Youth Forum



I'm Shelan, I applied to join the Provincial Youth Forum because I wanted to become increasingly involved in our local guiding community. I also wanted to connect with girls in our Province and help make their Guiding experience as positive and enjoyable as mine.



I'm Hope, I joined the Provincial Youth forum because I wanted to make a positive impact in Guiding. I like that my voice and opinions are able to be heard.



I'm Sam, I joined Youth Forum so I could have a larger say in the activities planned for my province and area, being one of the only rural members on the Forum.



I'm Samara, I joined Youth Forum because it's a great opportunity to be a voice in Guiding and you get the opportunity to try and experience new things



I'm Isabella, I joined the Youth Forum to improve my leadership skills. I have made many friends in the process of planning and running out events.



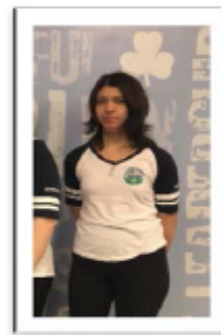
I'm Alexina



I'm Riley, I joined the Youth Forum to be more involved in guiding and gain new experiences and skills that I would find useful now and in my near future.



I'm Brenna, Youth Forum helps to build leadership and planning skills, and helps put girl voices in the Girl Guide evolution.



I'm Alyshia, I became part of the Youth Forum so that I could help girl's ideas and opinions become a reality, and so that I could have a say in what the future of guiding looks like.

Join the 2019 - 2020 Manitoba Youth Forum



Do you want to
make an impact in
guiding?

Do you want to
have your voice
heard?

Do you want to
help plan provincial
events?

Open to girls 14-17



We're hosting an open house night/Q&A Friday April 12th at the Girl Guide office for those who are interested in joining Youth forum. Drop in anytime between 6:30 and 7:30 pm!

Applications due May 1st

mb-youth1@girlguides.ca

MANITOBA GIRL GUIDES PHOTO CONTEST!

Say Cheese!

Do you love Girl Guides? Enjoy taking photos? Do we have a contest for you!!

We want to see what Guiding means to you, through the camera lens! We have set up 3 different photo categories for your submissions. And as an extra bonus, a photo challenge chosen by our Provincial Commissioner Krista!

See below for the categories!

When: Starting April 8th, final submissions to be received no later than May 31st 2019.

How: Submissions can be sent via email to mb-prcomm@girlguides.ca or tag @mbgirlguides on Instagram, if you have a private account you can DM us your submissions.

What: We want your own photos, and content you choose! Make sure that any girls in photos have appropriate image release approval

Please note: we may reuse your photos on our social media pages at a later date, sending your submissions is your consent in allowing us to use your photos.





Your Guiding Story

Guider only category! We want to see your Guiding Story in a picture! It can be a selfie, group photo, or something that brings back memories, a short description of why you selected the photo can be included!

Camping and the Great Outdoors

This Category allows for both Girl and Guider Submissions of your favorite Camp or Outdoor Experience! Maximum 3 photo submissions per person, with a short description of why you chose the photos



Spirit of Guiding

Girl Member submissions only for this Category! We want to see your Guiding Spirit, or what makes you proud to be a Girl Guide, a short description of why you chose the photo should be included as well as First name and Unit.

PC Bonus Challenge

As a Bonus, our Provincial Commissioner Krista wants you to submit a photo of you, or a group attending a Provincial Event within the last year!





Important Safe Guide Updates

In March 2019 two important updates were made to Safe Guide regarding [“Voluntourism”](#) and [Travel Advisories](#). Guiders planning any travel out of Canada 72 hours or more should familiarize themselves with these changes which are outlined in detail in the Safe Guide – [International Travel Over 72 Hours or More](#) section of Member Zone.

Guiding is alive and well in Manitoba! – Allyson Grosvenor, Provincial Membership Adviser

Did you know...?

- There are 2731 girl members in Manitoba this year! We are maintaining our membership numbers from last year.
- Now onto the adults. We have 669 amazing adult volunteers. Wow! This number has again stayed constant from last year.

We know that volunteers are incredibly important to Guiding. Year after year they contribute countless hours of time and endless energy to ensuring that girl members continue to have the unique and special experiences that make them want to stay within the sisterhood of Guiding.

Our volunteers are ordinary people who believe in all the things that Guiding has to offer. Girl Guides is important for so many girls for so many reasons. We, as Guiders, help them build relationships with others, we help them with their confidence to step out of their comfort zones, and we encourage them to realize their possibilities are endless.

So how do we keep all of these amazing volunteers?

- Say “thank you”. Whether you say this to another fellow Guider or you say this to your daughter’s Guider, it is so important to recognize all the hard work these Guiders are doing on a regular basis.
- Build a community. Help them to realize they are not alone. If they are feeling overwhelmed, there is always a sister Guider to turn to ask for help, whether it is in your unit, your district or your area.
- Encourage them to network. There are many opportunities to talk or share ideas with fellow Guiders. This could be at a district meeting, at Provincial Annual, or an area dinner or event. Having these kinds of events and ensuring that new and old Guiders attend them is just another way to grow Guiding.

Keep up the great work, you are all amazing Guiders! Thank you for all that you do for Guiding!

2019 Provincial Thinking Day Event – Kylea Fulton, Council Member and Event Lead

On Saturday February 23rd over 500 Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders, and Guiders from all five areas of Manitoba came together in Alloway Hall at the Manitoba Museum. Registration exceeded expectations, and we had to close it when we reached the capacity of the hall. Our thanks to all the units who attended, especially those who travelled, including bus groups from Crocus West and Cambrian areas.

The focus of the event was Diversity & Multiculturalism. There were 15 activity stations, a quiet 'cozy corner,' a 'busy' area, and displays of WAGGGS countries made by several units. Activities included cultural presentations, crafts, and Girls First and WAGGGS activities about the concept of diversity and of how we see, value, accept, and celebrate each other, with all our differences and common ground.

Brownies and Sparks completed enough activities to earn the 'Different Together' theme badge, as well as parts of 'Our Story,' 'Canadian Connections' and other themes. Guides activities fell into these and other themes. [Click here](#) for a table with a list of the activities and suggestions for where they can fit into your Girls First program.

We ended the day with a campfire that included guiding songs from many countries, along with familiar favourites. It was wonderful to have so many voices singing together!

Many guiders helped prepare and run activities, as well as look after registration, lunch, and the range of tasks needed for an event this size. This volunteer team along with all the unit guiders did a great job in helping all the girls learn, create, and have fun. I can't thank you enough!

Every unit went to at least three stations with outside presenters - and every one of the outside presenters told me how much they enjoyed interacting with the girls, so our girls and guiders made a good impression on some members of the community who hadn't worked with Guiding before. Who knows what that can lead to? Here is a list of them - in case you want to connect with them for programming in the future:

- Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba (IRCOM)
- Bernard Phanthavong of the Flying Lion Dance Troupe
- Bola Oriyomi of Ariya Afrika Cultural Dancers
- Edgar Dejarlais (Metis Educator)
- Barb & Clarence Nepinak (Anishnabe Educators)
- Christian Hidalgo-Mazzei (Folklorama)

And thanks to our amazing members we raised \$559.15 for the Canadian World Friendship Fund!



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Manitoba Council, Advisers and Staff

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