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Editor's Note

I can not believe that the time has come again for another issue. I have really been enjoying my job as Editor and I am really looking forward to the next few months as we make changes to the way The Signal looks and how it is received.

Thank you all so much for your submissions for this issue. For the next issue I would love to hear about your ideas. What is your Unit, District or Area doing? What meeting ideas do you have? What craft ideas do you have? I want to hear from our Guiders!

I hope you all enjoy this issue and stay tuned for release of The new Electronic version of The Signal.

Stacey Adey, Signal Editor

Teamwork Quotes

Heart Quotes™: Quotes of the Heart

It is amazing how much you can accomplish when it doesn't matter who gets the credit.

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The nice thing about teamwork is that you always have others on your side.

Margaret Carty

Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.

Henry Ford

TEAM = Together Everyone Achieves More

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From Your Provincial Commissioner

Welcome to Guiding 2013

I hope you and your family had a wonderful Christmas Holiday and spent many memorable moments together.

After a busy fall, preparing membership nights, enrolment events and holding regular meetings with the girls, a break was certainly well deserved.

As we go into another Guiding year, we are facing a decline in membership. With each of us working together we must focus to ensure that every girl and adult, who participates in any Guiding event, is fully registered. A big thank you to our Trefoil Guild members who have offered to help out with the screening process, helping to make your job that much easier.

Over the past several months, my Deputy Pam and I have been busy visiting our Areas. In Long Range Trails we had the privilege of attending a delicious brunch with the Trefoil Guild, presented many long service pins and attended an Area Training Day. Our Provincial Membership Growth Coordinator, Allison, accompanied us to the Northern Peninsula where we opened two new Units, one in Port au Choix and one in Cow Head, with a third Unit in Lourdes looking positive .

In Trefoil Central, it was our pleasure to have attended a Sparks enrolment and a lovely ceremony, at the "Beaver Hut", presenting very deserving Pathfinders with their Canada Cord and meeting some of the Trefoil Ladies from that Area.

In St. John's, we were honoured to attend a second Canada Cord Presentation for Tuckamore, Ocean's Edge, Con Ba Su and Eastern Bays, where more hard working Pathfinders were presented with their Award. At this Ceremony, we were privileged to welcome Chief Commissioner, Sharron Callahan, who presented girls with the very distinctive, Chief Commissioners Award.

We attended the Eastern Regional Camping Conference which was a great success and stopped for the weekend at the Committee's Conference in Bishops Falls, on our return from the west coast.

Many of our Guiders have received the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for their dedication and commitment to activities in their communities and I have had the pleasure of presenting this award to two very deserving ladies. Congratulations to all who have received this award. A JOB WELL DONE!

Over the next month you will be planning your Thinking Day activities. Please check out the website for themes and exciting ideas for your events. Have fun and enjoy !

A special Thank-You for all you do for Guiding in Newfoundland & Labrador, Because of You "GIRL GREATNESS STARTS HERE"



Kay Penney
Provincial Commissioner

Chief Meet and Greet



Fireside Friends Trefoil Guild and Province hosted a Meet and Greet evening for our Chief Commissioner. Many Guiders from various Areas attended the event and the evening was enjoyed by all.

Story by Stacey Adey Signal Editor, Photos by Edith Cuerrier



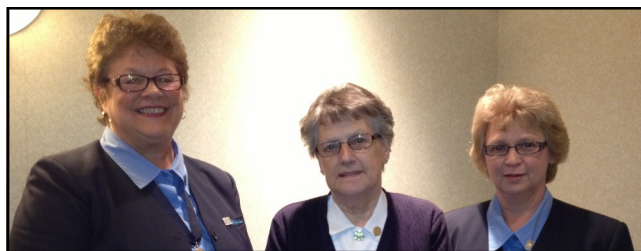
LONG SERVICE PINS



While visiting Corner Brook my deputy and I, and Long Range Trails Area Commissioner visited the home of Ida Lundrigan and presented her with her 55 year Service pin.

We also visited with Marilyn Avery in Corner Brook and presented her with her 65 year Service pin. Mrs. Avery proudly wore the enrollment pin that she originally received when she became a member of Girl Guides 65 years ago.

Submitted by Kay Penney, Provincial Commissioner



CHRISTMAS PARADES



The girls of St Thomas District. were involved in The Paradise Christmas Parade. Our theme was An Old Fashion Christmas with Mummers included. We had the support of all 5 Units 1 St Thomas Guides, 1&2 St Thomas Sparks, 2nd & 3rd St Thomas Brownies. Great Job Girls and all our leaders! Girl greatness starts here!

Story and Photos by Angela Rideout, 1st St Thomas Guide Leader, Deputy District Commissioner



Leaders and Girls of the Labrador West District participated in the Christmas Parade on December 8th. They won 1st place for Best Youth Float



Girl Guides participating in Lewisporte Christmas Parade.



Operation Earth Action

<http://nsp.girlguides.ca/index.aspx>

We hope every Unit, Link, Trefoil Guild, AND your families and friends will take part in this year's Service Project! Many of the activities also cover program goals, and most are easy, fun, and affordable. There are 6 actions; do any two to earn the crest.

- Pledge to use reusable water bottles
- Pledge to use reusable shopping bags
- Make your own Green Products
- Map your Meal
- Plant a Tree

Be an Energy Detective

You will find information, ideas, and why these actions are important on the Operation Earth Action web site, and you can log your actions on the web site - super easy!

Let us know what you have done! Send us photos and tell us what activities you have done and would recommend to others. We would love to share these on the provincial web site. Send to gccnlprogram@gmail.com

National plans to make a photo montage of the activities and is seeking photos as well.

BUT please make sure all visible members in the photos have a signed photo release!



Committees' Conference attendees tried out the t-shirt shopping bags and made shampoo and bath salts. Everyone LOVED the shopping bags and we highly recommend those; they are easy even for those who have never sewn before.

No one owns a sewing machine? Here is a similar, no-sew version.:

<http://practical-stewardship.com/2012/08/11/re-purposed-t-shirt-to-handbag-2-different-tutorials-sewing-no-sew/>

Because we discovered that our shampoo 'bottles' leaked (oops!), a number of women tried out their shampoo at the conference that weekend and reviews were very positive. I have since tried equal amounts of the castile soap (I found it at Dominion in the natural products section) and water in a foaming dispenser and love it as a hand soap.

Did You Know? The National Service Projects AND the WAGGGS Thinking Day themes are based on the WAGGGS Global Action Themes, part of a challenge you can do. See http://www.wagggsworld.org/en/take_action/gat or ask your area program or international adviser for a copy.

COMMITTEES'S CONFERENCE 2012



*Photos submitted
by Robyn Lee*

Remembrance Day

Kim Mercer (right) and her Daughter Ashley Mercer (Left) represented Girl Guides at the Remembrance Day Ceremony in St. John's.

Photo by Andrew Wells



Trefoil Luncheon

On Saturday, October 12th the two Trefoil Guilds - the Chickadees and the Sou'Westers hosted a lunch for their members and the Provincial Commissioner and her Deputy. The 14 Trefoil members provided lunch. We had also invited a long-time Guiding member Alma Chapman to attend as well. Our PC Kay, with help from her Deputy presented long service pins to all members with each member recalling her favourite memories of her Guiding years. She also presented a 75 year pin to Alma Chapman who was very pleased to be invited to attend with all the other Trefoil members. Mrs. Chapman has unfortunately since passed away. It was a very nice afternoon and we enjoyed our time with our PC.

Story by Susan Oates and photo by Dianna Kung



Sparks Enrollment



Enrollment night is always a special night, but ours by chance became even more memorable! I happened to be in contact with our Provincial Commissioner and found out that she was driving through Grand Falls-Windsor the night of our Sparks enrollment with her Deputy. They were only too happy to make a stop and meet us, enroll our girls and stay for the party. The photo is of Spark Paige Burry getting enrolled by Kay Penney.

Story and photo by Erica Nault, District Commissioner, Centennial District

How Brownies is Turning our Daughters into Young Community Leaders

The 1st Larkhall Brownie Unit of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador held their annual enrolment ceremony on the evening of November 13th, welcoming 14 new girls and doubling their unit size. This group, located in the heart of the city, represents a diverse mix of seven and eight year old girls who seamlessly interact with one another. It's also apparent by the chatter and uncontrollable giggling that whenever they're together socioeconomics doesn't play a role and their diverse cultural ethnicity is embraced. At this meeting, the only requirement is that you're a friend.



A big part of the Guiding movement is the cookie campaign. This October cookie sales were so successful for this unit it subsidized their fall camping trip by 40 per cent. It also saw first year Brownie, Sarah Maloney receive national recognition as a Cookie All Star for the year 2011 – 2012 in achieving exceptional cookie sales for an individual, selling 29 cases of cookies for her spark unit. Congratulations Sarah!

Daphne Slade is the Unit Brown Owl and the Contact Guider for the 1st Larkhall Brownie group and says that the cookie fundraiser is an important part of the organization. Slade explains that profits from cookies sales benefit their group directly, as it has with the fall camp fee and it also helps the organization function at the National, Provincial, Area and District levels. Slade also recognizes that parents play an important role in this fundraising effort. "Children at this age can't be expected to go door to door selling cookies alone, without parental support and our volunteer Guiders and Unit assistants we would be greatly limited in what we could offer our girls in regards to activities and outings."

This Unit's annual fall camp brought 24 girls and 5 leaders together during one chilly weekend in October. Over these remarkable two days the girls worked on Key badges

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and learned new skills. Group activities that bring the girls together such as camps and field trips are intended to develop leadership qualities, build self esteem and solidify friendships that will hopefully last for years to come.

Only seven weeks into this year's program Slade and her unit Leaders have been diligent in putting together a full itinerary to keep these Brownies busy. "As guiders, it's our mission to nurture these girls and help them to become confident young women who believe that they can make a difference in the world, and you can't do that without exposing them to new experiences." The girls of the 1st Larkhall Brownie Unit regularly keep in touch with a pen pal group from Covington, GA USA called the Daisy Troop, they've celebrated Halloween with a festive costume party, honoured war veterans with the presentation of a Remembrance Day wreath, participated in a sewing project which will benefit Project Little Dresses for Africa and have honoured the Queen by attending a District tea party where the girls all wore specially designed, hand crafted fascinators made specially for them by their Guiders.

This month two women from Newfoundland and Labrador, Sonia Mary Leaman and Juanita Rae Mason each received Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medals for their outstanding contributions to their community and Canada. Slade says these two women represent the embodiment of the guiding movement through their leadership and volunteerism; they are remarkable women that the girls of her unit can look up to. "Community leaders and volunteers are the backbone of our society, as Guiders we try to give back to our community and build on that volunteer base."

By Gail Woodfine, Parent



First year Brownies Sarah Maloney and Abby Hearn selling cookies at RONA on Torbay Road in St. John's, NL. Sarah Maloney was named a Cookie All Star and received national recognition for selling 29 cases of cookies.

Shoal Harbour Guide Unit



The 1st Shoal Harbour Guide Unit (photo left) participated in the 1st Mummer's Parade held in Clarenville and sponsored by the Rotary Club of Clarenville. Five of our ten girl members participated. The girls all enjoyed themselves during the parade and then gathered in a school gym

for local entertainment and refreshments of Purity Syrup, hot chocolate and homemade cookies.

Pictured Below is the 1st Shoal Harbour Guide Unit showing off their reusable bags decorated and sewn as part of the Operation Earth Action National Service Project. We are looking forward to continuing with the project throughout the year.



Story and Photos by Barbara Reid, Unit Guider, 1st Shoal Harbour Guide Unit

CHRISTMAS CAROLLING



Here are the Bay Roberts Sparks and Brownies doing their Christmas Carolling at a Senior Complex in Clarks Beach. We all had a blast!

Photos and caption by Janet Mercer, Guider

District 19 Girl Guides Summer Camp



During August 3-6, 2012 District 19 Girl Guides packed up and headed out to Butterpot for its annual summer camp. This year's theme was an Olympic theme and the girls completed the "Games Go Global" challenge.

To pick a highlight of the camp would depend on which one of us you asked – some will say competing in the Olympic challenge and playing

Wang the Wellie, some would pick campfires and sing-along's, yet some others would say the hike up Butterpot Hill (although we lost a few along the way!), others may respond with the swimming, even some would say sleeping out in tents, some would definitely say the meals (who knew that taco meat and doritos would rank up there with fine dining) but one activity that caught everyone's attention was geocaching!

What is Geocaching? Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Guides navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location. More importantly, it's easy and fun to do!

The girls were put in groups of three, handed a GPS and started their first geocache adventure. All it took was one and we were all



hooked. We did a few in the evening and stopped when it was getting late however we continue to look for other geocache on our hike to Butterpot Hill. Geocaches can be found just about anywhere – we found some hanging from a tree and another hidden in a crack of a giant boulder!

Geocaches vary greatly in size and appearance. You will see everything from large, clear plastic containers to small film canisters to a box wrapped in camouflage tape blending in with its surroundings. Inside the cache usually contains a logsheet for you to log your find. You never know what the cache

owner or visitors to the cache may have left for you to enjoy. Remember, if you take something, leave something of equal or greater value in return.

Camp was a success and all girls (leaders included) had a blast and learned a lot – we all can't wait for next year!

Story and photos by Sharlene Jones, Girl Guide Leader

Shamrock District Highlights



These are photos taken from Shamrock District - Fermeuse-Renews Units. Starting in the left hand corner and going clockwise we have our Flower Planting Service Project that occurred during Day Camp 2012 at the Town Hall in Renew's. Then we have a group picture of the Sparks, taken at Day Camp 2012. Next we have girls selling cookies at the Mount Pearl Glacier during the Downhome Expo. Lastly we have the Brownies taken at Area Camp "Camp Glee".

Photos and Story by Marsha Kenny, Guider

Catering Request

If your Unit, District, or Area would like to cater the Provincial Annual General Meeting and Dinner scheduled for **Saturday, April 27, 2013** please send your submission to Donna Tuck, Provincial MMPA Adviser, at donnajtuck@yahoo.ca. The deadline for submissions is **5:00pm on March 30, 2013**

Your submission should include the following info:

- Full quote based on 100 people in attendance
- Main meal details, buns, dessert, juice, tea and coffee and water at all tables
- Location where you will hold the dinner (should be room enough to seat 100, plus set up tables for awards, displays, podium, water and glasses by podium, etc)
- Location should be wheelchair accessible
- If there is a sound system available with microphone, etc.
- The dinner should start at 6:30 with the AGM starting at 8:00pm (SHARP)
- Any other questions feel free to ask

Upon final review of all entries, final decision will be made in early April 2013.

BP Brunch

This year's BP Brunch was hosted by Scouts Canada on Sunday, February 24th, 2013 at The HUB on Merrymeeting Road, St. John's, Starting at 11:30 am.

Thank you Scouts for a lovely brunch. It is nice to join in with the Scouts for this joint celebration of our common movements.

Submitted by Donna Tuck, MMPA

Guide/ Scout Week

This year Girl Guides and Scouts jointly observed Guide-Scout Week from February 17th to 24th. This annual celebration of international friendship includes "Thinking Day" on February 22nd the birthday of the Founder Lord Robert Baden-Powell, and the World Chief Guide, Olave Lady Baden-Powell. This year's World Thinking Day theme was Think about Water.

We hope you enjoyed your celebrations and don't forget to send them into The Signal.

The Signal

New possibilities have come around

The Signal has changed its look! It is changing with a much friendlier, efficient, and economical format. The Signal will continue to be a newsletter that offers fresh ideas, news, and tips for adult members of Guiding in Newfoundland and Labrador but in a new electronic format. The Signal will become available through this new electronic format where we will be able to provide this valuable resource to all our adult members in a more timely and efficient email/pdf format. Print copies of The Signal can still be available upon request.. Just let us know by the end of March if you want to continue to receive it in print format.

Please start sending in your many memorable moments in Guiding and fun stories about our girls, our meeting themes, our camp successes. We have so many Unit program ideas we just need to share with each other and this could be our greatest resource. With articles about local Guiding events, service projects, Unit activities, National and Global initiatives and profiles of outstanding Members, The Signal will continue to be the place to learn more about how Guiding inspires girl greatness in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Attention all Links!

This is Ashley Mercer, your provincial Link Advisor! Hope all is well with everyone! I have been asked by a Link member to do a spring camp for Links, any thoughts and/or suggestions? I think it is a wonderful idea but I need input from you girls to get the ball rolling on this!

Also, can you all send me an email or call me to let me know, what Area you are with, your current address, and if you have received your Link pin.

This is just so I know how many Link members are in each Area and for my own files to keep everything up to date.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at ashleymercer@hotmail.ca or 368-6230!

Hope to hear from you ladies soon!

Ashley Mercer

Halloween with the Kelligrews Sparks, Brownies and Guides



The sparks all dressed up in their Halloween costumes, had a blast at their Halloween party October 24, 2012. The sparks played games, got to dance, and of course, went home with some treats!



The Brownies along with some family members attended Taylor's Pumpkin Patch on October 24, 2012 for their Halloween party. At the pumpkin patch, each girl picked out a pumpkin, got a hay ride, and had snacks and hot chocolate. Before they left, they were each given a Halloween treat bag.



On October 24, 2012, the Girl Guide unit had their enrollment Halloween style!

Stories by Cynthia Parsons, Guider

Photos by Shannon Butler, Karen Jennings and Angie Burke, Guiders

MARCONI DISTRICT



Marconi District Girl Guides from The Ocean's Edge Area paraded to the war memorial on Park Avenue in Mount Pearl on a crisp, cold and clear November 11th. Elderly veterans stood alongside young Girl Guide members as flags flew



at half-mast. Many looked on as Emma Smart from 8th Brownies and Emily Garlie from the 17th Pathfinders laid a wreath to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and all veterans who served and those who continue to serve in the military. Lest We Forget.

Submitted by Madonna Ryan, MMPA Oceans Edge Area



The United Nations declared October 11, 2012 as the world's first International Day of the Girl Child. This international day promotes equal treatment and opportunities for girls around the world in areas such as law, nutrition, health care, education, training, and freedom from violence and abuse. This day was an opportunity to educate others about the importance of girls, to speak against

specific injustices, and to advocate for equality everywhere so girls can pursue their dreams.

On Thursday Oct. 11, 2012 Marconi District in Oceans Edge Area hosted an International Day of the Girl Child event at Morris Academy in Mount Pearl. Helping to celebrate this well attended event were Charlene Johnson, Minister of Child, Youth and Family Services, Lorraine Michael, Leader of the New Democratic Party and Paul Lane MHA for Mount Pearl South. Special guest and Spark in training was Emilia daughter of Robyn Lee, International Adviser, Provincial Council. Girls participated in campfire as well as various activities. Some activities included creating a banner with their handprints and names; WAGGGS postcards in which the girls either drew a picture or wrote a note showing how to get the world they want to live in; and a service project where the girls brought in a non-perishable food item for a local food bank. Girls in the district received a special crest representing the special day. The event coordinators were Marconi District co-deputy commissioners, Tara Skeffington-Boone and Sara Hawkins, and Ashley Skeffington, 1st Mount Pearl Ranger Unit. The District plans on celebrating International Day of the Girl Child again next year.

Story by Pat Adams and Tara-Boone-Skeffington

World Thinking Day 2013

On 22 February 2013, Girl Guides and Girl Scouts worldwide came together to learn about and take action on the themes of “together we can save children’s lives” and “every mother’s life and health is precious”, based on two of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDG) 4 and 5.

MDG 4 – Reduce child mortality rate by 67% (between 1990 and 2015)

•Progress – Rate has dropped by 41% with some countries reducing their rate by 50%

MDG 5 – Reduce maternal mortality rate by 75% (between 1990 and 2015)

•Progress – Rate has dropped by 47% with some countries already having reached the 75% target

The focus countries for World Thinking Day this year are Republic of Ireland, Jordan, Malawi, Pakistan and Venezuela.



Around the world, 7.6 million children and 287,000 mothers die each year. This situation can, and must, be changed. An activity booklet is posted on the World Thinking Day website for information and activities

to help you raise awareness of the issues of child mortality and maternal health. Together, the 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in our organization can help ensure that every child and every woman has the best possible chance of living a long and healthy life.

Check out the website at: <http://www.worldthinkingday.org/en/home>

Don't forget to check out other great activities to learn about the Millennium Development Goals in the Global Action Theme badge curriculum at: http://www.wagggsworld.org/en/take_action/gat

Did you know???

- Of the children under five years of age who died in 2011 more than a third of the deaths were attributable to under nutrition. Two thirds of the children died of infectious diseases, nearly all of which are preventable. Pneumonia, diarrhoea and malaria are leading causes of death among young children.

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- The highest rates of child mortality are found in India, Nigeria, Democratic Republic of Congo, Pakistan and China.
- 99% of maternal deaths occur in developing countries – most could be prevented with proven interventions.

There is a need to improve access to voluntary family planning, invest in health workers with mid-wifery skills and ensure access to emergency obstetric care when complications arise.

- One third of all maternal deaths occur in two countries – India and Nigeria. Another third of maternal deaths occur in Democratic Republic of Congo, Pakistan, Sudan, Indonesia, Ethiopia, Republic of Tanzania, Bangladesh and Afghanistan.



Photo above of Area International Advisers playing “Swat the Mozzie” at the Committees Conference at Lion Max Simms in October 2012.

Canadian World Friendship Fund

The Fiver for Friendship campaign is still underway! Every member is asked to donate \$5 to the Canadian World Friendship Fund (CWFF). Let us know the great ideas happening in the Units, Communities, Districts and Areas that help raise funds to help support our Guiding sisters around the world. Thinking Day is when we generally make donations to the CWFF but it can be done at any time of the year.

Change the World

International Camporee 2012



Guider Della Coles travelled with GGC to Connecticut this past summer. An adventure from the start, the Canadian group was billeted before the camp and took in local sightseeing in Connecticut and had a day trip to New York City where they went to the United Nations, 9 11 memorial site, Grand Central Station and Times Square.

Three hundred girls from the USA, Ghana, Australia, Nigeria, Japan and England attended the International Camporee. There were lots of activities to choose from at the camp. A highlight was going to a baseball game and having ice cream that was “to die for”. The Guiders were also invited to a reception where they got to sample six different varieties of the Girl Scout cookies. The Canadian delegation had an excellent Canada Display Booth at the camp too!

“I am so glad to have been a part of this great experience for the girls and Guiders...it was an experience that I will never forget”, says Della. “I can’t wait for the next adventure in Guiding and I am so pumped to tell my girls about my trip!”

Della Coles, Guider, Snowshoe District, Northern Mosaic Area

Costa Rica Adventure 2012

Buenos Dias (Good Day) is just one of the many Spanish phrases I learned on my amazing GGC trip to Costa Rica. For 17 days this past August, I had the opportunity to stay with a Costa Rican family in St. Elena, Costa Rica. Part of me was reminded of when I was a little girl in school. My roommate and I would wake up, and our host mom would have made us a huge breakfast, and a packed lunch for us to take with us on our day’s adventures. We spent most of our workdays working at the school, planting trees, or carrying rocks. Sunday was a day to ourselves, which we got to learn more about our families and how they lived.

Applying for an International Trip was one of the most terrifying, yet exciting things I have ever done in my life, and I encourage other girls and women to do it! It’s a great opportunity to meet other girls from across the province, Canada, and even in other countries. Seeing a different lifestyle, in a different country has definitely changed my view on things. I’m sure a lot of girls think “What is the chances of being accepted”? Well, if you don’t apply, you have a 0% chance. This year alone, over ten girls and Guiders from across Newfoundland and Labrador were accepted to go on trips, or to go as an alternate. Something to think about, isn’t it?

Pura Vida

Submitted by Emilia Mercer, Ranger, Eastern Bays Area

What do we spend the cookie money on?

Units spend the money to run their program, buy supplies such as badges. Units can also use the cases to help pay for camp.

Districts use the money to help pay for trainings for leaders, hold District camps and events.

Area use the money to help pay for trainings, travel, Area camps, and Area events

Province uses the money to hold trainings for leaders, international trips, Provincial camps and other Provincial events.

Without cookie sales, we would not be able to run Guiding in Newfoundland and Labrador. We thank all the leaders for their support in making our cookie campaigns a success.

Cookie Breakdown

\$11.00 per case goes to the unit

\$3.25 goes to District

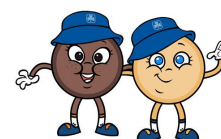
\$2.65 goes to Area

\$0.75 goes to the Sharron Callahan Member Assistance Fund

\$0.20 Area Incentive

\$15.65 to Province

\$26.50 to Dare Foods.



Goulds District

The Goulds Girl Guide Unit, Ocean's Edge Area, visited the RNC stables at Government House. A female RNC officer gave the tour, and provided a great deal of interesting information. The girls also brought apples and carrots which they were allowed to feed the horses. It was a great outing!!

Story by Jeannie Reddy, Guider



Girl Guides Decorate the Lieutenant Governor's Home for Christmas

On Thursday, November 29, 2012, there were approximately 75 members from Sparks to Rangers and Guiders at the Lieutenant Governor's Home in St. John's with their Honors Mr. and Mrs. Crosbie. The girls started the festivities by decorating an enormous Christmas tree in the foyer with their Honors. The ornaments were "homemade" from many girls in different units across Newfoundland and Labrador. After the girls finished decorating there were some refreshments and singing of some Christmas carols. It was a grand event indeed and lots of fun for all ages.

Story by Donna Tuck MMPA and Photos by Edith Cuerrier



Canada Cord and Chief Commissioners Awards

The Canada Cord is the highest award available to girls of Pathfinder age. During three years as a Pathfinder those young ladies have worked on over 20 diverse badges, a leadership project, community service, bridging with other Girl Guides, first aid training and a citizenship challenge.

The Chief Commissioner Award is the highest award a Ranger can earn and the focus of the program is to give girls the opportunity to explore and develop their self confidence, independence and leadership skills. Covering various program areas, girls explore their communities through active involvement and volunteer service. There is also an emphasis on global and environmental awareness, and developing outdoor skills.

Adult Members provide guidance and support to both Pathfinders and Rangers, but much of the goal setting and planning is done by the girls themselves. International travel, camps and service projects are a just a few of the many ways these young women develop their independence, leadership skills and self-confidence as they step into adulthood.

Thank you to you as Guiders, parents and families for being great supporters to our girls. Because of your leadership, guidance, support and encouragement you have helped these young ladies to become the best they can be, and our Leaders of Tomorrow.

Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Council

Canada Cord Ceremony



Silverbirch District held a Canada Cord Ceremony at the Guide Hut in Gander on October 21, 2012. Three girls from the Area were awarded their Canada Cord. It was an honored to have our Provincial and Deputy Provincial Commissioners present to hand out the awards. Also in attendance was Silverbirch District

Commissioner, Kelly-Anne Roul, parents, Trefoil members, Guiders, Rangers and Pathfinders. After receiving their award, the girls took a trip down memory lane as they were treated to a slide show highlighting their time in Pathfinders. Congratulations Kayley Critchley, Carolyn Dumaresque and Hannah Rayner on your big achievement.

World Thinking Day 2013



“Together we can save children’s lives”



“Every mother’s life and health is precious”



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