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## Hurray! Summer is coming!

Along with warmer weather, the camping season will soon be here! We, in Saskatchewan, are very fortunate to have two excellent provincial campsites owned by Provincial Council. Each camp has its own unique flavour and each is managed by a hard working and dedicated volunteer operating committee that oversees the campsites.

**Can-ta-ka-ye**, on the shores of Diefenbaker Lake near Birsay, has a large lodge with a kitchen, a large eating/activity room, and upstairs sleeping rooms. There is also lots of space for outdoor games, tenting, outdoor cooking and campfires, plus a beach for water activities. Units can make bookings through the Provincial Office for the spring camps or independent camping. Girls can register individually for the programmed summer camps.

**Heritage Camp**, on the shores of Heritage Lake north of Prince Albert, is not as large as Can-ta-ka-ye, but it has a sleeping lodge, a kitchen/activities building, and space for tenting and outdoor activities. Nestled in the trees and with a beautiful sandy beach, Heritage is a great place for outdoor activities. Units can make bookings through the Provincial Office.



*Heritage Lake – imagine sitting by a campfire with this view!*

So, whether you take advantage of either of our two provincial campsites or not, hopefully you will give your girls an opportunity to camp somewhere this year. Camping with other girls and Guiders is a wonderful experience where memories and friendships are made; skills and responsibilities are learned; and laughter and fun are ever present. Have a great summer and enjoy the outdoors!



*Can-ta-ka-ye – how inviting!*

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## Upcoming dates...



May 3	Clean-Up Saskatchewan (Tim Hortons)
May 3-4	Can-ta-ka-ye Clean-Up
May 23-24	Provincial Council Meeting
May 23-25	Spring Camp at Can-ta-ka-ye
June 6-8	Spring Camp at Can-ta-ka-ye
July 24-27	Summer Camp at Can-ta-ka-ye (Sp. & Br.)
August 7-10	Summer Camp at Can-ta-ka-ye (Guides)
August 8-11	Serenity Retreat (Heritage Lake)
August 21-24	Summer Camp at Can-ta-ka-ye (All)
September 1	Deadline for SK Scholarships
September 5-7	Provincial Council & Networks Meetings
September 10	<i>Prairie Lily</i> deadline
October 3-4	Provincial Trefoil Gathering (Saskatoon)
October 3- 5	Quest (Can-ta-ka-ye)
October 24-26	Training Workshop (TBA)
October 26	Youth Recognition Ceremony (Saskatoon)



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September – June:  
 Monday to Friday  
 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

July – August:  
 Monday to Friday  
 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



## Great job!

April is Volunteer Month when recognition is given to volunteers, but please know that **you** are appreciated all year round!

Please pass on thanks to all the people who provide support to Guiding in Saskatchewan!

## Provincial Council Vacancies!

- Provincial Special Needs Adviser
- Provincial Lones Adviser
- Elected Member for Bridging Rivers Area



# A Message from the PC



Hello all:

Finally there is evidence that spring has arrived. Snow is disappearing and the warm temperature and bright sun energize. The birds are back and I have my eye out for my first robin sighting. For many of you your weekly meetings are winding down. I hope it has been a great year for your girls but also hope that your Guiding year has been fun for you. We want you to come back. It just would not be the same without you!

Do you have a plan to take your girls camping this summer? Camping is a significant part of my Guiding experience. I have had so much fun sleeping in a tent (or under the stars). I enjoyed the 'gourmet' meals I learned to cook. Friendships were sealed around the campfire. I believe every girl needs to learn to thrive outdoors. We have lots of opportunities if you need some assistance to make it happen. Explore the camps offered at the provincial campsites or attend a District or Area camp – I think if you try camping you, too, will love it! ☺

Registration for next fall has begun. At the time of writing this, I think we have about 75 members already registered for next year! I know there will be many more but I am always delighted when the first

few registrations are submitted. Please encourage your parents, friends, neighbours, in fact anyone in your community to register now! Early registration will save them a few dollars. I strongly promote online registration. The process gets easier every year. The convenience is a bonus. You can register any time, any day – whatever works for you. Try online registration and you may love this as well. ☺

Thank you for all you have given to Guiding in Saskatchewan this year. I remind you that there is real value in what you do. In fact you are priceless! We could not provide the opportunities we do for the girls without you. Memories, fun, skills and friendships have developed under your mentorship. Your leadership leaves a lasting imprint on each of the lives you touch. Your being available every week is a true gift. I understand you have lots of choices and demands on your time. Girl Guides is delighted that you volunteer with us.

The Girl Guides of Canada tag line is "Girl Greatness Starts Here". I believe the statement is true. In preparing the annual report I am reminded of all the amazing programming that has happened this year. At the heart of everything we do is our commitment to the girls. We continue to be a vibrant organization empowering, challenging and inspiring girls!

Take time to pause this summer. Enjoy your break. Relax with your family and friends. Return rejuvenated and renewed to volunteer with us again.

Guiding always,

*Charlene*

Charlene McLean  
Provincial Commissioner, [pc@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:pc@girlguides.sk.ca)

P.S. I would love to hear about your camping adventures this summer! ☺



## BRIDGING RIVERS AREA NEWS STREAM...

**THANK YOU** to the following Guiders who are completing terms in the following volunteer roles:

### Area Council Elected Members

- Barb Atkinson (Rural)
- Gina Troupe (Rural)
- Kay Peters (Urban)

### District Commissioners

- Jenn Baxter (Northern Points)
- Trina Braid (Stardust)
- Sue Christiansen (Prairie Horizons)
- Cathy Newby (Prairie Horizons)
- Janet McGirr (Pasquia Lily)

### Deputy District Commissioner

- Ali Gillespie (Evergreen)

### **60th Ranger Unit Raises the Flag**

Girls from the 60th Ranger Unit raised a flag at City Hall for Guide-Scout Week 2014!



We wish you well as you take on new challenges!

## LONE STAR DISTRICT!



Lone Star District in Saskatoon is unique in that it is comprised of four Units running in several of the core neighbourhoods of the city. Girls being girls enjoy the fun and challenges the program provides; however, a financial barrier exists for their families and limits the types of activities available to them. The District is fortunate to have been the recipient of National's Energizer Grant that has allowed them to participate in activities they may not otherwise have had the chance to experience.

The District has been focusing on literacy and partnered with READ Saskatoon and Frontier College to hold a "Reading Olympics" event that provided lots of fun with literacy focused activities in a round robin. They ended the day with a pizza supper and draws for free books provided by Frontier College.



A second event was a district sleepover held at Wanuskewin Heritage Park. This event focused on activities that highlighted Aboriginal culture. They made pottery, learned about hunting bison, played traditional games and baked bannock on an open fire to name a few of the activities.

The District is fortunate to have been supported financially not only externally but through Guiding's Membership Financial Assistance programs at both Provincial and Area levels. Girls who are potentially at risk can have the positive experiences to enrich their lives through Girl Guides.



## SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS – Unit Guiders!

**Jess Glasman** is a Guider for the 17<sup>th</sup> Guiding Unit in the Northern Stars District.

**What opportunities have you had in Guiding?** I have had the opportunity to grow as a leader over the last six years through trainings such as January conferences as well as through collaborating with other leaders. What I look forward to the most as a Guider is traveling with the girls and giving them bigger and better opportunities every year to expand their experiences and knowledge through programming. My biggest opportunity this year will be taking a group of Guide and Pathfinder aged girls to SOAR in BC this July.

**Why have you stayed in Guiding? How did you get involved?** I have been involved in Guiding for 13 years. I started in Brownies and went through to Pathfinders. After Pathfinders I became very busy with other activities in school and unfortunately had to leave Guiding. I remembered my days of Guiding fondly: great adventures camping, badge work and going out into the community. I became a leader six years ago and I haven't looked back since! My main goal from day one has been to bring interesting, fun and creative ways to help the girls earn program and badge work. Giving girls the opportunities to camp, go on field trips as well as meet special guests right at their own meetings has been a fun way for the girls to experience and to learn. I've stayed in Guiding because of the fun of working and collaborating with other leaders who have become close friends of mine. I've also stayed in Guiding for the excitement of the girls that I work with. There are no words to express a Guide beaming bright after experiencing horseback riding for the first time, from seeing a new baby calf follow a Pathfinder around the corral, or from a first time camper building her first campfire. The girls' excitement for learning is what brings me back each week and watching them grow up to become successful and confident brings me back every year.

### **Two Stars and A Wish for GGC**

Star – Girl Guides of Canada offers a multitude of opportunities for girls and adult members alike.

Star – We help girls build self-confidence to become leaders of tomorrow.

Wish – For GGC to continue to have growth in numbers towards the future, especially in Saskatchewan.

**Words from sister Guiders:** Jess is always ready to help. She has a great attitude about work and play, and she makes sure that it all gets done. She ADORES her Unit, and wouldn't trade them for anything. She is always ready to jump into a new adventure. Jess is an integral part of my team, and one of my right hand gals! I couldn't have the amazing district I do without her!

## Aurora District University, March 29, 2014



If you have something you'd like to see included in our Bridging Rivers Area Girl Guides section of the next Prairie Lily, please send to the Area office no later than August 29, 2014. Notices of condolence, postings of achievements or other news of wide interest are welcomed.



# Southern Horizons Happenings

## Sparks preparing for spring



McLurg Spark Unit #8 built bird houses out of recycled wood pre-cut by Grandpa Teddy.

All the dads plus one mom assisted with the build and it was truly a noisy hour of hammering.

By the end of the evening all the girls were very excited about their building skills.

The project was registered as a National Service Project "Operation EARTH Action" on the Girl Guides of Canada website under "Trash to Treasurers" and "Animal Habitats". The girls will receive their Operation EARTH Action crest as well as a bird house building crest purchased by the Unit.

## **AREA SOCIAL** **June 5, 2014** **1530 Broadway Avenue**

Items in the photo are only some of the things that will be free-for-the-taking on June 5. Food, fun, fabulous free stuff! Mark your calendars now and watch your FYIs for more information to come.



## **SPARK & BROWNIE DAY CAMPS**



Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Spark and Brownie Day Camps on April 5 and 6 respectively, a wonderful success. Sixty-three Sparks and sixty-one Brownies and their Guiders earned their **Quebec Chocolate Challenge**. The days were spent playing with, tasting, and learning about all things chocolate! A special thank you to Pathfinders #21 and #99 (and their Leaders) for their able bodied help.

## RED CROSS DAY OF PINK

Another huge success – more than 250 girls and Guiders marched from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum to the Legislature (to a chorus of horn honking support) where they were hosted by MLAs Laura Ross and Christine Tell. Songs, snacks, a sea of pink, posters, all on the grand staircase!

Thank you girls and Guiders!



On a damp, blustery, spring Saskatchewan morning in Regina, a huge team of volunteers put together the very first **Run for the Girls**. 279 braved the cold and ran or walked for the girls! It was a huge success! The participants included Guiding groups from around the province, competitive and casual runners, and families! From babies in strollers to many in their late sixties, all of our participants proved that getting active is something

everyone can do – at any age! Successful participants were:

1K: 1. Lola Lee, 2. Chloe Smith, 3. Samantha Safinuk

3K: Top Male: Randy French, Top Female: Chris Truscott; Top Youth: Nicholas Selinger

5K: Top Male – Chris Gunningham, Top Female – Paula Bzdell, Top Youth – Rachel Evans

10K: Top Male – Mark Newton, Top Female – Sydney Henrikson, Top Youth – Katelyn Wolf

The proceeds of this event will go to The Ethel Peart Fund for girls seeking assistance in Southern Horizons Area. Thank you to all the volunteers, leaders, parents, and Girl Guides who helped make this event a success. Let's do it again next spring, but this time – with some sun!

Submitted by Sarah Truskowski, Run for the Girls Race Director



# Recruitment and Retention (Membership)

Submitted by Heather Levy

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## What registration numbers can tell us

**April 1, 2013:** Online Registration opens for **2013-2014** year.

**April 5, 2013:** Registration is open for girls returning to the same Unit.

*Total number of girls registered: 14*

**April 26, 2013:** Priority registration for girls returning to the same Unit is coming to an end.

*Total number of girls registered: 95*

**May 3, 2013:** Registration is open for returning girls who are switching branches.

*Total number of girls registered: 151*

**May 24, 2013:** Priority registration for girls returning to Guiding is coming to an end.

*Total number of girls registered: 261*

**June 14, 2013:** Registration has been open for all for two weeks.

*Total number of girls registered: 442*

**August 9, 2013:** Summer vacation is half over.

*Total number of girls registered: 609*

**September 13, 2013:** School has been in session for a week.

*Total number of girls registered: 1180*

**September 20, 2013:** Unit meetings are starting up for the year.

*Total number of girls registered: 1364*

**October 11, 2013:** Many Units in the province are up and running. Guiders and commissioners are working hard to find new Guiders and develop great programming.

*Total number of girls registered: 1898*

**November 1, 2013:** Almost all Units are going. Girls are having a great time, Guiders are hitting their stride.

*Total number of girls registered: 2182*

**November 15, 2013:** Regular Unit meetings, camps and sleepovers are happening around the province.

*Total number of girls registered: 2242*

**December 13, 2013:** Meetings are winding down for the winter break.

*Total number of girls registered: 2395*

**Official Count January 31, 2014:** *Total number of girls registered: 2491*

**4 Days later:** *Total number of girls registered: 2495*

**March 7, 2014:** Registration for 2013-2014 Guiding year is winding down. IMIS is about to shut down in preparation for registration for 2014-2015 Guiding year. *Total number of girls registered: 2509*

Comparing the 2013-2014 numbers to the year before, it is easy to see that online registration and on-time registration are increasing. Way to go Saskatchewan Guiders! All together we can make sure we all count. This year 18 girls were missed in the official count. This is a tremendous improvement from the year before when 37 girls didn't count. How low can we go in 2014-2015? Together we can make sure that everyone Guiding in Saskatchewan counts!

# New streamlined process for updating your PRC

GGC has now partnered with BackCheck Services to facilitate police records checks (PRCs).



What this means for **current members**:

- PRC renewal will be ordered online.
- Your PRC process will be completed quickly and easily from your computer.
- GGC will pay for all PRCs – new ones and renewals.



When it is time to renew your police record check, the Provincial Office will send you an email containing a link to the BackCheck Girl Guide page. To set up your account, select your role (current member), your location (Saskatchewan Council) and then enter your iMIS number. As a confirmation, you will be emailed a link from BackCheck that will allow you to complete your PRC renewal. Saskatchewan Council is working on the fine details of implementing this process; more information will be provided as we move forward.

**New Members** will be required to use BackCheck Services to complete their PRC as well as personal reference checks.

**Non Members** will be required to pay for their PRC using BackCheck.

## Online Registration

**Registration for the 2014 - 2015 season is now open!** Fee remains the same at **\$125**.

Please note:

- Encourage re-registration and promote the online registration process.
- There is a three tiered re-registration structure again this season:
  - April – girls returning to same Unit
  - May – girls returning to Guiding and registering in any Unit
  - June – open registration (returning or new girls)
- Save \$10 by registering before 11 a.m. on June 27, 2014.
- Family plan rates continue to be in effect throughout the year.
- A membership subsidy is available if required.
- If you have any questions, please contact your Area Office.

Please continue to promote and support this process!

## Year End Details

As we near the end of another Guiding year, remember to do the following:

- Present all badges that the girls have earned.
- Celebrate the girls' advancement with a ceremony and invite the parents.
- Promote the summer camping opportunities at Can-ta-ka-ye to your girls.
- Thank the people who supported your Unit this Guiding year.
- Have a year-end party or wind up event.
- Go camping with your Unit. Try Can-ta-ka-ye or Heritage!
- Ensure your Unit books are in order – bills are paid, money has been deposited and spreadsheets and reports are completed and given to your commissioner.
- Return the keys for your meeting place, if so required.
- Send all information about your Unit (start up date and returning Guiders) for next fall to your district commissioner and the Area Office.
- Relax and rejuvenate over the summer months in preparation for another busy year of Guiding.
- Know that your efforts are worthy and appreciated!





## Funds

Submitted by Phyllis White  
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### Membership Financial Assistance

This Fund is to assist girl members of families with financial needs to actively participate in Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada.

### Elizabeth Allen Fund / Sisters to Sisters Fund

These funds are to assist girls and women with financial needs to actively participate in Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada.

### Carol Pollock Travel Fund

This fund is to encourage camping activities in Saskatchewan by assisting with travel costs.

### Marian Clark Camping Grant

This fund is to promote camping in tents and is available to assist a group or individual participating in tent camping.

For complete details and deadlines please go to [www.girlguides.sk.ca](http://www.girlguides.sk.ca) or call the Provincial Office.

## Saskatchewan Provincial Council Scholarships

Members may apply for both the **Mildred Baldwin Scholarship** and the **Cynthia O'Connor Scholarship** in the same year but can only receive one per year. If they receive one the first year they may apply for the other scholarship the next year, but may only receive each scholarship once.



### Criteria for both scholarships:

- Individuals must be a current Girl Guides of Canada member.
- Unsuccessful applicants may apply again.
- Priority will be given to applicants with a strong background in Guiding and community involvement.
- The selection committee uses a marking scale that reflects the level of activity a girl/woman has with regard to service, camping, etc., and is also looking for creativity in the "What Guiding Means to Me" statement. The committee looks forward to reviewing the applications each year and is always impressed with the involvement of the applicants in their community.

**Deadline** for applications, including references and handwritten letter, is **September 1**. Application forms are available on the provincial website or from the Provincial Office. Please send references in sealed envelopes with your application. Application and documents are to be sent by mail, fax or email to the Provincial Office.

### Documents required to process application: *Please make sure to send in all the documents!*

- Completed application form – available from the Provincial Office or on the Saskatchewan GGC website
- Proof of enrolment at a post secondary institution
- Letter of reference (Inside Guiding) – in sealed envelope
- Letter of reference (Outside Guiding) – in sealed envelope
- Handwritten letter "What Guiding Means to Me" (maximum 200 words) (Black ink is more professional!)

### **Mildred Baldwin Scholarship**

One scholarship of \$500 awarded annually

#### Criteria:

- Has been an active member of Girl Guides for at least five years.
- Enrolled at any post-secondary institution.
- The course must be a minimum length of ten months.

### **Cynthia O'Connor Scholarship**

One scholarship of \$250 awarded annually

#### Criteria:

- Has been an active member of Girl Guides for at least two years.
- Enrolled at any post-secondary institution, no less than 60% of full time.
- Applicants must be between 17-25 years of age.

## Membership fees options



- \* **Currently** all active adult memberships are covered by Provincial Council. We are happy to support you in your role.
- \* **But**, some Guiders would prefer to pay their own membership fee. They are members and believe they should pay their own membership fee.
- \* **Therefore**, any adult member preferring to pay their membership fee may do so by paying **\$125** to their iMIS home by November 1.
- \* **Or**, you can make a donation to the Sister to Sisters Fund to cover the cost of registration for a girl member. Donations are accepted any time.

## International

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This summer, GGC is sending girls and Guiders on domestic and international trips. Hundreds of members from across Canada applied in hopes that their application stood out from the rest. After a lengthy process, and much nail biting, Saskatchewan is proud to say that we had four successful applicants – two girls from Saskatoon, and two Guiders, one from Regina and one from Saskatoon! Here is what they have to say about their selections:

### Girls:

#### **Bailey Mundell** – “Journey through London”

I picked this trip because I have always really wanted to go to London because of Harry Potter and his home. I am the most excited about the trip to the London Eye, the humongous Ferris wheel. We are going sightseeing to a lot of places.

#### **Kylen Rioux** – “WINGS”

The reason I chose to apply for this trip is because I've always wanted to go to England. The culture and lifestyle there completely fascinate me. I am very much looking forward to experiencing one of the greatest European destinations, and meeting up with the girls in the Canadian group as well as girls from all over the world!

### Guiders:

#### **Tammy Sutherland** – “Journey through London”

I decided to apply for the “Journey through London” trip both as a way of giving back to Guiding by making myself available to supervise girls, plus to take advantage of a unique opportunity to travel. I am excited to meet the others from across Canada who will be travelling with me and I can't wait to experience all that London has to offer and to finally visit Pax Lodge!

#### **Heather Neufeld** – “WINGS”

I heard about “WINGS” at a camp in Nova Scotia. I was encouraged to attend because it was a great opportunity. I am excited about going to a camp where I am one of the international guests.

We wish everyone safe and happy travels for their trips this summer.  
We look forward to hearing about your adventures in Guiding in the fall *Prairie Lily*!

# Safe Guide

Submitted by Linda Mushanski  
Provincial Safe Guide Adviser



Our Guiding year is quickly coming to an end and I know most Units will be finishing off their year with a great camp or a sleep over. This means that the Safe Guide team will be busy so I ask that everyone be cognisant of getting your forms in on time.

To ensure that things go smoothly for your submission, please remember the following easy steps:

- √ Yellow level activity forms are due at least 14 days prior to the start of the activity.
- √ Red level activity forms are due 21 days prior to the activity.
- √ International travel under 72 hours now requires 30 days notification.
- √ Red level travel in Canada of 72 hours or more forms are due 30 days prior to the activity.
- √ Submit all of your forms to the Provincial Office. The minimum required is your SG.1, SG.2, SG.3 and SG.4. The office staff will log in your submission, assign it a tracking number and then send it to one of the Safe Guide Assessors for review. You will receive an email informing you of who will do the assessment and the assigned tracking number.
- √ When you correspond with your Assessor, please ensure to “reply all”. This ensures that a record of correspondence on your activity is present at the Provincial Office for future reference.
- √ Once your assessment is done and you have the go ahead, it is important to let your Assessor know if there are any changes to your activity. Life happens and things change; we all know that. However, constant communication will ensure that your activity remains compliant with Safe Guide guidelines.

Please download your forms each time from the national website to ensure that you have the most up to date version. Failure to meet deadlines will result in your activity not being assessed and therefore not taking place. Let's not disappoint our Units; get the forms in on time! Assessors are flexible but remember we are all volunteers.

The Annual General Meeting marks the end of my term as the Provincial Safe Guide Adviser for Provincial Council. I would like to thank everyone for their assistance in making my position an enjoyable one. There were a few moments, as is in any appointment, but overall I found the challenge to be a memorable one. With my great team of advisers, the great administrative assistance from the Provincial and Area Offices, and our Provincial Commissioner, the job went very smoothly. It is great to see the opportunities that Guiders are providing their Units. My successor will be **Megan Loessl** and I ask that you support her as you did me. I will continue on as a Red level Assessor and a trainer, and I may even join the Trefoil Guild so you will definitely see me around.

Have a great summer everyone!



## Reminder: Volunteer Safe Guide Assessors are needed!

Qualifications:

- Have taken the Safe Guide Training
- Have regular access to a computer
- Have experience completing the Safe Guide paperwork

Mentorship will provide you with additional training required.

The hours are flexible and you can work in the comfort of your own home!

If you are interested, contact the Provincial Office and provide a recommendation from your commissioner.

# Training

Submitted by Brenda Wilson

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...I hear a training coming...it's coming down the track!

## Attention Trainers:

Save the date for a

## Training Workshop

October 24-26, 2014



Jo Szostak, Sheila Wilson and Marg Stewart will be the Master Trainers for this event!  
Please watch for more details!

## Hats off to the Training Team!



25 Trainers received the new training crest in 2013 and earned their first caboose!  
In order to earn the caboose, trainers had to submit a TR.4 for 2013, enhance their training skills and train for ten hours within the calendar year. That is a lot of Girl Guide training happening in Saskatchewan.

*What do you get at a Training? Besides the fellowship and fun and the possibility of earning a pin or crest, why attend a Training? The answer is to obtain optimal training on any subject that we teach the girls such as camping, Safe Guide, outdoor camping, arts, and program, etc., plus to share in the sisterhood of Guiding and get some awesome ideas to share with the girls!*



Note: Please help us by participating in a survey coming to you soon!

We're Guiding along in Saskatchewan...  
Guiding along with a Training... see you there!

If your District wants training, please contact Brenda Wilson, Provincial Training Adviser at [training@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:training@girlguides.sk.ca)

# Communications

Submitted by Jenna Hehn, Provincial Communications Adviser  
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Our team has been working hard to create a Saskatchewan based Girl Guide Blog that can be seen from all over the world! We would love this blog to include events that you as a Guider have planned, or that a girl has attended (and their perspective). If you are interested in sharing an event or idea please contact our communications team at [communications@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:communications@girlguides.sk.ca).

When the September 2014 Guiding year approaches we hope to have multiple blog posts to share with Guiders across Saskatchewan. We are hoping these will be able to give our Guiders some great programming ideas.

Are you following Saskatchewan Girl Guides on Social Media? There is a lot happening throughout our province and social media is a great way to be connected!

- Follow us on Twitter at [saskgirlguides](https://twitter.com/saskgirlguides)
- Add us as a friend on Facebook: Saskatchewan Girl Guides
- Like our new page on Facebook: Saskatchewan Girl Guides of Canada
- Follow us on Pinterest: Saskatchewan GirlGuides

If you have any questions, concerns, or something you would like shared though the Saskatchewan Girl Guides social media accounts please contact Jenna Hehn through email: [communications@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:communications@girlguides.sk.ca)

## ***Prairie Lily***

From the Editor, Marg Stewart



The provincial newsletter, the *Prairie Lily*, is published four times a year.

Deadlines for submissions of articles are:

**September 10, November 10, February 10 and April 10.**

- Submissions of articles and/or photos may be sent to the Provincial Office at [provincial@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:provincial@girlguides.sk.ca)
- A colour version of the *Prairie Lily* is on the provincial website at [www.girlguides.sk.ca](http://www.girlguides.sk.ca)
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- If you have any requests or suggestions for articles, please contact Marg via the Provincial Office.
- Many thanks to all those who have sent in submissions!

## **Saskatchewan Council Annual Report 2013**



The Saskatchewan Council 2013 Annual Report is available on request from the Provincial Office or it may be picked up at the Provincial Office. It will also be posted on Saskatchewan GGC website.

# Program

Submitted by Carrie Morrison  
Provincial Program Adviser, [program@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:program@girlguides.sk.ca)



A huge thanks is extended to **Alison Gillespie** for taking the lead in planning the **Lady B-P Weekend** this year!

A huge thanks is also extended to **Trina Braid** for taking the lead in planning the **Pathfinder/ Ranger conference** this year!

These events only happen when people come forward and take it on so I salute these ladies and their teams in putting on these great events for our province!

Another huge thanks goes to **Melissa Gartner** for creating and putting together this year's World Thinking Day Instant Meeting mail out! Great Job!

**“Editor’s note:** And a special **THANK YOU** is extended to **Carrie Morrison** for all her work on preparing or arranging for **monthly Instant Meetings** for the Guiding branches. The program ideas are emailed to Guiders and hopefully these meetings are being used to help Guiders provide great programming for their girls. If you do not have email, contact your Area Office and they can help you.”

## Outside in a box! What is that?

In April every district received a new “program in box”. This year it is **Outside** in a box.

Ask your District Commissioner about using this Program resource in your Unit. Inside you will find a binder full of program ideas all organized and each activity will tell you what part of your program you are covering!

If the activity is a game, the pieces will be in the box so you do not have to make them. The kit includes the following categories:

- Camp skills – compass, knots, bedrolls, fire building...etc.
- Conservation – environmental awareness, tree identification...etc.
- Camp food – fun food to make.
- Animals – tracks, habitats....etc.
- Hikes – trail signs, scavenger hunts, hike ideas.



Use these but be sure to put the pieces back for the next person to use them! There are many games for you to photocopy and not have to create. So, if you are doing some outdoor programming anytime of the year, have a look at this new program tool!





## **It's time to camp!** **Adult volunteers are needed to assist in the smooth operation of camp.**

### **Benefits of being an Adult Volunteer at Camp Can-ta-ka-ye**

- **Spending time in the great outdoors** – As an adult volunteer you will have the opportunity to experience all of the things that make Can-ta-ka-ye so special, from swimming and hiking to campfires and outdoor games. Camp will be a time for you to reconnect with yourself and to watch dreams come true.
- **Making a difference in the lives of our campers** – For many of our campers, a Can-ta-ka-ye camp is the first time they are away from home on their own. The girls are our number one priority, and with your help, we can make the Can-ta-ka-ye experience one that they will remember for the rest of their lives.
- **Help Grow Guiding in Saskatchewan** – What better way to recruit new members to Guiding than by showing them what a great time we have at camp!
- **You CAN make a difference!** – Every summer girls from across Saskatchewan travel to Can-ta-ka-ye for a chance to camp while making new friends and learning new skills in a positive girls-only environment.

### **Why are adult volunteers needed?**

- They assist by sharing their experience and skills.
- They help provide ratio as per the Safe Guide\*.
- They provide supervision for the girls during quiet times and at night.

**\*Safe Guide is the policy manual for Girl Guides of Canada.** Due to increased participation at camp combined with the requirements of Safe Guide, we need your help to continue to provide camping experiences for the girls of Saskatchewan.

### **What do adult volunteers do at Can-ta-ka-ye?**

- Adult volunteers assist with supervision of the girls throughout their time at camp.
- They are also asked to help with programmed activities, kitchen duties and swim times.
- The more volunteers we have at camp, the more relaxed everyone can be, and the more fun we can all have.

### **Can I volunteer at camp?**

Absolutely! We welcome ALL adult members of Guiding to apply to spend a camp, or two, or three with us this summer. Non-members are also welcome to join us; if they are successful in the application process they will be required to complete a police record check (PRC) and A.7.

### **What does it cost?**

At this time no fees are being charged to adult volunteers. In fact if you sign up as an adult volunteer you will be paid an honorarium in appreciation of your time. Some restrictions apply.

### **How do I apply?**

The Adult Volunteer Application Form is on the Saskatchewan website, or contact the Provincial Office for more information. Make sure your PRC is up to date and an A.7 is completed for non-members.

### **Top 10 Reasons to choose Can-ta-ka-ye**

1. Can-ta-ka-ye is owned and operated by Saskatchewan Girl Guides.
2. There are sleeping accommodations to suit every camper's needs.
3. Someone else prepares your meals (programmed camps only, sorry).
4. Acres of unspoiled prairies.
5. History at our back door – Take a stroll to Hitchcock's camp and learn about early settlers.
6. Programmed camps take care of all the details for you.
7. Private beach on the sandy shores of Lake Diefenbaker.
8. Equipment available – no need to purchase new or haul half your house to camp.
9. Wide open skies for star gazing.
10. Meet new friends.





**Can-ta-ka-ye Spring Clean-Up – May 3 & 4, 2014 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

It's time to dust off the cobwebs for another camping season and we need your help. Chores are available for every age and all are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. Lunch will be provided for everyone on Saturday. Bring your own water bottles and snacks.

Older Branch Units looking for a free camping weekend and a place to participate in the Tim Hortons Clean-Up weekend are encouraged to sign up and join us. Camp will be open Friday – Sunday. Come self-contained for site camping and spend Saturday exploring nature and giving back to our Guiding community.

**Registration Forms for all spring and summer camping opportunities are on the Saskatchewan website.**

**2014 Spring Camps – Mad about Science – Unit camping**

May 23, 24 & 25 Deadline: May 9

June 6, 7 & 8 Deadline: May 23

These camps are designed for camping with your Unit. **Units provide ratio and a first aider.** Sparks and Brownies are housed in the lodge, girls of older branches camp on site. Girls participate in a variety of activities geared to build their confidence and skill in camping. All meals, snacks and mug-ups are provided. Guiders help supervise girls during quiet time and at night, assist with camp activities including crafts, games, hikes, etc. and also assist in the kitchen with meal preparation, clean up and any other duties required.



**Cost: \$65 + GST = \$68.25 per girl**

**Refund Policy:** The fee is refunded less \$10.00/ girl administration fee until two weeks prior to the event. Within those two weeks, a written request must be sent to the Provincial Office for consideration of any refund.

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**2014 Summer Programmed Camps – Group or Independent camping**

**Sparks & Brownies with female adult companion**

July 24 – 27 Deadline: July 3

This camp is intended as a mother/daughter style camp and offers the perfect opportunity for a great girls' weekend with the girls in your life. Bring your daughter, granddaughter, niece or neighbour and spend some quality time together under the prairie sky. You will participate in group activities and leave the cooking to someone else. Choose the lodge or camp on site, whichever suits you best. Accommodation in lodge is limited and will be on a first registered basis.

**Cost: \$175 + GST = \$183.75 per pairing \*Additional child \$50 + GST = \$52.50 per child**

**Guides and Pathfinders**

August 7 – 10 Deadline: July 17



This camp will introduce girls to archery and canoeing. Dry land and water activities will develop skills under fully trained instructors. Girls will camp on site and learn how to maintain their camp.

**Cost: \$140 + GST = \$147.00 per girl**

**All Branches**

August 21 – 24 Deadline: July 31

This camp brings everyone together. Make new friends, learn new activities and bridge the barrier to camping.

**Cost: \$140 + GST = \$147.00 per girl**

**PLEASE NOTE:** All Summer camps require a **\$50 non-refundable deposit**. Balance is due three weeks prior to the start of camp. Cancellations within three weeks of the start of camp will result in forfeiture of the entire fee. (For medical or compassionate reasons, a letter is required for consideration of any refund).

If a minimum number of campers is not met by the registration deadline date, notice of cancellation will be given to all registrants.  
**DEADLINE FOR FINAL REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT:** Three weeks prior to the camp start date.



# Quest!

October 3 – 5, 2014  
Camp Can-ta-ka-ye

## Tri- Wizard Tournament

- Q - Question your knowledge on outdoor skills & leadership
- U - Use that knowledge positively, to create & have fun
- E - Enhance skills learned through Guiding
- S - Socialize to meet other Guiding members
- T - Team work

Girls in groups of four will complete tasks for a 12 hour period to challenge the skills they have gained in Guiding and life. Come as a Unit or sign up independently and meet some new friends.

**Units must provide their own first aider and ratio!**

Adults attending will assist with station supervision while girls complete the challenge course.

**Registration deadline is September 22, 2014.** You can register prior to year end (this spring) and if you need to change team members in the fall, notify the Provincial Office. It is better to register early than late as you will need to receive further information after registration!

Be ready in the fall by registering in the spring!

Quest is open to 3<sup>rd</sup> year Guides, Pathfinders and Extra Ops

Cost for this event is (\$32.00 + GST \$1.60) = **\$33.60** per girl

Information is posted on the provincial website.

If you would rather put together a project for the teams to challenge, contact the Provincial Office for a "Project Registration Form". Our goal is to have a minimum of 24 projects continually running for 12 hours. Projects start on Saturday at 10 a.m. and go until Saturday at 10 p.m. Contact Heather if you would like some ideas for projects. The project coordinator needs to know your project details in order to assign an appropriate project site. You will be contacted once your form has been received. The Quest planning team recommends you have a minimum of three people working your project to allow for breaks.

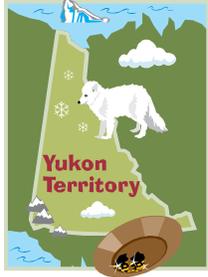
Please register through the Provincial Office.

Register early (May or June) to eliminate the early fall chaos!

If you have questions or for more information contact: Heather Neufeld at [camping@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:camping@girlguides.sk.ca)

# CAMP 101 YUKON, 2015

## Theme: Strange Things Done Under the Midnight Sun



**Where:** Whitehorse, Yukon **When:** July 5 - 12, 2015

**Who:** Girl Guides /Girl Scouts. Patrol size is two leaders and five girls. Saskatchewan has been invited to send one patrol.

**Why:** To share in the spirit of the north with our sisters in Guiding

**Cost:** Provincial Council is sponsoring all the patrol's camp fees.

The patrol will be responsible for transportation costs and incidental costs.

Interested Guilders – please register through the Provincial Office. Once Guiders are selected and in place, a call for girls to apply will be sent out at a later date.

The application information is on the provincial website.



## Mark your calendars and start dreaming of FUN on the shores of Sylvan Lake!

**Guiding Mosaic 2016** will be held from Saturday, July 9 to Sunday, July 17, 2016 at Camp Woods in Alberta. A national camp is a unique and exciting opportunity that is open to members of Girl Guides of Canada and to the 145 countries who are members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS).

**Provincial Council will sponsor a bus for travel to and from camp!** Pick up spots will be selected based on location of Units attending. It would be great to have lots of Units participate since the camp is so close.

### Girl information:

- Camp fee is \$1,050 + GST and travel.
- AGE: Girls entering Pathfinders in the fall of 2016 to Rangers finishing their program in the spring are eligible.
- Patrols will be made up of eight girls and two adult leaders. There is no limit as to how many patrols our province can send so start your fundraising and join the adventure!
- Registration will start November, 2014

### Adult information:

- If you are interested in being part of the planning for GM 2016 look for volunteer positions at [www.guidingmosaic.com](http://www.guidingmosaic.com)

The planning committee are currently looking for volunteers in lead positions.

## GM 2016 camp credit information

The GM 2016 Camp Credit will be offered for the 2013 - 2014 and the 2014 - 2015 **Cookie All Stars** campaigns. In the end, if a girl does not attend this camp, an exchange will be offered in the form of a \$250 Future Shop Gift Card for every \$300 camp credit earned or \$125 Future Shop gift card for every \$150 camp credit. If the girl has registered for GM 2016, camp refund rules will then apply.





# Heritage Lake camping

Submitted by Susan Prakash  
Heritage Lake Operating Committee Chair

## We've Got Your Spot!

Heritage Lake Provincial Girl Guide Camp has your spot ready! And it's still not too late to book your favourite week or weekend away, but spots are filling up fast. With many recent improvements to Heritage, we are noticing that Guiders, girls, and Youth Groups are claiming their time on the calendar for a fun filled summer. So, avoid disappointment this year and book early.

Space is still available! You can confirm the availability of dates for camping at Heritage between May and September by contacting the Provincial Office.



## January Conference 2015

January 30 to February 1, 2015

Saskatoon Travelodge

Save the date; mark your calendar!



**Blue is the colour –  
Guiding is the Game!**

Adult conference  
Bring another Guider  
Come prepared to learn new things  
Do wear your Girl Guide uniform  
Everyone welcome  
Fellowship, friendship and fun  
Guiders...a sea of blue with smiles!



Guests Lord and Lady B-P

\*\*\* Watch for details in the September *Prairie Lily*. \*\*\*



### Did you order too many Tim Hortons Clean-Up T-shirts?

Please return extra shirts to your area office or provincial office. We will find a use for them!

# Operation Earth Action – National Service Project

Submitted by Ashley Geddes

## That's a wrap!

Our National Service Project (NSP) – Operation Earth Action – has come to an end this year. But that doesn't mean your actions need to! After an overwhelming positive response for the 2012-2013 NSP, Operation Earth Action was continued for a second year – and what a great year it has been! Check out these numbers:

- ✓ 810,422 kilometres have been saved through mapping your meals.
- ✓ 2,979 batches of green products have been made.
- ✓ 22,054 trees have been planted.
- ✓ 85 energy audits have been completed.
- ✓ 252 animal habitats have been built.
- ✓ 896 items have been transformed from trash to treasure.
- ✓ 539 pledges have been made to use reusable water bottles.
- ✓ 519 pledges have been made to use reusable shopping bags.



Haven't submitted your numbers yet? There is still time! Visit <http://nsp.girlguides.ca/> to log your actions. The crests are still available at <https://www.thegirlguidestore.ca/>

## Host a meeting in the dark!

National has added even more great activities to the challenge. Check out the latest addition: Host a Meeting in the Dark!

With Earth Hour, Earth Day, and Global Youth Service Day all happening this spring, what better way to show your support and take action by hosting a meeting in the dark! You will conserve energy and encourage girls to think about the day-to-day actions they can take to protect the earth.

Visit the NSP website <http://nsp.girlguides.ca> for details on the Meeting in the Dark activities.

Start the meeting off by having a discussion about the environment. Ask the girls questions such as:  
What is the environment?  
What do you do that is good/bad for the environment?

After a discussion, you can jump into the activities. Don't worry – these are simple activities, with an environmental twist!

### For Sparks and Brownies:

- Telephone
- 21 Questions
- Shadow Puppets
- Story-telling
- Story-starters
- Reuse, Recycle or Reject

### For Guides, Pathfinders and Rangers

- Read the story of Easter Island and discuss the impact of the Islanders' decisions on the environment.
- Skits.
- Pass around items used on a daily basis and have the girls determine what is needed to make the product and the environmental impacts this may have.

Feel you are running out of meeting time to participate in Operation Earth Action? Try the activities at camp! All the activities can easily be done at camp and are a great way to tie the NSP to the Guiding program!

## Your Provincial Green Agents are:

☺ Ashley Geddes: [gedash@gmail.com](mailto:gedash@gmail.com)

☺ Megan Van Buskirk: [m.vb@live.com](mailto:m.vb@live.com)



# Operation Earth Action

Submitted by Ashley Geddes

In February, the 1<sup>st</sup> Rangers in Moose Jaw ran a day event for the Sparks and Brownies for Operation Earth Action. The Rangers organized the event, preparing all the activities and supplies needed. Here is what Danielle, one of the three Rangers hosting the event, had to say.

**Who?** 1st Rangers in Moose Jaw

**What?** Operation Earth Action event for 20 Sparks and Brownies

**Why?** Our main reasons for organizing the event were we wanted to plan something for the younger girls, but also a big focus throughout planning was teaching the girls about the environment in interesting and unique ways.

**What activities did you do?** We made reusable bags out of Tim Hortons Clean-Up T-shirts and we had a round robin with three stations. These stations included:

- making lady bugs out of recycled materials
- colouring two earths, one polluted and one healthy
- writing promise sheets with things the girls promised to do to help the earth. We tied these promises into the part of the Brownie Promise where it says, "to take action for a better world", and into the Sparks Promise of "being a friend" to the earth.

We also had all the girls stand in the middle of the room and asked them various trivia questions about what can be recycled and what will or will not help the world. They then ran to either the left side of the room which was "yes" or to the right side of the room which was "no", depending on what they thought the right answer was.

At lunchtime we mapped our meal. We showed the girls from where each food item came and explained that the farther away the food comes from, the more pollution it makes.

**What was the best part of the event?** I think the best parts of event were the girls' enthusiasm plus hearing how much fun they had had and how much they had learned.



## Link

Submitted by Megan Loessl  
Provincial Link Adviser, [quidermegan@hotmail.com](mailto:quidermegan@hotmail.com)



April is always an extremely busy month for us Girl Guides: camping, advancement ceremonies, not to mention it's Cookie time! This year has been no exception for me, but it is all a little bittersweet as I wrap up, not only my term as an Elected Member on Provincial Council, but also my term as the Provincial Link Adviser.

While it is hard to step down from a position that I have enjoyed so much, I know that I am leaving Links in good hands – I am so excited to announce that **Erin Spinney** will be taking over as the new Provincial Link Adviser! Erin is a PhD student at the University of Saskatchewan, originally from Nova Scotia, and she is a leader in Northern Stars District. Please watch for more information from Erin in your next *Prairie Lily*!

I have greatly enjoyed my time as the Link Adviser and it has been a pleasure getting to know so many Link members across the province. I am blown away by the passion, enthusiasm and dedication shown by Link members in Saskatchewan; the future of Guiding is in good hands with young leaders like ours! Thank you to everyone who has supported me and made my job so much easier – A special thanks to Provincial Council, everyone at the Provincial Office and the Recruitment and Retention network!

# PUBLIC RELATIONS (PR)

Guiding Is Great In Saskatchewan!

Submitted by: Alice Gaveronski, Provincial PR Adviser  
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## 7 Points on Writing a GREAT Newspaper Article:



1. COMPILE all your FACTS – list all the pertinent facts and information that need to be included in the article.
2. Start with a LEAD sentence – make it simple but complete; state the topic and grab the reader's attention to interest them to read the article.
3. Give all the IMPORTANT DETAILS – include the relevant facts that relate to your LEAD statement. Include the WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHO & WHY. They are the focal points of the article.
4. Follow up MAIN FACTS with ADDITIONAL Information – include information to help the reader learn more: contact information, people involved, facts about the topic. This information rounds out the article.
5. Check FACTS before ENDING – check all the facts before you submit article and write accurately.
6. Remain UNBIASED – article needs to convey direct facts, not the opinion of the writer.
7. CONCLUDE your article – make it complete and finish by giving it a good concluding sentence. This is often a restatement of the LEAD statement.



**Thanks** to everyone who has been submitting their local newspaper articles. There are wonderful Guiding stories, and Guiding PR is happening! Keep up the GREAT work of submitting to your local newspaper(s). Also, keep sending them to [pr@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:pr@girlguides.sk.ca) or to [provincial@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:provincial@girlguides.sk.ca). We love to see in print and read the FUN Guiding activities that are happening in Saskatchewan.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Tim Hortons Clean-Up Saskatchewan – May 3

THANKS to everyone who participated!

Please send your GREAT PHOTOS to:

[provincial@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:provincial@girlguides.sk.ca) or [pr@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:pr@girlguides.sk.ca)

We did make a difference and took action to make Saskatchewan **CLEANER!**



## Start a friendship today & increase awareness of Girl Guides

[www.welcomewagon.ca](http://www.welcomewagon.ca)

Does your community have a Welcome Wagon Representative?

Most Welcome Wagon Representatives support Girl Guides and would love to have Girl Guides of Canada PR materials to hand out to NEW families or arrivals of future Sparks in your community.

Contact your Area Office for materials.

# HIKE around SASKATCHEWAN 2014



Hiking events can take place anytime/anywhere in 2014.

Units determine their own hiking activity. When the hike has taken place, send the registration form to the Provincial Office and \$2 per participant for crests.

Remember to take photos of your hiking event and send them to:

[pr@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:pr@girlguides.sk.ca) or [provincial@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:provincial@girlguides.sk.ca)

Unit Participating: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Participants: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Hike: \_\_\_\_\_ Location of Hike: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete mailing address for crests: \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ Crests @ \$2 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**A NEW CREST**

Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada, Saskatchewan Council  
200-1530 Broadway Avenue, Regina, SK S4P 1E2



Spring **OUTSIDE** and have **FUN!** Try something **NEW!**

- **Spring Cookie Hike:** Going door-to-door selling your cookies can be turned into a Cookie Hike during your meeting night. Make sure everyone receives a drink and a treat of the sandwich cookies.
- **A Crayon Hike:** Have girls pick two coloured crayons and go hiking and find as many items of the colours they chose. 
- **A Community Walk:** Hike around your community or your meeting place and discover how many stop signs, yield signs, (whatever you and your Unit wish to check out) in a four block or six block radius.

## Some Art ideas for camping

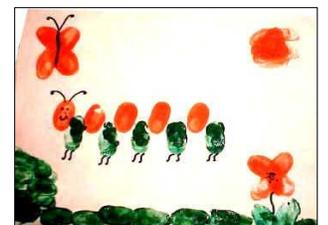
Submitted by Ali Peters

Provincial Arts Adviser, [ali.music.geek@gmail.com](mailto:ali.music.geek@gmail.com)

- If the girls don't want to lie down during quiet time at camp, but you want them to relax, ask them to QUIETLY go and sketch a scene of the camp. Some will surprise you – and maybe they'll find some cool wildlife! **All Branches**

### For rainy days:

- Do a group art project. Have each girl spend one minute each on the same paper – what a cool Unit or patrol masterpiece! Go further, and add colour, texture – up to you. **Sp, Br, G, PF**
- Friendship bracelets are great ways to start talking about how to treat friends – or an easy service project for Sangam! **All Branches**
- Handprints or fingers/thumb prints can be used for a lot of different crafts: plaster, animals (rooster, peacock), cartoons (fingers as characters) **SP, BR, G**



# TAIGA TREFOIL WINTER CAMP – APRIL 2 - 6, 2014

Submitted by Gina Troupe, Taiga Trefoil Adventure Guild

Spring comes later to the northern lake named Heritage and that is why Taiga Trefoil Adventure Guild winter camps in April. It was evident as Margaret Ferguson, Carol Skaar and I drove into the provincial site Wednesday afternoon to open and ready our camp for the next four days. The grader operator had cleared a track down the lane but he became discouraged by the 10 foot drifts in the parking lot.

Our first challenge was to strap on snowshoes, load toboggans with supplies and trek over the drifts to the Friends of Heritage Lodge. We were amazed by the mountains of snow that had drifted in off the lake and been deposited between the buildings. The lodge was cold, but with the help of heaters and the cook stove it was toasty warm by bedtime.

The first business Thursday morning was to clear a path to important places such as the wood shed and bathrooms where snow lay only five feet deep. Drinking water was brought in with us, but our wash water was obtained from melting the abundance of snow from the front deck. We hauled wood and split it with the splitter for use in the lodge and for the outdoor fire. Early afternoon Mary Lynne Golphy and Bonnie Jean Low arrived and later Pat Clark and Elaine McMillan. All were settled in by supper, a path to the bathroom had now been shoveled through shoulder high snow courtesy of Bonnie Jean and Mary Lynne. That evening we enjoyed a beautiful Heritage sunset and later the stars drew close twinkling brightly on the snow.

Friday morning snow began to fall and the wind whipped white-outs on the lake, but we were snug and warm. We shared camp duties just as girls do and each person was responsible for one meal. Our quartermaster, Joanne Jansen, arrived later to spoil us with her culinary skills for the rest of the weekend.



The camp theme was “Hobo Camp circa 1930s”. Some activities included learning the Hobo language or code. This is a grouping of symbols used at that time by drifters and migrant workers to communicate different things to keep their own safe, fed and able to find work as they travelled across the country. We continued our ongoing service project of making quilts for the homeless. Other activities included a snowshoe hike along the lake, rainbow loom bracelets, portrait making and a unique campfire using a single large log cut in a pie shape which has been known by names such as (name a country) bonfire.

Winter tranquility lay upon the lake. A bird count revealed a few Canada Jays, chickadees, ravens and two owls. There was evidence a moose had called the site home previously before moving to new forage. Our resident squirrel in the wood shed refused to be enticed with peanuts.

Sunday we woke to six more inches of wet snow and a wintry wonderland. Time passed quickly and then it was time to pack and clean up the lodge. Farewells were said and we all left for the south and spring weather.

Reflecting upon our time at Heritage we feel that when winter conditions are more challenging, it is only more satisfying when our camp is a success. It is a special time for bonding, building friendships and making great memories for our Guild. It is our wish that more Guiding groups use this camp during the winter and share in this special experience. Our Guild is hooked on winter camping and we know you will be, too. Heritage Lake has once again worked its magic and we can't wait to return next winter.



# “Keeping the Spirit Alive – Celebrate 25”

Come help us celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1<sup>st</sup> Saskatoon Trefoil Guild!

**When:** October 3 & 4, 2014

**Where:** Saskatoon Guide House – 801 Preston Ave., Saskatoon



**What:** Agenda

Friday evening: 7 - 8 p.m. Registration:  
8 - 10 p.m. British Pub Quiz Night – Fun, Fun, Fun!

Saturday morning: 8 - 8:45 a.m. Continental breakfast  
9 - 9:15 Reflections  
9: 15 - 12:15 Geocaching (Bring GPS units if available) **OR**  
9:15 - 10:15 Session 1: Make some T-shirt bags for women’s shelters  
**OR** make some fleece baby blankets for babies in crisis  
10:15 - 10:30 Snack  
10:30 - 11:15 Session 2: Belly Dancing followed by Yoga **OR** visit in Archives Room  
11:15 - 12:15 Session 3: Make some T-shirt bags for women’s shelters  
**OR** make some fleece baby blankets for babies in crisis  
12:30 - 1:15 Lunch

Saturday afternoon: 1:30 - 2:30 Annual Provincial Trefoil Guild Meeting  
2:30 - 3:00 **Keeping the Spirit Alive – Celebrate 25!**  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cake  
Closing

Please bring completed Health Form.

**T-shirts and one metre lengths of fabrics for service projects are needed. Please leave at Guide House.**

**Registration Deadline: September 6, 2014**

\*\* Registration limited to the first 50 registrants \*\*

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**Trefoil Guild Gathering** **Saskatoon** **October 3-4, 2014**  
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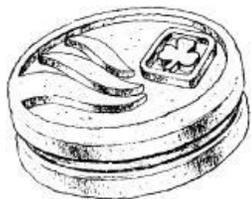
Your Trefoil Guild Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to sleepover at Guide House on Friday night \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no (Bring bedroll if applicable.)

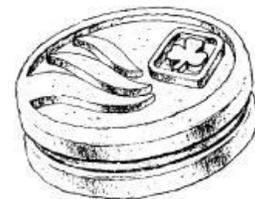
I wish to do geocaching \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

**Registration Fee: \$30** Please enclose payment. (Cheques payable to 1<sup>st</sup> Saskatoon Trefoil Guild)

Mail registration and fee to: Lois Morrison Phone 306-382-8152 Email: [morrison01@sasktel.net](mailto:morrison01@sasktel.net)  
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# Cookie Chatter



Submitted by Marj Jackson, Provincial Cookie Adviser  
[cookies@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:cookies@girlguides.sk.ca)

**SPRING is here and the Classic Girl Guide cookies have arrived!  
Saskatchewan ordered 10,169 cases of cookies.**

## Cookie All Stars

May 1 is the deadline to register your Units and girls for the Cookie All Stars rewards.

**The Cookie Finder Map** has been upgraded. It is easier to use for both customers and Guiders. Improvements include the ability to see your groups' sales history, choose from a pre-populated location list, and enter multiple event dates for the one location. Be sure to allow two to three days for the information to be plotted on the map.

## Safe Guide for selling cookies

(Door-to-door, neighbourhood, malls and other public spaces)

- Guiders must manage all public sales.
- Sparks and Brownies must be accompanied to the door when selling door-to-door.
- In door-to-door sales, girls must be able to make change or have someone with them who can.
- Girls must not carry large amounts of cash.
- Plan for the following safety considerations:
  - Hazards associated with driving, walking, crossing the street and group travel along roadways, parking lots, sidewalks and in unfamiliar locations
  - Lost person or group splitting up
  - Theft
  - Hazards associated with approaching strangers: harassment, abuse, inappropriate behaviour
  - Other hazards associated with activity and environment/facility
- When planning neighborhood cookie sales' events, male relatives may participate as long as the following guidelines are followed:
  - The activity is under the overall supervision of a fully screened Responsible Guider.
  - The required ratios of adult females to girls are met.
  - Parents know the driving plan, including who is driving with whom.
  - The male's own daughter/granddaughter etc., is in the car with him at all times, i.e. must be first in and last out.



## Tips for Cookie sales

Participant should be instructed on the following:

- ✓ Courteous and effective selling
- ✓ Personal protection practices
- ✓ Boundaries and check in times
- ✓ What to do in case of emergency or lost
- ✓ How to dress appropriately for the location or weather
- ✓ Any facility specific rules

For more information check the **Sales Guide** found on Member Zone.



# Saskatchewan Provincial Council



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### Heartfelt thanks!



Upon completing five year terms, many, many thanks go to **Linda Mushanski** for all her work as Provincial Safe Guide Adviser, and to **Marj Jackson** for all her work as Provincial Cookie Adviser.

Many thanks also go to **Megan Loessl** on completion of a three year term as an Elected Member, as well as her term as the Provincial Link Adviser. **Barb Pohozoff** has also completed her three year term as an Elected Member and grateful thanks is extended to her, too.



Thank you to the new Provincial Advisers for taking on new roles:  
 Cookie Adviser – Megan Clarke    Link Adviser – Erin Spinney    Safe Guide Adviser – Megan Loessl



Thank you to the new Elected Member on Provincial Council: Janice Graessli

# Provincial Youth Recognition Ceremony

*Sunday, October 26*

*2:00 p.m.*

*Holy Family Cathedral*

*123 Nelson Rd, Saskatoon*

*Canada Cords, Chief Commissioner's awards, Commonwealth awards, and Duke of Edinburgh awards will be presented and the scholarship recipients will be recognized.*

Please RSVP to the Bridging Rivers Area Office at [bridgingrivers@sasktel.net](mailto:bridgingrivers@sasktel.net) or phone 306-652-3275 or 1-877-652-0644



## Awards

Submitted by Megan Clarke  
Provincial Awards Adviser, [meganl@sasktel.net](mailto:meganl@sasktel.net)

The coming of spring means that the Guiding year is starting to wind down. With camping and spring adventures on the horizon, now is the time to think about awards for members and non-members who have contributed to this successful year of Guiding.

### Gold Thanks pin

The Gold Thanks pin is granted by the District or Area and is presented to registered adult members and Rangers in recognition of **good** service to Guiding. Good can be defined as helpful, beneficial, reliable, trustworthy or all around useful service to Guiding. One supporting letter describing the recipient's service to Guiding is needed and should explain why the individual should receive the award. This may be awarded to girl or adult members. It may be given more than once.



### Silver Thanks pin (for non-members)

With the permission of the District Commissioner or Area Commissioner, the Silver Thanks pin may be given by any registered Guider to non-members and other non Guiding volunteers to show thanks and appreciation. No application form is needed.



In addition to formal awards, don't forget to take time at the end of the year to write thank-you notes to all who have contributed to your Unit/Council/position over the course of the year. A personalized note, especially one signed by the girls, is a wonderful keepsake and is sure to warm the heart. A quick search online can net dozens of inexpensive and heart-warming appreciation ideas. Recognition is a great way to retain and re-energize your volunteers.

For more information on these or other awards, the process for applying, as well as deadlines, please feel free to email Megan at [meganl@sasktel.net](mailto:meganl@sasktel.net). As some awards need a fair amount of lead time, it is good to get in touch as soon as possible. Enjoy the out-of-doors, and don't forget that a little bit of appreciation goes a LONG way.

# Award Recipients at Annual General Meeting 2013 - 2014

## Gold Merit award

- Laurie Lanovaz, Member, SK Council

## Bronze Merit award

- Ashley Geddes, International, SK Council
- Megan Van Buskirk, Member, SK Council

## Saskatchewan Guider Appreciation pin

- Alice Gaveronski, Public Relations, SK Council
- Marj Jackson, Cookies, SK Council
- Charlene McLean, Provincial Commissioner
- Brenda Wilson, Training, SK Council



Gold Merit award: Laurie Lanovaz

## Team award

- Can-ta-ka-ye Operating Committee:  
Barb Atkinson      Sue Christiansen      Lori Court      Catherine Newby      Heather Neufeld
- Heritage Lake Operating Committee:  
Susan Prakash      Shirley Masse      Bonny Tolley  
Joanne Jansen      Carol Skaar      Gina Troupe  
Lillis Lawrence      Janet Thompson      Kathy Worsley
- National Trefoil Guild Gathering 2013 Committee:  
Bev Drummond      Mary Lynne Golphy      Elaine McKeller  
Elaine Andreas      Judy Helfrick      Wylma Orosz  
Arlene Berbenchuk      Gladys Junop      Josie Saxby  
Lois Busko      Judi Kehler      Linda Schmidtheisler  
Margaret Ferguson      Joyce Kellington      Janet Thompson  
Alice Fuchs      Bonnie Jean Low



## Gold Thanks pin

- Glenda Eden, Treasurer, Provincial Council
- Megan Loessl, Elected Member, Provincial Council
- Barb Pohozoff, Elected Member, Provincial Council

## Silver Thanks pin

- Heritage Operating Committee:  
Walt Jansen  
Steve Lawrence  
Ernie Skaar  
Bill Troupe  
Louis Masse  
Ravi Prakash  
Darwyn Worsley



Gold Thanks pin: Glenda Eden

**At the Provincial Annual Meeting, Bridging Rivers Area presented the Saskatchewan Guider Appreciation pin to:**

- Sue Christiansen
- Cathie Drinkwater
- Kay Peters

# Some award recipients at AGM on April 26, 2014

Presentations by Provincial Commissioner, Charlene McLean; photos by Brenda Gartner



Bronze Merit award:  
Ashley Geddes



Saskatchewan Guider Appreciation awards:  
Charlene McLean & Brenda Wilson



Team award:  
Heather Neufeld



Team Award: National Trefoil Guild Gathering Committee:  
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