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Signal

Girl Greatness Starts Here

Provincial AGM



Editor's Note

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far and has been able to get out and enjoy some camping or outdoor activities with your girls!

We have another great issue for you and we hope that you have all been enjoying our new Electronic edition of The Signal!

For our next issue I would love to hear about all your fun summer Guiding adventures. Did you have a camp or fun day that you would like to share a story or photos of? Please email them to me at thesignal.ggc@gmail.com.

For those of you wishing to submit stories and photos please see page 4 for our new submission guidelines.

Enjoy this issue and I look forward to hearing about your fantastic summer adventures!

Stacey Adey, Editor

The winners of the Provincial Cookie Blitz day IPOD Shuffle Draw:

The winners are...

Rebecca Barnes (Chamberlains Sparks),
Andrea Baggs, (Hopewell Guides)
Kandice Sooley (St. Thomas Brownies).

Thank you to Sharon Gosse at Headquarters who drew the winners. We would like to thank all the participants who sent in their names and helped out with this cookie day blitz challenge.

The Signal

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From Your Provincial Commissioner

What great summer weather we are having ! Hope everyone is taking this perfect opportunity to relax and enjoy the company of family and friends.

Over the past few months things have been quite busy with many Units and Districts holding summer camps. A very successful Provincial Camp was held at Camp McCarthy with approximately 50 girls attending a four night adventure. The many skills learned at these camps will certainly help our girls prepare for the Guiding Mosaic, National Camp being held in 2016.



The Cookie Day held across the Province in July helped whittle down fifty more cases of our classic cookies. Our National Chief-Sharron Callahan and I spent the day at the Trinity Conception Square in Carbonear and sold twelve of these cases.

Two Guider's Conferences and a Committee's Conference have been planned for the fall. These Conferences are very informative and it gives leaders the opportunity to meet fellow guiders from other parts of the Province. Visit our website for details and be sure to mark it on your calendar.

We have been continuing with our monthly e-blasts and hope you are finding it helpful and informative.

On June 28th, Joan Osmond, our Executive Director, retired after twenty-three years of employment at Provincial Office. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all Guiders and Girls in Newfoundland and Labrador, to wish Joan all the best in her future endeavours. We will still be seeing Joan around from time to time as she is a member of our Organization.

While saying good bye to Joan we also welcomed our new Office Manager, Catherine Neary who is fitting quite comfortably into her new position. Catherine can be reached by calling the Provincial Office or by e-mail office-manager@ggcnf.org.

Last but certainly not least, on a congratulatory note, I would like to wish our National Chief, Sharron Callahan the very best on winning the St. John's Senior of the Year Award for 2013.

Enjoy the summer and I look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Kay Penney
Provincial Commissioner

The Signal Submission Guidelines

In order to ensure that our provincial news letter is up to date and timely the following guidelines have been compiled for members that wish to make a contribution. If you have any questions or comments regarding these guidelines please contact thesignal.ggc@gmail.com. Thank you for your contribution.

Submitting Content:

- Please send all submissions to thesignal.ggc@gmail.com
- You will receive a confirmation of receipt. If you do not hear back within a couple of days please contact us again to make sure we did not miss your submission.
- Please remember that there is limited space and if you are sending large amounts of content then not everything may be published and it is up to the editor to pick and choose what can and cannot be included.

Deadline for Submission

- With the new electronic version of The Signal we will be able to now publish more issues of The Signal per year. The Signal will now be published every second month, with a monthly News Flash coming out at the beginning of every month.

- News Flash Deadline is Third Monday of every Month
 - The Signal Deadlines are
 - July 30 January 30
 - September 30 March 30
 - November 30 May 30

** Please note that we are on the trial stage of our New Electronic version of The Signal and all deadlines and publication dates are subject to change. Please see current issue of The Signal for most up to date deadlines.*

Images

- If you are including photographs with your submission, please send them as a separate attachment in your email.
- Ensure that all members appearing in the pictures have an image-release
- Please include a brief caption to accompany the photo. Identify people appearing in photos and include a photographer credit whenever possible.

Formatting

- The Signal is published in Arial (the official GGC font). If you submit text in an unusual format it may or may not get published that way.
- Please submit all articles in a Microsoft word Document as The Signal is created in Microsoft Publisher and items created in other formats may not transfer well or may have to be rearranged. Any submissions not sent in the proper word document format will not be published.
- With the new Electronic version you can place hyperlinks in your articles. Please do not set them up in advance, but let us know what the links should be by including that information along with the content. (EG: Text of article here (Editor: Please link the phrase "Girl Greatness" to www.girlgreatness.com.) Followed by more text of article.)

Updated April 25, 2013

A Note From Our Provincial Program Advisor

As I write this, my dining room table is littered with paper flowers that I am making for our district banquet - I greatly underestimated how many flowers my Guides could make in an hour and how many tables we would have to decorate! - and at the same time, I am looking ahead to our summer camp and making plans for that.

No doubt most of you are doing similar things as you end this Guiding year. If you are coming back in the fall (and we sincerely hope everyone reading this is coming back in the fall), you may also be looking back over the year past and sparing a thought or two for the next. What needs to be done to get next year's girls through their program, what did you do this year that was so much fun that you want to do it again, and what didn't work quite as well as you had hoped?

Girl Programs Best Practices

This is a resource for Unit Guiders to use to plan programming for the Guiding year. These Guidelines are an easy reference that outline what makes a great program and fulfills the Mission of Girl Guides of Canada.

The list is a quick and easy way to see if you are including a bit of everything in your year - community service, outdoor activities, bridging, international activities, cookie sales, leadership opportunities for girls, and so on.



Best Practices include outdoor activities, learning about WAGGGS countries, and community service.

I'd like to highlight one topic from the Best Practices document: **Leadership opportunities for girls.**

This is an important part of both our 'best practices' and of the current Strategic Plan - "Develop and deliver programming and facilitate opportunities to enable girls to lead in a safe environment."

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We all agree that teaching and mentoring our girls to become leaders is a important part of the program. But incorporating this into your meetings isn't always easy. What does allowing a Spark to lead really mean? And how do you find enough time to allow all your Guides to have a say in planning an activity? And how much can you really expect them to be able to do on their own?

The reality is that you are probably already offering your girls opportunities to lead - every time we allow them to choose a game, help a friend learn a new knot, carry a flag at a Remembrance Day parade, lead a campfire song, plan a hike route, or work through a problem and find a solution on their own.

This is what the Best Practices document has to say about leadership in girls:

Girl leadership development

Many girls define a leader not only by the qualities and skills she has, but also by how she uses those skills to make a difference in the world. Each experience a girl has allows her to develop or gain skills that can help her to be a leader. Guiders can support girls' efforts to lead by mentoring them in the process.

There are many ways that you can encourage leadership development at any age:

- With the help of their Guiders, **Sparks** demonstrate leadership when they suggest activities; list the items they will need for an activity; help their peers; work well with other sparks; or when they ask lots of questions and make observations about the world around them.
- With the help of their Guiders, **Brownies** demonstrate leadership when they suggest activities; lead simple activities and Unit functions; assist with Brownie circle and Unit activities as Circle Leaders; listen to each others' opinions when making decisions; or describe ways to make group projects more fun.
- **Guides** demonstrate leadership when they suggest, initiate planning and lead activities; lead Unit functions; assist with patrol and Unit activities as Patrol Leaders; apply strategies for promoting cooperation within the Unit; or identify concrete steps needed to effect desired changes.
- **Pathfinders and Extra Ops** demonstrate leadership when they suggest, plan and lead activities; lead Unit functions; act as role models for younger girls; use positive communication and relationship-building skills; or begin to address deeper causes of issues in their communities.
- **Rangers and Extra Ops** demonstrate leadership when they are better able to independently suggest, plan and lead activities and Unit functions; act as role models for younger girls; act consistently with a considered and self-determined set of values; set challenging goals for the future; or are able to promote cooperation and effective team building.

Being able to give feedback, evaluate program activities and have their voice heard is an essential part of leadership development. Girls in all branches should regularly

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be given the opportunity to evaluate the activities done in the Unit.

- **Sparks** and **Brownies** can easily give feedback using the Two Stars and a Wish format. (You can find a description of this on page 77 of *Sparkling Ideas: Program Ideas for Spark Guiders* and on page 121 of *Let's Share Ideas: Program Ideas for Brownie Guiders*.)
- **Guides** should be introduced to reviewing activities as a learning experience, expressing their likes and dislikes, debriefing what happened and keeping ideas for the future.
- **Pathfinders, Rangers** and **Extra Ops** regularly evaluate activities as part of their activity planning cycle, assessing whether objectives were met, if things were forgotten or miscalculated and celebrating success."

Check out the Best Practices document - you will probably discover that you are doing pretty darned good as a Guider! As well, it's a great way to ensure that all of us are delivering program in our units that meets the same goals and standards.

Generations of Guiding

Mrs. Jean Sharpe joined the Guiding Movement 48 years ago as a leader with her Church. Once her daughters Linda and Helen were able to join she enrolled them both as well. Years later, Helen's daughter Adriana enrolled as a Spark. Together these four ladies have accumulated 153 years of service with Girl Guides of Canada. We were lucky enough to catch these ladies for a picture at the Leader Appreciation Dinner of the Blomidon District, Long Range Trails Area on April 18, 2013. All four remain active leaders with the First Corner Brook Girl Guide Unit. As well, Helen is the District Commissioner and Linda the District Treasurer.

In Photo from L-R with years of service: Adriana Sacrey (20 years), Helen Bennett (47 years), Jean Sharpe (48 years), and Linda Rideout (38 years)

Photo by: Donna Eldridge (Deputy Commissioner and Guider) Story by: Stephanie Boland (Awards, PR, Recruitment and Guider)



Stop The Violence. Speak out for Girls' Rights Campaign

Our World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts has launched an important campaign called "Stop the Violence. Speak out for Girls' Rights."



What you can do

Add your voice to the campaign

Get other people to add their voices to the campaign

Join our advocacy network

Support our partner campaigns

Learn about advocacy

Attend an advocacy event

Speak out

Be a part of an awareness raising campaign

Learn from the Voices Against Violence education program

Take part in global action days and projects designed to empower girls and young women

Girls in every country across the world are being subjected to many forms of violence – this is wrong and must stop. These girls are part of our Movement. They are our family and friends. They live in the communities where we have pledged to make a difference. We have a responsibility to them and an opportunity to empower girls around the world to speak out and take action.

Girls have the right to live free from violence and the fear of violence. They need to be aware of their rights – and find the voice to create a global movement and actions to end violence.

Education has a huge role to play in ending violence. By empowering girls and young women to understand and assert their rights we will create a powerful force for transformation.

Building from a whisper to a shout, we need to talk, join together and inspire action around the world. But first we need to start the conversation. We've been silent for too long. It's a very sensitive topic but ignoring violence against girls or pretending that it's not there is the same as accepting it.

If we don't take a stand, who will? You may think there are a lot of campaigns out there to end violence against girls. There are not. There are some that focus on ending violence against women. There are some that focus on ending a specific form of violence in a specific place. But there are no global campaigns dedicated to ending violence in all its forms against girls and young women.

So what can you do? Add your voice to our campaign. Encourage other people to add their voices to the campaign. But adding our voices is just the beginning. We also want people to speak out, raise awareness, educate others and engage communities so that one day girls will

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live free from violence and the fear of violence.

UN Women estimates that up to six out of ten women globally will be subject to violence or abuse in their lifetime. That's ONE BILLION women in our world today!

On February 14th, 2013, men and women in 207 countries around the world mobilized and came together to express their outrage, and to strike, dance and RISE against violence. This ONE BILLION RISING campaign was the largest global action in history to end violence against women. It created visibility of the issues, spurred important conversations and brought about a new level of awareness that the time to act is now.

It's time to start the conversation.

Add your voice to the campaign today at wagggsworld.org

Domestic and International Nationally Sponsored Trips

You can apply for 2014 domestic and international trips in the fall. Trips will be posted to the Girl Guides of Canada – Guides du Canada website and emails will be sent to all eligible girls and Guiders who are registered members.

The deadline is November 1st to your Area International Adviser.

All complete applications received are reviewed and scored by a Provincial Selections Committee comprised of adult and youth members of Guiding. The Committee does not have any information about the girl applicant when reading applications other than what is written on the application so ensure you answer all questions thoroughly, providing examples when requested. Ask people who know you well to be your references.

Please do not hesitate to ask your Guider, Area International Adviser and/or a girl or adult who has travelled previously for help with your application. They may be able to offer suggestions that would make your application stronger.

Don't be discouraged if your application is not successful the first time you apply. There is generally a lot of interest for these trips and sometimes applications are just 0.5 points apart in the scoring process.

Remember: You can travel on **both** a domestic **AND** international “nationally” sponsored trip as both a girl and a Guider so if you've previously travelled internationally you can apply for the domestic trips!!!

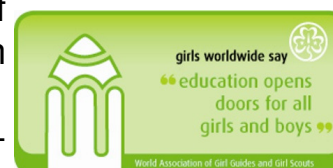
United Nations Millennium Development Goals

The United Nations' Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are eight specific goals to be met by 2015 that aim to combat extreme poverty across the world. These goals were agreed at the UN Millennium Summit in New York in 2000, the largest gathering of political world leaders in history.

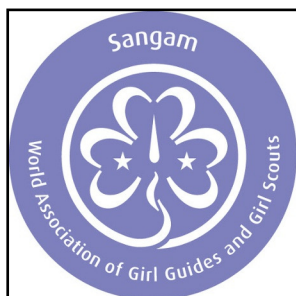
The MDGs address important issues that affect girls, young women and their communities. WAGGGS adapted the eight goals into a series of 'girls worldwide say' messages that were launched in 2009.

In 2013 we are learning about improving maternal health and how we can reduce child mortality.

In 2014 we will focus on the importance of universal primary education for all girls and boys while we will look to help developing countries by creating global partnerships in 2015.



Adult Trip to Sangam, India



Interested in travelling to a World Centre with your Guiding sisters?

I would like to gauge interest among adult Guiding members in Newfoundland and Labrador about organizing an adult only trip to Sangam, India in 2015 or 2016. The intent of the trip would be to spend time and participate in a session at Sangam, our World Centre. (Some travel in India could be arranged but it would not be the focus on the trip). All costs would be the responsibility of the adult member - funding is not available nor is fundraising allowed as this is an adult only trip.

Please email me (Robyn Lee) at ggnlinternational@gmail.com if you are interested in this trip experience. There is no commitment to travel at this point in time; I am just determining if there is interest out there! Information about sessions currently scheduled at Sangam can be found at www.sangamworldcentre.org.

ADULT ELECTED MEMBER FACT SHEET 2014

FOR THOSE WISHING TO APPLY TO BE AN ADULT ELECTED MEMBER OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

The Provincial Council is the administrative authority for the Organization in Newfoundland and Labrador. It is ultimately accountable for the proper conduct of the Organization's business and has the responsibility to establish and monitor long-range plans; assure that objectives are being achieved; nominate and elect Executive Committee Members and Provincial Council Members; work closely and interactively with the Executive Committee and accept responsibility for securing and managing adequate financial resources.

This Fact Sheet provides important information for those wishing to apply as candidates for election to the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Council of Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada. Please read carefully before completing the accompanying Application Form.

ADULT ELECTED MEMBER OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

As a Member of Provincial Council, you are committed to and knowledgeable about the Vision, Mission and Principles of Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada.

You enjoy thinking and talking about the long-term as much, or more, than you enjoy talking about current problems and practicalities and how something will work in different parts of our province and in different communities.

To be an effective Member of Provincial Council, the following would be helpful:

- Planning skills (seeing the bigger picture)
 - Creative thinking skills
 - Presentation/public speaking skills
 - Leadership skills
 - Collaborative working style
- Ability to attend weekend meetings of Provincial Council

Additional Requirements are:

1. In the normal course of a term (3 years), a Provincial Council Member could be expected to participate in a task group that analyzes and develops reports on:

- Monitoring and evaluating planned priorities
- Provincial revenue and expenditures

2. Additional time may be required for attendance at meetings or to attend other functions in addition to the regular scheduled meetings per year.

3. Between meetings, use of e-mail, conference calls and faxes are used.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- An Application Form is also available on the Newfoundland & Labrador Provincial website: www.ggcnf.org or may be obtained by contacting the Provincial Office.
- Application forms, if computer generated, must not exceed the 3 pages in the given format, nor should the font size be smaller than 10 points. All applications must be in typed format or completed with black ink due to the fact that these forms are to be photocopied and distributed to the Provincial Council and the Nominations and Search Committee.
- All applications should be addressed to Germaine Fisher, Chair of the Provincial Nominations and Search Committee, Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada, Newfoundland and Labrador Council, 63 Roosevelt Avenue, St. John's NL A1A 0E8 or by email to: provoffice@ggcnf.org and copy to germainefisher@yahoo.ca and must be received on or postmarked by **January 31, 2014**. This is a firm date.

Attachments to Applications:

- In keeping with the National policy, please enclose with your application a copy of a valid Police Reference Check (no older than five years), or indicate that it is on your iMIS record. Please note that the Police Reference Check does take some time to secure.
- A Curriculum Vitae/Résumé should be attached, if available
- Ensure that your iMIS record is up-to-date by contacting the Provincial Office, or submit your experience on a separate sheet.
- All applications will be acknowledged.

ELECTION PROCESS

- All applicants will be considered carefully and acknowledged, and may be called for an interview. A slate (short list) of nominees will be developed by the Nominations and Search Committee. This slate, along with supporting application documents, will be forwarded to Members of the Provincial Council prior to the election.
 - The Provincial Council will vote from the slate for new Member(s) at the Annual General Meeting held in April/May.
- All applicants will be advised of their status prior to the Annual Meeting.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- A Provincial Council Member is elected for a three-year term, which begins in May. One new member is elected each year.
- Meetings of the Provincial Council are held in St. John's, usually three times per year: Winter, usually February (via teleconference call), Spring, usually April/May and Fall, usually October. The meetings generally take place on a weekend.
- Uniform is worn at all meetings.
- The Provincial Council Expense Policy includes reimbursement for travel, accommodation and meals.

ADULT ELECTED MEMBER APPLICATION 2014

PLEASE BE SURE TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS. PLEASE DO NOT ATTACH ANY ADDITIONAL SHEETS. PLEASE USE A COMPUTER GENERATED FORM, TYPED FORMAT (ALL BLACK COLOUR TEXT) OR BLACK INK PEN IF HANDWRITTEN. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS JANUARY 31, 2014.

Name: _____
(Last name) (Given name) (Middle Name)

Address: _____
(Street/Box) (City) (Postal Code)

Telephone Home: _____ Business: _____

Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____ Cell _____

iMIS Number _____

Current Position(s) in Guiding:

Previous Position(s) in Guiding and responsibilities:

Volunteer Experience outside Guiding and responsibilities _____

Education/Training (formal education, seminars, workshops, certificates, courses, Guide training, etc.

Employment Experience, including main responsibility of position(s): _____

Achievements/Awards (Girl Guides of Canada and other):

What excites you about Guiding? _____

List skills that you can contribute to Provincial Council. How specifically can these skills be applied?

Think of times when you worked as a group or team. Describe your style as a member of the group and how you feel you contributed to the group. _____

What do you think are the three top issues for Guiding in Newfoundland and Labrador?
What do you believe is the role of the Provincial Council in addressing them?

Please list three (3) references not related to you. References must be from both within Guiding and outside of Guiding, and have knowledge of your qualifications and your capacity to perform the role of Adult Elected Member of Provincial Council.

Name: _____ H: _____

Address: _____ W: _____

Email: _____ C: _____

Fax: _____

How long have you known this person? _____ In what capacity? _____

Name: _____ H: _____

Address: _____ W: _____

Email: _____ C: _____

Fax: _____

How long have you known this person? _____ In what capacity? _____

Name: _____ H: _____

Address: _____ W: _____

email : _____ C: _____

Fax: _____

How long have you known this person? _____ In what capacity? _____

Police Reference Check is enclosed Yes ☐ No ☐ See iMIS Record _____

If no, please explain:

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date : _____



Guiding à la Carte

A Gourmet Selection
of Guiding Goodness
(Guider/Commissioners Conference)



Available Sitzings:

- Oct 4-6, 2013, Burry Heights, Salmonier Line
- Nov 1-3, 2013, Lion Max Simms Camp, Bishops Falls

Package Deal – Sessions, Accommodations (Shared), Meals, & Extras - \$125 + GST

Menu

Appetizer (Friday evening)

- Communicating with Girls
- Time Management



Entremets – Crafts, Games & Songs



Entrées (Saturday)

- Unit Guider Program
 - Sparks
 - Brownies
 - Guides
- District Commissioner
- Enrichment



Entremets – Crafts, Games & Songs

Dessert (Sunday morning)

How She Did It – Fun and Sharing



Digestif – Closing and presentation of TEAM pins.





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Registration Form



Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Unit: _____

District: _____

Area: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Please indicate your choices for sessions below.

Available Sessions: ☐ Oct 4-6, 2013, Burry Heights, Salmonier Line

☐ Nov 1-3, 2013, Lion Max Simms Camp, Bishops Falls

Appetizer (Friday evening, *check one*)

☐ Communicating with Girls

☐ Time Management

Entrée (Saturday, *check one*)

Unit Guider Program

☐ Sparks

☐ Brownies

☐ Guides

☐ District Commissioner

☐ Enrichment – TBA – Please make suggestions:

Dessert (Sunday morning)

☐ How She Did It – Fun and Sharing

Approximate time of arrival: _____

Would you be willing to sleep on a top bunk? Yes ☐ No ☐

If you would like to share a room with someone, please specify: _____

Do you have any special dietary requirements? Yes ☐ If so, please specify

Please return this form by **email** ggctrainingnl@gmail.com or **snail mail** to: Kay Graham, Box 80 Site 19, Burin, NL, A0E 1E0 before **September 13, 2013**.

Mail registration fees to: GGC NL Council, 63 Roosevelt Ave, St. John's, NL, A1A 0E8.

Safe Guide Tips

Planning an activity in your community this summer? Remember, all activities, including Green Level, must follow Safe Guide. Take a look at the step-by-step planning guide and checklist for Activities in the Community, Safe Guide Page 51. You will find some good suggestions and reminders of things you might need to consider for this type of activity. Check it out!

Have Fun. Be Safe.

Stop and think... before using social media



You're about to post a witty comment for your friends to enjoy. Before you do, take a moment to think who else – your friends, colleagues, or clients, for example – might read it. Your posts on social media sites could be seen by hundreds or thousands of people; maybe more if shared, liked or re-tweeted. This means anything you say – even on a personal Facebook or Twitter account – could affect your professional and community reputation.

Your online footprint

Think about your online "footprint". If you post to different accounts personally and for business, you might feel these are separate. Others are unlikely to make the same distinction. Here are some tips:

- Assume readers will connect posts you make on different sites – people reading your tweets, for example, may know you're also on LinkedIn.
- Check your privacy settings on the sites you use – more people may be able to access your account than you imagine.
- Think about what you "like", share or re-tweet – the comments may not be yours, but people will connect them with you now or in the future.
- Remember, social media sites are not confidential, so don't post any confidential information about yourself on them so as to protect your reputation and your private life.

Lessons in Teamwork and Community

When the 2nd Chamberlains Girl Guide Unit went looking for a community service project, the new Manuel's River Hibernia Interpretation Centre being constructed just steps from their meeting place seemed like a great place to start. What resulted was a partnership that will forever link Girl Guides to the new Centre's history.

The 15 girls in the Unit, with help from the Rangers, produced a 9'x9' mural that depicts Conception Bay South, with Manuel's River as the centerpiece. The mural includes individual vignettes from each girl that expresses what Manuel's River means to them; illustrations of landmarks and Girl Guide meeting places in the community; and facts about the history of Girl Guides in Newfoundland and Labrador. The mural was officially unveiled at a "Milk and Girl Guide Cookies" grand opening on Canada Day, July 1, 2013 that was attended by the Guides and their families, as well as Provincial Commissioner Kay Penney, and Con Ba Su Area Commissioner Jacqueline Perry.

"This was a very exciting and proud moment for our Guides and their families," said Guider Cheryl Whitten. "The girls worked as a team, and spent many meeting hours to creating this exhibit, including dedicating their spring camp to the mural. We're so proud of their accomplishment and of all of their hard work. They are showing as Girl Guides that they know the meaning of community."

In addressing the parents and Guides at the opening, the Con Ba Su Area Commissioner commented on how this project was in keeping with the Girl Guide Mission.

"The Mission of Girl Guides of Canada is to enable girls to be confident, resourceful and courageous, and to make a difference in the world," said Ms. Perry. "I think these girls, the huge task they undertook, and the contribution they've made to their community, exemplify this Mission."

The new Centre is the backdrop to Manuel's River that runs through the community of Conception Bay South. Residents enjoy its walking trails, swimming areas, and the vast geological history that has made the area known around the world for its abundance of trilobite fossils. The Girl Guides are avid users of the river, and felt it was an ideal choice for its community service efforts. And the people at the Manuel's River Hibernia Interpretation Centre agreed; when contacted, Education Manager Shannon Harding was quick to partner with the Unit and invite them to take on an art project that would be showcased at the Centre's grand opening.

"Manuel's River is honoured to exhibit the 2nd Chamberlains Girl Guides beautiful artwork in its Community Gallery," said Ms. Harding. "The effort put forth by the girls is evident and is a wonderful addition to our opening. The piece flows perfectly from our exhibits which walk visitors through the geology, the flora and fauna and the human history of the river. The Girl Guides' mural is the first of its kind to grace the walls of our brand new, nationally recognized and state-of-the-art interpretive science centre."

And what do the girls think of their efforts? Jane Ledrew is a first-year Guide with the 2nd Chamberlains Girl Guides. Her grandmother, Corinne Ledrew, is a member of the Board of Directors for the Manuel's River Hibernia Interpretation Centre, and was instrumental in linking the Unit and the Centre.

"I like that my artwork was on display at the Centre's opening and that my family

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could come and see our beautiful mural," said Jane. "They are really proud of me and the other Guides. I'm glad that we were able to make this mural to show how much we love our community and Manuel's River."

In recognition of this community partnership, the Unit was awarded the Girl Guide Team Award for completion of this extraordinary project. The girls also achieved what they set out to do, and received their community badge during their "Milk and Girl Guide Cookies" grand opening.

The creators of the mural are: Guides Leah Penney, Jane Ledrew, Victoria Martin, Emily Fowler, Erin Elliott, Kera Whitten, Jayden Glover, Grace Bryant, Brooke Fowler, Emily Thorne, Jenna Neville, Caroline Cumbie, Laura Priddle, Sara Priddle, Hailey O'Reilley; Guide Leaders Cheryl Whitten, Michleen Elliott and Kimberley Penney; and Rangers Emma Perry, Laura Nurse and Allison Batten.

Story By Kimberley Penney, 2nd Chamberlains Girl Guides



Provincial Cookie Blitz

What a great day for cookie sales! A cookie blitz at Island Pond Park in New Harbour a great event for three young guides while camping for the weekend. Andrea Baggs with 1st Hopewell Guides and Leah Penney and Jane Ledrew of 2nd Chamberlains Guides sold cookies while camping with their families. As evident from their smiles they had a great time out in the sun and enjoying the day. They proved cookies can be sold anywhere and anytime!

Story by Donna Tuck, Photo by Kim Penney, Guider



It is evident that these girls had lots of fun on a sunny summer Saturday during the provincial blitz. These girls did not know each other at the beginning but as you can see they did have great fun selling cookies and meeting new friends. There is also a future spark in this group that is starting unit meetings in September...what a great start. In a couple of hours, these girls had a walk going door to door, a picnic lunch, playtime in the park, and sold 10 cases of cookies! Great job.

Story and Photo by Donna Tuck, Provincial MMPA



Chamberlains District

At the yearend banquet for the Chamberlains District Girl Guides, Erica Bennett received a special award for completing all 92 interest badges in the Guide program. Erica is a 3rd year Girl Guide and plans to advance to Pathfinders next year. Congratulations Erica! In the photo form left to right is Jackie Perry, Con Ba Su Area Commissioner Erica Bennett, 3rd Chamberlains Guides and Christine Young, Chamberlains District Commissioner.



Story and Photo by Connie Korchoski, Guider

St. Anthony Rangers

To complete the requirements for their Ranger Service Project, the 1st St. Anthony Rangers presented the Janeway Child Health Centre with a cheque for \$500.00 at the Annual Janeway Telethon on June 2, 2013 at the Corner Brook location. The money was raised through the sale of homemade chocolates during the Christmas Craft Fair in St. Anthony. For weeks prior to the sale the Rangers got together and made a variety of chocolates, including turtles, cherry, rum & butter, peanut butter, rice krispy, mint and more. Needless to say they were a big hit and well worth the effort!

Story and photo by Jennifer Simms, District Commissioner



SHOAL HARBOUR GIRL GUIDES



The 1st Shoal Harbour Girl Guides went to the local RCMP detachment to work on their Law enforcement Badge. Cst. Gina Wheeler took the girls on a guided tour of the detachment, the RCMP cars, booking room and even the holding cells. The girls loved going inside the cells. They even had a wonderful discussion on how to keep safe and all the phone numbers to reach the RCMP Detachment.

Story and Photo by Jennifer Smith, Unit Leader 1st Shoal hr. Girl Guides



Winter Fun

Back in late March just before we lost all our snow, we took the Guides and Pathfinders of the Clarendville area to hill near White Hills ski resort to go sliding. We enjoyed 2 hours of sliding fun and a little snack and hot chocolate to warm us all up.

Story and Photo by Jennifer Smith, Unit Leader 1st Shoal Hr Girl Guides.



Environmental Awareness

Beachy Cove District Girl Guides have taken the environmental awareness theme seriously this year with their programming! Earlier this year we participated in a Winter Camp where they worked on Operation Earth Action Challenge. During this camp the girls sewed t-shirts into reusable bags, decorated water bottles and pledged to use these bottles and bags going forward! They visited the Waste Management Facility later this spring where they learned all about recycling! They have also par-



ticipated in the Portugal Cove St Philips "Our Town Clean Town" community cleanup and picked up 9 bags of garbage! These girls have become experts on garbage, recycling and keeping our earth clean! Way to go girls!

Story and Photo by Sharon Hall, Guider

Girl Guides Work Miracles

Fun in the park and selling lemonade was the start of this great event. These girls set up a lemonade stand at Bowring Park playground area and the proceeds went to the Girl Guide Work Miracles Campaign 2013. What a great way to help the Jane-way Telethon. Many levels of guiding participated in this campaign and at the Jane-way Telethon Girl Guides of Canada, NL council presented a total cheque for over \$5,000 which represented the proceeds received from the many units and girls that helped out in their communities around the province.

Story and Photo by Donna Tuck, Provincial MMPA



Operation Earth Action

As part of Operation Earth Action Service Project the 5th Grand Falls – Windsor Guides made the pledge to make reusable bags!! Not only did we reuse and recycle old t-shirts we also reduced the amount of electricity by choosing a t-shirt bag that didn't need to be sewn and the only materials we used were the t-shirts!! The girls had lots of fun making them and they found it really great that we didn't have to use a sewing machine!!



Back Row L-R: Nicole Wootton, Mackenzie Powell, Taylor King, Mackenzie Thomas, Seanah Etheridge, Kaitlyn Bailey, Brooklynn Saunders

Middle Row L-R: Shealyn Mitchell, Emily Bautista, Heidi Rose, Lauren Bartlett, Melissa Dalley, Brianna Saunders, Hannah Frisby, Brittany Moores, Jorja Grimes

Front Row L-R: Shauna Wells, Kate Sheppard

Story and Photo by Lisa King, 5th GFW Guider

Weather Badge

The District 19 Brownies were very excited to have Weather Specialist and Host of Here and Now Late Night Jamie Mauracher at their meeting in March to learn all about weather! Jamie came to discuss all aspects of weather and answered all the Brownies many questions but the biggest thrill was making our own mini Tornados!!

Story and Photo by Sharon Hall, Guider



World Oceans Day



June 8th was World Ocean Day and the Fisheries and Marine Institute had a free family fun day to celebrate and raise awareness of our oceans. This is an annual event and Girl Guides were invited to help out with the large crowd. A special thank you goes to Kathleen Crane, 2nd Girl Guide Unit, who helped with the fish tank which was quite busy as you can imagine.

Photo and Story by Donna Tuck, Provincial MMPA

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

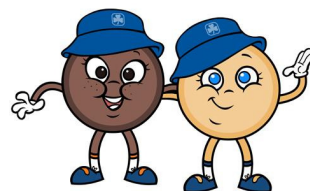
Girl Guides were invited to help out at the Special Olympics held July 18th -20th in St. John's. Pictured is Serrina Hillier from St. Thomas District, Con Ba Su Area along with a very proud Medal winner. Serrina helped with the Awards Presentation on Saturday and Andrea Baggs from Hopewell Guides, Con Ba Su Area helped out on Friday evening with the Awards Presentation. Both girls felt very special to be a part of this great celebration.

Photo and Story by Kay Penney, Provincial Commissioner



Cookie Selling with the Chief

This is the chief selling cookies on Provincial Cookie Blitz Day with Allison Graham and Kay Penny, at Trinity Conception mall in Carbonear!



Joan's Retirement Social



On Friday, June 28th she walked through the door of our Provincial Office for the last time as Executive Officer for the GGC, Newfoundland and Labrador Council, after occupying this position for twenty-three years. Between her office job and her volunteer work with the organization, Joan Osmond became one of the most well-known and respected members of the GGC here in Newfoundland and Labrador and leaves behind quite a legacy. To help celebrate these years of dedication, a "drop in social" was held

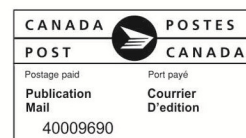
at Provincial Office on June 26th to which all Guiders were invited to come, share stories and wish her the very best. There was quite a turnout with lots of fun, food and laughter and for those who could not be there, messages and good wishes from Guiders across the Province were read.

We would like, once again, to take this opportunity to wish Joan the very best in her retirement as she moves forward on, yet another, life journey.





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