**Quest 2019 – SUPER HEROS**

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| **Q** | * **Question your knowledge on outdoor skills and leadership.**
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| **U** | * **Use that knowledge positively, to create and have fun.**
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| **E** | * **Enhance skills learned through Guiding.**
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| **S** | * **Socialize to meet other Guiding members.**
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| **T** | * **Team work – all members working together towards the same goal.**
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| **Who:** | All Pathfinders and Trex (ages 11 to 15) at the time of the event. |
| **Where:** | Smiley’s Provincial Park, Newport NS (outside Windsor NS) |
| **Why:** | It is amazingly fun‼ |
| **When:** | Friday, September 27 – Sunday, September 29, 2019 |
| **Fee:** | $85.00 (including HST) per team of 3 to 5 Pathfinders. No additional fee for supervising adults.  |
| **Accommodations:** | Accommodation is in tents. Tent sites will be in a field, organized by Guiding units (teams will stay together); each site has a picnic table and fire pit (limited use).  |
| **Washrooms:** | Washroom facilities for ALL teams are outdoor toilets (outhouses and “port-a-potties”). |
| **The Quest:** | Teams will go on a Quest for up to 12 hours, from 10am to 10pm on Saturday. In this time, they complete as many projects as they can along the way. These varying projects challenge each team’s abilities in reasoning, leadership, teamwork and endurance, and teams are scored appropriately at each project station.  |
| **Team Size:** | Teams generally consist of 4 girls, and this is how projects are developed. If there’s an extra girl, the team may have to sit out a girl at project stations, depending on the particular project and scoring. If there are fewer girls, it is usually worth teaming up with another small group for a full Quest experience (we can help coordinate this), but teams can compete with as few as 3 girls, if needed. For clarity, teams can include from 3-5 girls. |
| **Team Responsibilities:** | This is an outdoor event. Teams are responsible for their own camping equipment and are expected to provide, prepare, and store their own food for the whole weekend. Each Team should come completely self-contained for the weekend. On the day of Quest, each Team must carry everything that they will need on their Quest with them (e.g. gear, food, required program kit, etc.).  |

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| **Guider Ratio:** | Every Team must have a Contact Guider, a First Aider and someone with Food Safety (one person can fill more than one role). For ratio: one Contact Guider and one First Aider can bring no more than three teams (maximum of 14 girls) to Quest.  |
| **Adult Participants:** | Every adult/Guider is to bring their own completed Health Form (H2) and keep it on their person at all times during Quest weekend. All Guiders must have a current PRC on file with iMIS to participate in this event, and First Aiders must have current First Aid on file with iMIS. All adult non-members must have an A7 and PRC on file with iMIS. A7 and PRC forms must be sent directly to Province – see due date, below. |
| **Team Contact Guider:** | It is the responsibility of the Team Contact Guider to ensure all paperwork is COMPLETE and that it is sent to the Registrar no later than the deadline provided. Failure to do so may result in the team forfeiting its ability to participate in this event. |
| **Team First Aid Guider:** | The Team First Aider will be responsible for all medications for the Team during the weekend. First Aiders should ensure that they bring a first aid kit with them for their team. |
| **Safe Guide:**  | The Quest Planning Team will be looking after the SG3 for this event and Safe Guide for the Planning Team begins once girls are on site until they depart on Sunday morning.  |
| **Registration:** | Fill out the Quest Registrations Form and return to address listed on the form.  |
| **Next Steps:** | Upon receipt of your registration form, you will receive confirmation of registration via email. Please see schedule below.  |

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| **IMPORTANTDEADLINES** |  | Team Registration Forms & Information will be available.  |
| September 13 | Last date to receive all Registration Forms (including SG2 and H1 with photo) & cheques. |
| September 13 | Last date to receive PRC’s and A7’s at Province for non-member adults wishing to participate & last date for all Guiders/girl members to be registered for the 2019-2020 Guiding year.  |
| September 20 | Last date to receive updates to already submitted registration forms.  |
| September 20 | Last date to receive any refund requests.  |

Before registering, please read the **2019 Quest Unit Information and Kit List**.

This is where you will find the complete details that you need for a successful weekend at Quest!

Look for updated QUEST information posted on the Nova Scotia Girl Guide site www.girlguides.ns.ca.

If you have any questions, please email ns-quest@girlguides.ca

**IMPORTANT INFO**

The following highlights IMPORTANT REMINDERS, to assist in resolving some of the problems we have had with paperwork and check in over the past few years. These were implemented in 2018 and we will continue this year.

1. There is a COVER SHEET to provide to parents. This includes some standard Girl Guide language on financial support and accommodations that GGNS wants to make sure all parents are aware of. We’ve rolled this into the PDF with the driving directions, since we think that is the page parents pay the most attention to! Please make sure this sheet is sent to all parents.
2. In previous years, there have been many problems with SG2 and H1 forms. Guiders PLEASE ***check each SG2 and H1 form*** to ensure that (1) it is the 2019 H1 form; (2) it is signed by the parent, and (3) that a photo is attached to the H1 form. There is checkbox for each participant for you to tick as you confirm. Applications without all paperwork and signatures will not be processed.
3. One Guider from each unit needs to check in at Quest HQ or with Core Crew to get your site information. There will be no site markers with team numbers – we will be using the pre-established campsite numbers to assign campsites.
4. Guiders are asked to ensure that parents know the **drop off time** for your unit and your **unit name**. The unit drop off time should be at least 15 minutes (we suggest 30 minutes) after Guiders arrive, so that Guiders can check in at Quest HQ, find your assigned site, unload gear and then park your vehicle in the designated parking area. Please ensure parents know that they cannot arrive before the designated time, as they will not be permitted to drop off their Pathfinder or Trex member until their unit Guider arrives to supervise.
5. Each unit needs to have someone with food safety to supervise cooking (this can be your CG or FA).
6. **Reminder** - Guiders are responsible for providing a copy of the H1 form to place in nametag holders – and we will be checking to ensure that all Youth members have their H1 form in their nametag holder. Units also need a set of H1 forms for the unit first aider. This means you need three copies of H1 forms for Quest – one to submit, one for the Youth member and one for your unit FA.
7. The fee is $85 per team of 3 to 5 participants. There are no additional charges for extra participants, and no additional charges for adults (no more than two adults per team). ***Note: This will apply only for Smiley’s Provincial Park and may change with future venue changes.***
8. All Guiders are expected to be familiar with the SG and emergency procedures (found on the GGCNS web site under Quest) and discuss emergency procedures with your team(s).
9. We are a small team running a large camp, and many hands make light work!
10. We know many units are running a project –THANK YOU! If you are not running a project, we need you to volunteer in other capacities. Each adult, not running a project is to select a volunteer task and will be scheduled for at least 8 hours throughout the weekend (we can work with split shifts as well). We will do our best to confirm the schedule with you prior to your arrival.

**GIRL INFORMATION**Please fill in all the names of the girl participants attending the event from your unit/group. Remember that participants – girl and adult – must be registered members of GGC. If a girl participant is not on your 2019/2020 roster, she can’t attend Quest and your registration will not be processed (yes, we do check!). ***Please confirm registration for all Pathfinders before submitting your team registration.***

* PLEASE ensure that H1 forms are the NEWLY UPDATED 2019 H1 form. H1 forms are also required to have a photo attached. Registrations will not be processed without the correct H1 form, with photo and signature, for all participants.
* If you are bringing more than one team, please assign team numbers for registration purposes only (we’ll provide new team #s for you later). If you haven’t yet split the girls into teams, we can wait another week for that, just email your update to ns-quest@girlguides.ca by Sept 20, 2019. Remember, though, your cheque needs to reflect the number of teams participating! ($85/team) and all participants need to be listed on this form by September 13.

**SEND IT IN!**The following should be submitted to the address below, **to arrive by SEPTEMBER 13**:

* Registration Form (this form)
* Registration Fee $85 per team, per team of three to five girls.
* SG2 Parent Permission Form - for each girl participant, signed by the parents.
* H1 Health Information Form - for each girl participant, signed girl’s health form and INCLUDING a picture. This is required for registration and will be strictly enforced! Note: In addition to this returned form, Team First Aider must have one copy on-hand, and each girl should have a copy in a waterproof baggie to carry with her during Quest. You need three copies of the H1 form for each participant – one to submit with your registration, one for the participant to carry with their nametag (we will be checking) and one for Team First Aider.

**PLEASE CHECK.
Is the SG2 form signed?
Is the H1 form signed? Is it the updated 2019 form? Does it include a photo?**

We understand that timelines are tight and units are just starting up. If you are not able to meet these deadlines, the key is to *communicate* so we know what is going on and can try and accommodate your needs! However, we appreciate that you will do your best to meet these deadlines so we can be ready for camp. ☺

Note: Please do not send A7 or PRC (for any non-guiding adult participating in the event) with your registration. This should be sent directly to Guide House, by September 14.

**BY SEPTEMBER 13, 2019 we should have received your
REGISTRATION FEES, REGISTRATION FORM, H1s and SG2s!**

**PLEASE MAIL TO:**Attention: Quest 2019 Registrar
3581 Dutch Village Road
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3N 2S9

**Accessibility: If you have any disabilities that may require accommodation, we ask that you self-identify yourself, so that GGC can consult with you to provide, or arrange suitable accommodation to support your accessibility needs during this event. I would like to be contacted to discuss my needs: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ yes**

**Financial Assistance:** It is our intent that every girl wishing to participate in events / activities has an equal opportunity to attend an event. Should financial assistance be needed, please complete and submit the Guiding Assistance Request Form which can be found at [www.girlguides.ns.ca](http://www.girlguides.ns.ca/) -> Volunteers-> Forms.