Welcome to the new Guiding year!

Fall is definitely here and at this time of year avid Rider fans are thinking "Green is the colour, football is the game". Go Riders! However, in January, Saskatchewan Guiders will be revising this chant to “Blue is the colour, Guiding is the game”, the theme for the **2015 January Conference** to be held January 30 – February 1 in Saskatoon.

January Conference is the huge annual Guider Gathering where about 150 Guiders come together to learn, laugh and have fun participating in the jolly game of Guiding. Experienced Guiders look forward to renewing friendships and meeting new Guiders as they gain new skills. New Guiders have an opportunity to share in the sisterhood of Guiding, to catch the Guiding spirit, and to get many ideas to help with their new role in Guiding!

There will be sessions that offer interesting learning opportunities for all branches of Guiding and for all levels of experience. Unfortunately you will not be able to take all the topics, but just plan to attend next year’s event to learn more. You will go home rejuvenated and eager to share with your girls all that you have learned. Travel together, bring another Guider, or come alone – you will be welcomed!

There are some national Modules offered, and these need pre-registration, but the other sessions do not need pre-registration. See pages 20-21 for more information and watch for session descriptions in the November issue of the *Prairie Lily*. If you have any questions, contact your District Commissioner, the Provincial Office or the Provincial Training Adviser. Note: register early and save! We hope to see you there!

**Have a great Guiding year!**

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Happy Thanksgiving!
From the Provincial Council members and office staff!

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Prairie Lily
From the Editor, Marg Stewart

The *Prairie Lily*, our provincial newsletter is published four times a year and deadlines are: September 10, November 10, February 10 and April 10. Submissions may be sent to the Provincial Office. A colour version is on the provincial website.

If you prefer to read the *Prairie Lily* online, and would like to discontinue receiving the paper copy, please inform the Provincial Office and they will then let you know when the current Prairie Lily is posted.

Many thanks are extended to all those who have submitted articles and photos. There are great things happening in Saskatchewan Guiding.

Volunteer

Help wanted!
The following provincial positions need filling:
- Provincial Lones Adviser
- DC for Northern Pines District
- More Safe Guide Assessors!
The Guiding year 2014-15 has begun! I am excited to get started.

Summer is a time to rest and re-group. I had plans to complete a number of tasks. But I confess, I did not get as much done as expected. In the big picture, did it really matter? I had lots of opportunities to connect with good friends and family which I suggest is the important stuff. I am constantly reminding myself to pause, breathe and enjoy the moment and not worry about the stuff that is not getting done.

The days are shorter and air is crisp in the morning. I notice just today how the leaves have started to change into their fall wardrobe. Summer is over and I find myself eager to jump into the fall routine. It is time to indulge in a few ‘back to school’ supplies. Everyone can use new markers and a pen or two!

As Guiding begins, we want to make sure everyone who belonged last year came back. Check in with girls and Guiders that have yet to register. Everyone wants to feel like they are missed when they are not around. Remind them it just is not as much fun without them!

Welcome all the new faces. I hope you find the perfect place in our organization to share your talents. Guiding is a stronger organization with you as a member. I look forward to meeting you all.

Girl Guides’ vision is to be the organization of choice. All members new and experienced need to work together to be the organization we expect Girl Guides of Canada to be!

Our role as a Guider is to work alongside our girls to help carve out a program that will meet their needs. As the year begins start the discussion with the girls. Listen and discover what each girl needs or wants as a member of Girl Guides. Together plan a year filled with lots of excitement, fun and challenge. As a Guider you have the opportunity to share your interests, skills and life passion. Sharing who you are will ignite the girl’s energy. Being fully engaged both you and our girl members will flourish!

Every encounter you have leaves a touch mark. The interaction and program you offer this year will build memories, friendships, skills but also confidence and courage. You empower the girl and youth members to demonstrate the Guiding Promise and Law, to live within the Guiding values, and support them as they learn responsibility and leadership skills. You encourage the girls to be all that they can be. What a privilege! With not a doubt in my mind – Girl Guides makes a positive difference in the life of every member.

As the year begins, I remind you, “it really is all about the girl”. But I suggest if your experience is not positive and fun, you will be left feeling like you are carrying a heavy load. Your experience will transfer to the girls. Please do not let this happen. Pause, breathe and remind yourself of the need to generate fun. Push yourself to take every opportunity with the girls to participate fully in the adventure and challenge. Make the time to build friendships with the intent to last a lifetime.

Happy New Year All! Enjoy this “jolly game” we call Guiding!

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Charlene

Charlene McLean
Provincial Commissioner, pc@girlguides.sk.ca
I would like to extend a "Welcome" to both new and returning Guiders! I do hope everyone is ready for an exciting Guiding year! I had the opportunity to travel over 15,000 km with my family this summer. As we travelled along, I started to see my two daughters developing skills in a number of areas. I saw them problem solve along with my husband and I when our activities did not go as planned. We worked as a team as each of us had an important role, particularly as we set up and packed up our camper at 24 different sites! My girls opened their eyes, hearts and ears to the sights and sounds of new places from New York City with its abundance of people and activity to the peace and tranquility of the Cabot trail in Cape Breton. They appreciated the differences and pointed out the similarities of each new location. The adventure was a great way to learn about others. I encourage all Guiders to open the doors of possibilities for the girls in your Units by taking them out into the world through trips, camps or even a sleepover, or to bring the world directly to the girls through special guests, activities or events. For girls who are Pathfinder age or older, encourage them to consider applying for some of the Nationally Sponsored trips that GGC offers. Don't forget that Guiders have opportunities to travel with GGC as well. Consider using your talents and skills to help girls travel and learn more about the world around them!

Laurie Lanovaz
Bridging Rivers Area Commissioner

**COOKIES!**

If you are in need of more sandwich cookies for fundraising or to supplement mint cookie sales, please contact the Area Office.
There are some cookies still available.

**Bridging Rivers 2014-2015 Area Council**

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We welcome Marlys Anderson and Shelley Witt! **Note vacancy:** The Rural Elected council member position!

**Condolences to:**
- Carolyn Oleniuk on the passing of her father and father-in-law.
- The family of **Muriel Victoria Bremner.** Muriel was a Brown Owl for the 36th Pack (Greystone) in the 1960’s and later was the Editor of the “Owl” newsletter.
- The family of **Shirley Parkinson,** a Guider from Unity who passed away September, 2014
Spotlight On Members – Unit Guiders

Tammy Sutherland is a Ranger Guider in the 3rd Saskatoon Ranger Unit in the Aurora District

How did you get involved? Why have you stayed in Guiding? I began Guiding for purely selfish reasons. I took on a Spark Unit in a desperate attempt to socialize my extremely introverted daughter. As the years went by I realized that I was reaping just as much as I was sowing. What I gave out to my Spark Unit in energy and creativity was returned tenfold in friendships and new experience. Now at the start of my 17th year I wonder how I will ever manage to give back to this organization that has given me so much.

What opportunities have you had in Guiding? Over the years I have been involved in Spark, Brownie and Pathfinder Units. Today I work with Rangers, young adults who develop leadership through special event planning & community service. I have had the opportunity to travel on three independent trips, to the United States with Pathfinders and Rangers, and attended GM2006 in Guelph as a session leader. I have also travelled twice on Nationally Sponsored trips as a responsible Guider (Connecticut in 2012 and London in 2014). I would strongly encourage Guiders to not let the fear of the unknown stand in their way of organizing an independent trip or applying for the opportunity to travel as a Responsible Guider on a Nationally Sponsored trip. There is a strong support system available to help you reach your goals.

Two stars and a wish….First star…..Guiding has allowed me to tap into an infinite resource of youthful exuberance and endless possibility. My second star has to go out to the families of active Guiders. They are the ones who are behind the scenes offering encouragement and support, and take up the slack while their significant other engages in Guiding activities. I like to believe that their support is rewarded by the experience brought back to the table. And finally, my wish: I would like to see Girl Guides of Canada develop an exit survey to find out why girls leave Guiding. The young adults that I know who have stuck with it definitely see the benefit of their Guiding experience.

UNITED WAY DAY OF CARING

←Trefoil Trails Camp – It was a rainy day but the SaskEnergy group was able to paint the interior of the building. They did leave all of the supplies and paint that they had purchased for the project. Over two weekends in July, committee volunteers were able to use these supplies to paint the inside, outside, doors and re-seal the floor. The work group also replaced all of the screening and molding on the building.

Guide House – The RBC volunteers cleaned up the gardens, repainted the stepping stones and purchased paint to repaint the fence. The group also removed, levelled and replaced a large section of the concrete patio block walkway.

Welcome back from the Area office!

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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 October 31, 2014. Notices of condolence, postings of achievements or other news of wide interest are welcomed.
Developing FUNdamental Canoeing Skills
Submitted by: Laura McLeod, Regina Pathfinders #44

From May 20 to June 3, 2014, at the Wascana Canoe Club in Regina, I had a great time at the three weeks of Canoeing FUNdamentals. I had the opportunity to meet some other Pathfinders and Rangers, as well as girls I already knew. We learned lots, including the parts of the canoe and basic canoeing strokes, and then we went out on the water to get a real feel for canoeing. For some of us it was the very first time, while others wanted to brush up on their canoeing skills. On the last week we tried to go around the buoys and played tag by tapping the paddle on the front or back of the other canoes. I would love having canoeing FUNdamentals again next year and I hope Guiders will promote this to their girls.

What are FUNdamentals?

FUNdamentals are a supportive side-kick to our regular Girl Guide Programming. They were developed to answer the need in Southern Horizons Area membership for specialty activities in addition to regular meeting activities. FUNdamentals are usually a shorter time commitment, for example, one meeting or a few sessions. They provide an opportunity for girls to try different activities they may not get to try with their Unit.

FOOD BANK DRIVE

In various communities, there are food / food bank drives. This is an easily organized service project for all branches of Guiding. Please check with your local community for information on how you can help OR, if you are in close proximity to Regina, contact the Area Office to help with Regina’s Food Bank Drive on Saturday, October 18. The participation in an early community service project is not only a great way to support the community but it is also an enormous public relations opportunity for Guiding.
The girls were challenged to make a video of a camp skill. Each patrol was given a skill to portray and to make it fun. They chose a random object to appear or a famous line from a movie to include; and all patrol members had to be included in the movie in some way. On the last night of camp there was a special mystery dinner and the girls walked the BLUE carpet, wearing the finery they had crafted at camp. A screening of the movies prepared by each patrol was done at the conclusion of the mystery dinner. Lots of laughs, ingenuity and skill were in evidence!

**AREA HONOURS & AWARDS BANQUET**

Theme: Annual Hoot --- 100 years of Brownies

*Thursday, November 13, 2014*

5:30 p.m. cocktails and 6 p.m. dinner
Whitmore Park United Church
336 Durham Drive, Regina
$20 per person

Roast beef * 7 salads * cabbage rolls * dessert, etc.

Watch the next couple of FYI’s for more information.

**DRAGON OUR COOKIES DRAGON BOAT TEAM 2014**

It was a rough day on the water. The races were delayed due to a lightning and thunder storm. With eight new paddlers and a new drummer, the ladies had to find their race pace. They were 4th in both their heats which put them in the B final, where they finished 2nd (6th out of 8 women’s teams). All in all they had a great summer on the water!

WAY TO GO LADIES - - -

JOB WELL DONE!

Back Row: Toni Coronado; Angela Dobranski; Amanda Korol; Janelle Catherwood; Kendall Longtin; Ashley Beach; Suzette Dann. Middle Row: Camille Ignacio; Sharri Gellner; Renee Shaw; Tracey Korol; Marion Tudor; Brianna Wale; Niomi Rader; Carly Kentz. Front Row: Roxanne Wale; Sandy Doran; Michelle Gibney; Amy Nichoil; Tara Tollefson.
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Bonnie Jean Low, Michelle Gibney, Janice Graessli, Desire White
Front row: Laurie Toews, Laurie Lanovaz,
Charlene McLean, Phyllis White, Glenda Eden
(Absent: PR – Alice Gaveronski)
Meet some District Commissioners (DC’s)

Southern Horizons Area

Yvonne Harrison – North by Northwest DC, Adult member 20 years
Yvonne is married and has a daughter and a son. She works at CGI
as an Executive Consultant in Business Engineering for Western
Canada and Toronto. She assists in building technical solutions for
customers.
Outside Guiding Yvonne loves to read, knit (has knit four sweaters for
family and 10 blankets for family), golf, downhill ski, and travel.

Colleen Reynard – Tipitotum DC, Girl member 3 years, Adult
member 30 years.
Colleen lives on a farm and she is married with two grown children,
two grandchildren and she works at the Indian Head Library.
Outside Guiding Colleen loves reading and scrapbooking.
Best part of Guiding: Everything! Working with girls, teaching them new skills; new adult friends and camping.

Bridging Rivers Area

Jennifer Christian – Daylights DC, Girl member 3 years, Adult member 10 years
Her spousal equivalent is Garret for baby, Winston. Jenn is a co-owner in a Saskatoon Bookkeeping firm,
Bridge City Bookkeeping, that helps businesses. She loves to travel to warm places in winter, and to perfect
her single stitch crochet (embracing her inner granny).
Best part of Guiding: Friends that you do not see often, but when you get together, it’s like you saw them
yesterday. Oh, and Mug Up!

Kris McLeod – Aurora DC, Girl member 2 years, Adult
member 4 years
Kris is a stay at home Mom – she has two girls and a boy.
She has a passion for tutoring math. Any chance she gets,
she loves to go geocaching with her family.
Best part of Guiding: It gives her a great excuse to craft, go
camping and explore.

Linette Plant – Stardust DC, Adult member 4 years
Linette is a postal worker and mother of two. She loves
sports and being outside and loves travelling, camping,
scrapbooking and playing hockey!
Best part of Guiding: Everything!

Laurie Toews – Prairie to Pine DC, Girl member 3 years, Adult member 17 years
Laurie is a Mom to four; Grandma to two and she works as a school librarian. Laurie loves her job and she
loves to putter outside on the farm.
Best part of Guiding: Guiding with her daughter and now her
granddaughter.

Anita Lepard – Morning Lights DC, Girl member 5 years, 7 years
Scouts and Adult member 5 years
Anita is a building official with the City of Saskatoon. Anita loves
baking, cooking, building, camping, gardening, and spending time
with her daughter and boyfriend.
Best part of Guiding: Watching the girls grow up and change;
watching them grow in confidence and make friends, especially the
girls who don’t have many friends at school.
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Saskatchewan Districts

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- Evergreen District
  - Birch Hills, Christopher Lake, Prince Albert, Wakaw
- Lone Star District
  - Saskatoon – north of river, core neighborhood
- Morning Lights District
  - Humboldt, Quill Lake, Saskatoon – south of river, southeast sector
- Northern Points District
  - Dalmeny, Langham, Martensville, Warman
- Northern Stars District
  - Saskatoon – north of river, east sector
- Pasquia Lily District
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- Prairie to Pine District
  - Goodsoil, Kindersley, Luseland, Maidstone, Meadow Lake, North Battleford, St. Walburg, Turtleford, Unity
- Stardust District
  - Dinsmore, Eston, Saskatoon – north of river, west

Provincial Office

- Northern Pines District
  - La Ronge, Pinehouse Lake, Stanley Mission

Southern Horizons Area

- Estevan District
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- Grasslands District
  - Assiniboia, Coronach, Gravelbourg
- Heartland District
  - Regina Central
- Long Lake District
  - Lumsden, Southey, Strasbourg
- North by Northwest District
  - Regina – North West
- Parkland Prairie District
  - Esterhazy, Foam Lake, Yorkton

- Prairie Gold District
  - Regina – North
- Prairie Skies District
  - Cabri, Maple Creek, Swift Current
- Rainbow District
  - Gladmar, Ogema, Weyburn
- Salton District
  - Davidson, Moose Jaw, Riverhurst
- Southern Lights District
  - Regina – South
- SunRidge District
  - Regina – East
- Tipitotum District
  - Balgonie, Ft. Qu’Appelle, Indian Head, Kipling, Odessa/Vibank, Qu’Appelle
Sisters to Sisters Fund....

....Give the Gift of Guiding

Submitted by Phyllis White, Deputy Provincial Commissioner,
dpc@girlguides.sk.ca

The vision of the Girl Guides of Canada is that we are the organization of choice for girls and women; however, not everyone can afford the cost to belong to our organization. Although a grant from the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation and a portion of our cookie sales subsidizes membership fees and uniforms for girls with financial need, the Sisters to Sisters Fund helps support Units or partial Units where funding is limited as a result of socio-economic factors. Sparks through to Trefoil Guild members are all Sisters in Guiding. We want every girl to have the opportunity to belong to our sisterhood. Your donation to the Sisters to Sisters Campaign will enable Saskatchewan Council to fund girls and young women so they can take part in our great organization.

**Now is the time to donate.** Saskatchewan Council pays the $125 registration cost for all active Guiders. Please consider a donation in any amount. Your support is appreciated.

Donations should be made to: Girl Guides of Canada – Saskatchewan Council
200 – 1530 Broadway Avenue
Regina, SK, S4P 1E2

Charitable donation receipts will be mailed to you.

**How are the funds accessed?**

- Girls or Units may apply.
- An application form is available on the provincial website.
- Area Commissioners or the Provincial Office can assist you with the application.
- Approval will be based on a financial need.

**If you know someone in need of assistance** – Contact your Area Commissioner or the Provincial Office.

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**Funding**

Funding support is available from Provincial Council. For complete details and application forms check out the provincial website [www.girlguides.ca/SK/](http://www.girlguides.ca/SK/) under “forms”.

**For Membership Assistance:**

- **Membership Financial Assistance Application** assists with the cost of membership fees & uniform.
  (formerly Lend a Hand)

- **Sisters to Sisters Unit Funding Application** for Unit or partial Units.

**For Events/Camp/Travel Assistance:**

- **Elizabeth Allen / Sisters to Sisters Fund** – available for event and camp fees for girls and Guiders, training fees for Guiders and travel expenses (some limitations apply).

- **Carol Pollock Camp Travel Fund** – assists with travel expenses to either of the provincial camp sites.

- **Marian Clark Camping Grant** – assists a group or an individual to participate in tent camping.
Recruitment and Retention
Submitted by Heather Levy, Provincial Recruitment & Retention Adviser
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HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR ROSTER REPORTS?

The Guiding year is underway for most Units around the province. This is a
great time to check your roster reports to see if:
the girls that are attending meetings are registered
and
there are no girls registered that haven't been attending meetings!

Roster reports are found on the Girl Guides of Canada main website.
- There is a link at the very top of the page “My GGC [Member Zone, Register Online, Family Account]”.
- Under the 'MEMBER ZONE FOR GUIDERS HEADING' is a link to 'Sign In' or register as a 'New
Member' if you haven't already. This will take you to the MEMBER ZONE page.
- There is a link under IMIS CENTRAL for 'Update your profile, Access Unit and District Rosters'.
- On the next page click on 'Roster Reports' under 'My iMIS'.

While you are there, check the image release forms. See who has approval for photos to be taken and used.
You can also check the number of years that girls have been enrolled. This will help to make sure that they get
the correct year pin.

REGISTRATION UPDATE

Early reports indicate that Memberships will be up again this year.

Paper registrations are at 6% of total registrations, the same as at this time last year.
Saskatchewan continues to be higher than the national average for paper registrations. If
you have personal experience about using paper registration rather than the online method,
I would love to hear from you. Please email me at membership@girlguides.sk.ca

NEED MORE GUIDERS?

Look around your community – the school, the daycare, the library, the community centre, the pool – who looks
like they 'could' be a Guider? Who would be great to work with and fits well with the organization?
Now look them in the eye and ask them directly: “WILL YOU BE A LEADER?” A personal direct request has
shown to be the #1 most successful way to recruit new Guiders.

Wishing you a wonderful year of Guiding!

Note: Membership Fee Options
- **Currently** all active adult members (including Link and Trefoil Guild members) are covered by
the Provincial Council. We are happy to support you in your role.
- **But**, some Guiders would prefer to pay their own membership fee. As members they believe
they should pay their own membership fee.
- **Therefore**, any adult member preferring to pay their membership fee may do so by paying $125
(Trefoil members pay their rate only) to their iMIS home by **November 1, 2014**.
- **Or**, you can make a donation to the Sisters to Sisters Fund (c/o Provincial Office) to cover the cost of
registration for a girl member. All donations of any amount are accepted any time.
With summer at an end, and a new Guiding year gearing up, it is time to turn our thoughts once again to cookies. Mint cookies will be delivered in the final week of September, and I am pleased to share that our 2014 Mint cookie order is up 9.1% over the 2013 order. These cookies support the dynamic programs that are offered by Guiders throughout Saskatchewan, and with these record cookie numbers, I can’t wait to hear about all of the fantastic activities being planned around the province!

**2013-14 Cookie All Stars**

I would like to thank all of the Saskatchewan Units that participated in the Cookie All Stars program over the last Guiding year. We all know how important cookies are to Guiding, and Cookie All-Stars is a fantastic way to reward those girls who go above and beyond. Congratulations to the following girls for reaching the top three levels of the Cookie All-Stars:

80+ cases
Rebecca Grimwood – 1st Red Wing Trex
Gabrielle Schmalz – 1st Maidstone Guiding

40-79 cases
Aislyn Woodcock – 98th Regina Guides
Chloe Litzenberger – 49th Regina Guides
Shalayne Eckart – 1st Swift Current Pathfinders
Megan Moody – 1st Red Wing Trex
Berkley Proust – 1st Moose Jaw Guides
Chloe Merifield – 1st Moose Jaw Guiding
Megan MacDonald – 1st Moose Jaw Guiding
Makayla Slon – 1st Moose Jaw Trex

30-39 cases
Jamie Krip – 1st Red Wing Trex
Paige Olfert – 17th Saskatoon Brownies
Emiley Mohr – 1st Moose Jaw Sparks
Avery Sydor – 103rd Regina Sparks
Amy Olfert – 17th Saskatoon Sparks
Olivia Johnston – 1st Martinsville Guides
Jenna Mohr – 1st Moose Jaw Guides
Jordanna Littau – 22nd Saskatoon Guides
Sophia Woycheshen – 27th Regina Sparks
Abigail McLeod – 48th Saskatoon Guides
Madison Keleman – 4th Weyburn Brownies

**Changes to 2014-15 Cookie All Stars program**

**Rewards:** Due to many requests from girls and Guiders, national is going back to the Tablet as the technology reward for this season. Or each girl who sells 80 or more cases may choose a $250 Future Shop gift card or a $300 Guiding Mosaic Camp credit instead of the tablet. In addition girls that achieve the 40-79 case level will have a choice between a $125 Future Shop Gift Card or a $150 Guiding Mosaic Camp credit. The other rewards remain unchanged.

**Unit Group Sales:** To accommodate many requests from Units in smaller Districts, National will be changing the number of cases qualifying Units for a group sales crest. The number of cases is under revision right now.

**NEW – Unit Tracking tool:** Guiders will now be able to use the Unit Tracking to record payments and keep track of individual sales, additional cookies or returns by girl. This tool will keep track of cookie payments and facilitate registration for Cookie All Stars (when available). **All Unit Guiders are encouraged to try this tool.** The Unit Tracking tool can be accessed through Member Zone in the Cookie All Stars section.
**Provincial Cookie Fundraising Incentive**
The Provincial Cookie Fundraising Incentive is for girl members selected for a provincial, interprovincial or international event; or participating in an independently organized trip; or girl(s) wanting to attend a Guiding planned event that requires a significant cost. Please check the provincial website for details. These girls can apply to receive an additional $5 per case on the fourth case of cookies sold. Information can be found at: Volunteers > Guider Resources > Forms.

**Cookie Camp Incentive Cancellation**
Please note that the Provincial program wherein districts increasing their cookie orders more than 10% over the previous year’s order received a $500 credit towards ground fees at Can-ta-ka-ye or Heritage has been cancelled for the 2014-15 Guiding year.

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**Updates from National**

**Adult Member Support Module 2 – Screening** (updated June 2014) some highlights:
- Screening process is to be completed within four months, or the membership will be declined.
- PRC’s and reference checks are now done by BackCheck (The Provincial Office sets these up.)
- PRC’s are renewed every three years.
- Changes to the charges and convictions that preclude membership are now within the past seven years (It was previously within the past five years)
- A ‘charge or conviction of driving under the influence of controlled drugs or substances in the past seven years’, has been added to the list that precludes membership.
- PRC renewal notices will come primarily by email.

**Note:** Potential members who do not complete the screening process are **not** eligible to be a non-member volunteer in the same Guiding year.

**Non Member Volunteers and PRC’s**
- An adult who assists in a Unit more than twice in any given Guiding year is required to complete and submit an A.7 and obtain and submit her PRC.
- Non-member treasurers must have A.7 and PRC’s listed in iMIS.
- Support persons who accompany any individual with a disability, to assist them with communications, mobility, personal care or medical needs while taking part in a GGC activity, must have an A.7 and PRC on file with the office.

**Some Updated Resources:**
- **NEW Guideability** explains how to provide support and create modifications for girls living with various levels of ability. Refer to it to create an inclusive space and programming that encourages every girl's participation in Guiding.
  [http://forms.girlguides.ca/InclusivityAccessibility/Shared%20Documents/guideability.pdf](http://forms.girlguides.ca/InclusivityAccessibility/Shared%20Documents/guideability.pdf)

- **Orientation to Guiding** explains the Membership screening process. It also includes basic organizational information about Girl Guides of Canada (updated July 2014).

- **Guiding Essentials** (updated July 2014) is a key member resource that provides information about the structure and operations of Girl Guides of Canada. It covers topics such as Membership, programs, awards and cookie sales. **Guiding Essentials** also includes a glossary of commonly used Guiding terms and acronyms.
As the new Guiding year gets into full swing, many Guiders are planning fall camps, sleepovers, trips and special events. These events are a great opportunity to get to know your girls and create a team atmosphere in your Unit and district, plus they are tons of fun! When planning activities please keep in mind the Safe Guide requirements and refer to the Activity Planning Chart (Safe Guide page 16) to determine the activity level of your event.

**CHANGES TO SAFE GUIDE**

Changes to Safe Guide come out at the end of July and the updated Safe Guide document and updated forms are available on the National website. There is also a document entitled “Explanation of Changes” that details all of the changes made.

As of September 1, 2014 all activities must be planned based on the July 2014 version of Safe Guide using the most current version of all forms.

Notable changes: (Please see the “Explanation of Changes” document on the Safe Guide page of the GGC website for details on all of the changes.)

1. In order to facilitate family picnics or community BBQs, these activities are now considered higher risk (Yellow level) only if girls are doing the cooking. (Page 16)

2. Non-members who volunteer more than twice must be registered in iMIS as a Unit Assistant with a PRC. To register they complete the Non-member volunteer form (A.7).(Page 25)

3. Some of the requirements for the ‘Swim Test’ and ‘Swim Test for Boating’ have changed and the tests no longer expire. However, girl members who become adult members will need to re-do the ‘Swim Test for Boating’ as the distance for adults is longer than that for girls.(Page 95 & Page 115)

4. Information has been added detailing which first aid training organizations are acceptable. (Page 32)

5. The requirements for a Trip Lead for Adventure Tripping have been revised. (Page 28)

6. There are new requirements for travel in Canada. These have been added to be consistent with the new International Travel procedures. (Page 76)

If you have questions about the changes to Safe Guide or want more information, please contact your District Commissioner or contact your Area Office or the Provincial Office. They will get you in touch with a Safe Guide Assessor who can answer all of your questions.

**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 the 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.
Safe Guide

Attention – Deadlines are important!

Number one reason: GIRL SAFETY!

Safe Guide Assessors in Saskatchewan must follow the nationally set guidelines.

- **Green Level Activities** – Approval is not required.
- **Yellow Level Activities** – Paperwork must be submitted for approval at least 14 days prior to the activity.
- **Red Level Activities** – Paperwork must be submitted for approval at least 21 days prior to the activity.

Ensure your Safe Guide forms are submitted in time. Your event can not happen without approval. If the Assessors do not have adequate time to complete your assessment your activity can not occur.

Plan early – refer to the Activity Planning Chart. Ask for help if you need it – your District or Area Commissioner will help you or point you in the right direct.

Be Prepared – so you and your girls are not disappointed!

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**Canada's anti-spam law and Guiding**

On July 1, a new Canadian anti-spam law (CASL) came into effect. In broad terms, the law prohibits the sending of “commercial electronic messages” (CEMs) to those that have not consented to receive those messages.

As a charity and membership-based organization, GGC is exempt from certain aspects of this law. Emails from Guiders updating families on Unit activities should not be impacted by this law.

However, it is important to note that all staff and members of GGC are subject to the following requirements of the law when sending Guiding emails:

- You may only send a CEM to someone who has donated, volunteered or had membership with the organization within the past two years.
- All emails and electronic messages must identify the sender and any third-party provider sending the message (e.g., Informz, the e-blast system GGC employs).
- If an individual requests that you no longer contact them by email, you are legally obliged to respect that request.

National has done a thorough review of our current email practices to ensure we are compliant with CASL.

**Email best practices**

- Always run fresh queries.
- Do not use GGC email lists for personal use.
- See page 30 of the Fall 2014 *Canadian Guider*, or more information on email etiquette.

Save the date!

**Heritage Lake Serenity Camp Ladies Retreat**

August 7 - 10, 2015
Girl Greatness Award recipient

Tegan received the Spark Girl Greatness Courage Award for 2014. Tegan was diagnosed with leukemia when she was two years old. She completed her last chemo in October 2013. Tegan could not wait to become a Spark when she started Kindergarten. She stated that "cancer was tough because of all the scary stuff like pokes". We commend Tegan on maintaining her bubbly spirit and contagious smile while dealing with cancer. Tegan and her family, including her sister Jessie who is a Brownie, are very supportive of the Girl Guides of Canada organization. Congratulations, Tegan!

Guiders, watch for the 2015 Girl Greatness Award information and encourage and assist your girls to nominate a girl member or self-nominate.

Sentences:

2014 National Scholarship recipient

Congratulations to Melinda Davis, recipient of the 2014 GGC National part time scholarship.

Melinda was a Brownie and a Guide as a girl member, and with daughters, she has been a Guide Guider and now is a Pathfinder and Ranger Guider.

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Scholarships

Save the Dates:

Lady B-P Weekend
March 13 – 15, 2015
Moose Jaw
(for third year Guides)

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Communications
Submitted by Jenna Hehn, Provincial Communications Adviser
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New Website Announcement

The provincial website is now uniform with National. I encourage all Guiders to check out the new website and learn to navigate it. There are many valuable resources for Guiders including program resources, provincial forms, and links to national initiatives. The Provincial Office has worked extremely hard at ensuring the website’s content was put into the right place. Big “Thanks” to the staff! Please take a look at the new website and encourage others to do the same: http://www.girlguides.ca/SK/ (Note new address!)

Navigating the New Provincial Website

There is a lot of information and tools for you on the website. Below is a quick overview to help you navigate the website! If you have any other questions please do not hesitate to contact: communications@girlguides.sk.ca

Use the search bar to search for specific items, such as “camps”.

Look under the Volunteer tab to find another tab titled Guider Resources. Under the Guider Resources tab you will find:
- Forms
- Instant Meetings (for all branches)
- Unit Meeting Resources
- Publications (Prairie Lily)
- Awards

Look under the Programs tab to find:
National and Provincial Challenges, Provincial Events (Spark Sprees, Brownie Revels, and Guide Rallies) and provincial camps.

Upcoming Events: Look at what is happening in the province.
News and Articles: Articles about Girl Guides in Saskatchewan, and a quick link to the Prairie Lily

Quick Links: Click on one of these topics to easily find information on specific topics i.e., Forms
January Conference for Guiders

“Blue is the Colour – Guiding is the Game”

January 30 – February 1, 2015

Saskatoon Travelodge
106 Circle Drive Saskatoon, Sk.

Let’s get in the game of Guiding!

PRE-REGISTRATION is necessary for the following national Modules (see the Registration Form):

- Unit Guider Modules: Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders (Branch specific) “Building Unit Guider Skills” Modules
- Unit Guider Modules: Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders (Branch specific) “All about Your Branch” Modules
- Communicating with Girls Module
- Dramatic Arts Module
- Facilitation Skills Module
- Leading Active Games Module
- Safe Guide Module
- Understanding the Adult Learner Module
- OAL – Getting Outside - Unit Meetings and Day Camps Module
- OAL – Residential Camping – Planning Module
- OAL – Adventure Camping – Navigation Module
- WAGGGS 2015 Theme Activities

For new Guiders, (Sparks, Brownies, Guides & Pathfinder) the following Modules are requirements to earn the Unit Guider Stream red pin:

- Building Unit Guider Skills Module
- All about Your Branch Module
- Safe Guide Module

There will be many sessions offered to choose from that do not require pre-registration!

Here are just a few of the sessions in the planning stages:

- **ARTS**: Several singing sessions; Bells and chimes; Dance; Drumming; Hat crafts; Crafts with a purpose; String water / flashlight holders; Branch specific games and activities
- **CAMPING**: Archery; Astronomy; Campfire planning; Camp themes and ceremonies; Canoe and kayak; Codes, compass and trails; Knots; Gadgets; Outdoor cooking
- **COMPUTER**: Member Zone; Using Google Drive docs.
- **HEALTHY LIVING**: Belly dancing; Healthy body image; Yoga
- **PROGRAM / INTERNATIONAL**: Dealing with difficult kids; International; Sangam advocacy; Travel tips
- **SPECIAL INTEREST**: Car care; Ban Bossy; Safe Guide refresher session; Multi-branch Guiding
- **OUT TRIP**: To the Western Development Museum
- **Service Project**: To donate to those in need, Guiders can bring socks, mitts, toiletry items, and ribbon.

Register early and save! This weekend is for all Guiders, new or experienced and there will be sessions for all branches. The Saturday banquet, with everyone wearing GGC uniform, will be a sea of **BLUE**!

Watch for more details in the November *Prairie Lily*!
January Conference Registration Form
January 30 – February 1, 2015

Name: ___________________________ iMIS #: __________________

Phone (home): _________________________ (work): ___________________ (cell): ________________

Position(s) in Guiding: _______________________________ Number of years as a Guider: __________

Currently working with (circle your groups):  Sparks   Brownies   Guides   Pathfinders   Rangers   Adults

I prefer to receive information by:

☐ E-mail: _____________________________  ☐ Mail (address): ________________________________

☐ Fax: ________________________________  ☐ City/Town: ________________________________

☐ Postal Code: _________________________

Food/ Allergies/Diet and/or physical restrictions: ____________________________

I would like to share a room with (if applicable): ________________________________

☐ Smoker  ☐ Non-smoker  All rooms are non-smoking rooms!

In consideration of others, please make this a Scent free event!

Registration: Register early and save $25!

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- After December 15, registrants will pay the “Conference only” fee and be responsible for arranging their own accommodation. The hotel will not guarantee the room rates or availability after that date! Please check with the provincial office first as we may have a few spots to fill within the rooms we have booked.
- No registrations can be accepted after January 20, 2015.
- Price includes: Saturday and Sunday breakfasts, Saturday lunch, Saturday banquet, coffee break drinks and evening hospitality.

Payment enclosed: ________________ (Cheque payable to Girl Guides of Canada, SK Council)

Please Return Registration Form to the provincial office: If registering by email, please indicate all particulars listed in the registration form.

Girl Guides of Canada, SK Council
200-1530 Broadway Ave., Regina, SK S4P 1E2
OR Credit Card # __________________________
(VISA, MC only) Expiry Date: ____________

OR email provincial@girlguides.sk.ca
OR by phone 306-757-4102 Toll free 1-877-694-0383
OR fax 306-347-0995

REFUNDS: This fee is refunded less $25 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.

There are many sessions but a few are to be Pre-Registered. Mark any of the national MODULES below if you plan to attend them:

☐ Communicating with Girls
☐ Dramatic Arts
☐ Facilitation Skills
☐ Leading Active Games
☐ OAL: Getting Outside – Unit Meetings & Day Camps
☐ OAL Residential Camping – Planning
☐ OAL – Adventure Camping -- Navigation
☐ Safe Guide
☐ Understanding the Adult Learner

Building Unit Guider Skills:

☐ Sparks  ☐ Brownies
☐ Guides  ☐ Pathfinder

All about Your Branch:

☐ Sparks  ☐ Brownies
☐ Guides  ☐ Pathfinder

☐ 2015 WAGGGS Initiative
(Not a module)

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Training
Submitted by Brenda Wilson, Provincial Training Adviser
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New Trainers
The training team welcomes five new trainer candidates: (from left to right): Jackie Peacock, Charmaine MacDonald, Kay Peters, Megan Loessl & Debbie Remeshylo. They took their training modules and Understanding the Adult Learner earning their purple pin and a certificate on June 21, 2014. Also, a special thank you is extended to Ali Peters and Sara Horseman for helping train these wonderful participants with Brenda Wilson. Thank you to the Saskatoon Guide House and Bridging Rivers Area for their hospitality. Let's Grow Training!

A Training with Pizzazz!
(Some assembly required)
Training for All Trainers and Trainer Candidates
October 24-26, 2014
Strasbourg Bible Camp

Register through the Provincial Office
Early Bird Registration (by October 1): $65        Registration after October 1: $90
Registration Deadline: October 15

Whether you’re new to Guiding or have been involved for several years, trainings are a great way to hone your skills, learn from long-time Guiders and network with others. In setting up your personal schedule for this fall, check your provincial website or with your Area Office or District commissioner to find out when trainings are happening. Watch the FYI’s from your Area Office and plug the dates into your schedule now! For more information on trainings contact Brenda Wilson at: training@girlguides.sk.ca

If face-to-face training is not an option, check out the trainings available through online GGC e-learning with the Learning Library.
For more information about e-learning, go the training page on the national website.

Training Terms: TEAM = Training and Enrichment for Adult Members        OAL = Outdoor Activity Leadership
Check out the TEAM chart on the Member Volunteer Resources on the national website to see the national Modules and the Steams available, as well as the pins that can be earned.
Program
Submitted by Carrie Morrison, Provincial Program Adviser
program@girlguides.sk.ca

2015 Provincial Rally Packages

The Program committee is again offering rally packages for your Units this year. These packages will be $1 per person and will include a crest and craft for each person registered as well as one package of information for you to run the rally. The package includes games, songs, stories, science and activities for you to use to put on an event.

You can choose to do this as a Unit, District or maybe a few Units together...the options are yours. As well, you can add your own activities; perhaps do the event over a few weeks at your meetings, or at a sleepover, or in an afternoon, or expand it and use it as your camp. This is a package to help you with your programming.

December 10 is the deadline to register your girls. Please keep in mind that deadlines are firm. Packages will be handed out at the January Conference. You may want to order a few extras in case you have new girls join, as there will not be extras ordered after the deadline.

2015 themes are: Sparks – Underwater, Brownies – Western, Guides – Pioneer

Registration Deadline: December 10, 2014

Contact Name: ___________________________________________ Unit name: ____________________________
Phone: __________________________________________________

I prefer to receive information by:
☐ E-mail: ____________________________________________
☐ Fax: __________________________________________________

☐ Mail (address): ____________________________________________
City/Town: ____________________________ Postal Code: ____________________________

Number of girls registered: ______ Number of adults registered: ______ Branch of Rally: ______

For District orders: please give the Branch breakdown of girls and adults:

1. Did you participate in the 2014 provincial rallies? ________________
2. If yes...Did you find the package easy to use? ________________

Total number crests @ $1 per person: ____________________________ Payment enclosed: ____________________________

(Cheque payable to Girl Guides of Canada, Sask. Council)
OR Credit Card # ____________________________ (VISA, MC only) Expiry Date: ____________________________

Please Return Registration Form to the Provincial Office: If registering by email, please indicate all particulars listed in the Registration Form.
Girl Guides of Canada, Saskatchewan Council
200-1530 Broadway Ave., Regina, SK S4P 1E2
OR e-mail provincial@girlguides.sk.ca
OR by phone 306-757-4102 Toll free 1-877-694-0383
OR fax 306-347-0995

Supported by a grant from Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association
WELCOME to all NEW members!
HELLO to all of our RETURNING members!
It’s going to be a GREAT GUIDING year full of FUN, FRIENDSHIP and ADVENTURE!

Do you have any NEW ideas for promoting Saskatchewan Girl Guides?
There are many ways you can promote GUIDING in your community or district.

Please forward your ideas and ways you promote Guiding to pr@girlguides.sk.ca.
An Inventory List will be created of all the ways YOU promote “Guiding” to make it great.

REMEMBER
I am PR, YOU are PR, WE are PR for SASKATCHEWAN GUIDING!

Are you passionate about growing and promoting Guiding?

Looking for “PR Promoters”!

Do you have a passion for...?
- Connecting with key people in your community
- Public Speaking
- Media Relations/Journalism
- Writing fascinating articles
- Taking breathtaking pictures & videos
- Promoting Girl Greatness in Saskatchewan

PR Promoters are the champions of Guiding in their local communities. In collaboration with the Provincial PR Adviser, they will identify opportunities to promote Guiding, support provincial campaigns, and share stories of great Guiding experiences in their community. If interested in becoming a PR Promoter, contact pr@girlguides.sk.ca.

Ready, Aim, Click – 2014 Girl Guides of Canada 2014 Photo Contest

Deadline: Monday November 3, 2014

Submit your Saskatchewan Guiding photos for a chance to win a camera plus get published in the Canadian Guider. All information and necessary forms are available on the national website: www.girlguides.ca. Everyone who submits a photo to the contest has the opportunity to have their photo shared by GGC through their Flickr collection. Let’s see some Saskatchewan winners for this Photo Contest!
Looking ahead.........mark your calendar!

**Saturday, MAY 2, 2015**
9th Annual Girl Guides & Tim Hortons Community Clean-Up

Let’s Make A Difference!

- A great SERVICE Project for your Unit and it is part of your PROGRAM!
- Spend one to two hours to clean-up a location in your community.
- Find a Location and make it a Bridging Event.
- Every Guiding member will receive a free T-Shirt and necessary supplies.
  WATCH for more DETAILS in the next *Prairie Lily*...

**Hike around Saskatchewan in the Fall or Winter, 2014**

Plan a hike to start up your Unit’s activities this fall/winter (no wood ticks).
- Unit determines their own Hiking Activity.
- Complete the Registration Form available through the provincial office.
- Submit $2 per participant for the NEW Hiking Crest.
- Remember to take photos & forward to:
  pr@girlguides.sk.ca and provincial@girlguides.sk.ca
- Have FUN and remember this is also a part of your Guiding PROGRAM.

**Fundraising at a Special Event**

**Attention: Do you want to sell items at the Jan conference?**

January Conference is a great opportunity to fundraise! In the past we have had Units/Districts/Areas sell used uniforms, cookbooks, white elephant tables, tickets on various prizes, raffles, etc.

Effective at January Conference 2015 – you will need approval prior to the event if you want to fundraise. Provincial Council created a new form called *Fundraising at a Special Event Form*. The form can be found on the provincial website, [www.girlguides.ca/SK/](http://www.girlguides.ca/SK/)

Individuals interested in fundraising at the event need to complete the form and submit it to the Provincial Office. Provincial Council will review all applications and will approve requests. Only those with approval will be allowed to sell or promote their products.

The forms come to Provincial Council so this is one less item for the training planning committee to manage. As the fundraising demands have increased Provincial Council believed we needed a fair and transparent process to determine who and/or how many fundraising activities should be allowed at the January Conference or at any other provincial special event.
It’s time to travel! Get your excitement growing and pens ready! The 2015 GGC sponsored international and domestic trips have been announced!

Do you have questions about the trips or filling out the application forms? Contact Ashley, your Provincial International Adviser, for any information you need. The official fact sheets for each trip will be available on the GGC website: https://www.girlguides.ca/GGC/Programs/Opportunities/International_Guiding/Travel

Send your completed applications to international@girlguides.sk.ca. Deadline for applications is November 3, 2014.

Australia International Jamboree – Great Bunya Gathering
September 21 – October 5, 2015
The Great Bunya Gathering will take place at Lake Somerset in South East Queensland, Australia. This camp is an international experience for young people from around the world, joining in a week of activities together including bush cooking, rope courses, canoeing, raft building, mountain biking, hiking and more!

Habitat for Humanity – El Salvador
July 31 – August 13, 2015
The Habitat for Humanity Global Village program facilitates safe and empowering volunteer build experiences all around the world. While in El Salvador, girls and Guiders will work alongside the family receiving the home, under the supervision of professional masons on the build site. Girls and Guiders will get their hands dirty while working to construct a home, in addition to learning about the local community, participating in culture days and meeting a local Guiding group!

Sea of Cortez – Mexico
July 1 – 10, 2015
In partnership with Panterra, a Canadian organization that provides unique, eco-friendly travel programs for youth, Girl Guides of Canada is offering an amazing opportunity to explore the Sea of Cortez located off the coast of Mexico, along the Baja Peninsula. This program incorporates an exciting cultural exchange component, as members will explore the beautiful marine environment alongside a patrol of Mexican Girl Guides. All participants will spend seven days living aboard a 110-foot ship while exploring the Sea of Cortez, the islands of Isla Espiritu Santos, Isla San Francisco, Isla San Jose, Isla Partida, and Isla Santa Cruz, and conducting wildlife conservation work with Panterra’s research scientists and marine biologists.

Sangam World Centre
August 1 – 17, 2015
Discover your potential at Sangam World Centre in India while developing leadership skills and learning about positive global change through community development. While at Sangam you will work closely with a community development organization and learn about the positive changes you can make in your own community. Learn about Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting and be a part of the latest global initiatives as you explore international perspectives on issues that matter to the members of our 10 million-strong movement.
Canadian Heritage Tour – Ottawa, Quebec City & Montreal  
June 29 – July 7, 2015
Participate in a life changing experience by exploring Canada’s history and culture throughout Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec City with EF Tours. On this tour you will visit Canada’s grandest cities, while taking guided tours of many historic attractions. Celebrate Canada Day in our national capital, and get a glimpse of Canadian politics when visiting parliament hill, and the Prime Minister’s residence. When in Montreal, explore the European influence in the downtown core and the wide variety of unique neighbourhoods and French-speaking communities. Moving onto Quebec City you will study the majestic architecture, walk the oldest street in North America, and participate in a workshop at the Plains of Abraham.

North Vancouver Island – Orcas, Totems and Grizzlies  
August 5 – August 15, 2015
This natural history voyage explores the protected waters of Northern Vancouver Island. Here you will travel with Bluewater Adventure and watch orca and humpback whales from your chartered vessel, the Island Odyssey, in addition to watching grizzly bears walk along the shore lines, while sea otters play in the water and bald eagles fly overhead. You will learn about the behaviour of these fascinating creatures, listen to whales call from the vessel’s underwater microphone, and anchor in a new area each night. During calm breezy evenings, the Island Odyssey will raise its sails and float through the waters of the Johnstone Strait and the Queen Charlotte Strait. You will stop to visit the modern Kwakwaka'wakw community of Albert Bay, and then continue travelling deep into the Coast Mountains while on board the vessel. You may also have the opportunity to explore an abandoned village with fallen totem poles, and rich Canadian heritage.

Twinning Project
Did you know? For the Twinning Project this year, various provinces will be partnered with their own twin! Saskatchewan and Manitoba have been partnered with El Salvador! More details on the project are being determined and will be available in the November Prairie Lily.

International Trip Planner
Did you know? Changes have been made to the International Trip Planner. These changes take effect September 1, 2014. Any independent trips leaving after September 1, 2015 must follow these revised guidelines. Check out the international section of Safe Guide for all the details.

World Thinking Day 2015
This is the last year of the Millennium Development Goals, which means we have come to the ultimate Millennium Development Goal and this World Thinking Day 2015 theme – MDG 8: Develop a global partnership for development.

The WAGGS MDG 8 World Thinking Day resource will be launched at the end of October 2014. In the meantime, the resources for the 2014 WTD theme are still available. Check out http://www.wagggs.org/en/take_action/gat for everything you need to take action!
Girl Guides making a difference in Ghana
Submitted by Brenda Lee, Red Wing TREX

“Yeye abusua baako” – we are one family – one family with an amazing community that lives down a winding dirt road in tiny mud houses! By western standards they have next to nothing – no power, no running water, not even a toilet! However, they are full of joy and are very content. It was very humbling as they opened their lives and shared their beautiful children with us to truly experience their culture and work together as “yonkos” (partners) on a school building. This community, whose livelihood is harvesting palm oil, has identified education as their first step to a better life for their children.

Traveling with Me to We/Free the children, Guiding members from Alberta, Manitoba and our Trex Unit from Saskatchewan traveled to Ghana, Africa for two weeks. The purpose of our visit was school building and we spent our working time hauling sand, gravel and water, and hand mixing cement to pour the floor of the school, as well as making cement bricks to complete two rounds of brick walls. We took Asante Twi language lessons, 30 hours of leadership training, took part in a water walk to learn how and where the water is sourced, and played lots of great team building games. We visited a local market and toured Cape Coast Castle – the port of no return for millions of slaves during the slave trade. Standing in the dungeons where slaves were held until being sold and shipped made this sad part of history very real and a reminder of modern day slavery that continues in parts of the world today.

The highlights for the girls were working on the build site and playing with the children. In spite of language barriers it was amazing to witness how the girls opened their arms and hearts to love the children. It didn’t matter that some children were in tatters or did not even have clothes, that some were aids orphans or had obvious medical needs. We had a lot of fun together and lifetime memories were made.

The girls identified the most challenging part of the trip was being immersed in the extreme poverty, seeing how polluted the families’ water source was and how the families live. Other challenges included the change in our diet and climate, and having to leave the community for the last time.

Me to We/Free the Children work together with communities in eight countries with holistic sustainable development by bringing youth to truly experience culture and be hands-on involved with the community. Two facilitators were provided for the trip and they took care of all the programming, ran the leadership sessions, and helped each girl to develop a personal action plan that was brought back to Canada to work on in the weeks and months ahead.
In spite of the huge piles of cookies that had to be sold over the past two years and all the fundraising and paperwork for the trip, each one of us would go again in a second if we had the opportunity. In the words of one participant, “Realizing that I helped to build a school that would determine the future of the child in my arms is so powerful and humbling. Life is good when you are happy, but life is great when others are happy because of you.”

If anyone would like additional information about our trip or our partnership with Me to We/Free the Children please contact Brenda at culee@sasktel.net

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Camping
Submitted by Heather Neufeld, Provincial Camping Adviser
camping@girlguides.sk.ca

**CAMP 101 YUKON 2015**

Please encourage your girls to apply for this amazing opportunity.

**Application deadline is Oct 31, 2014.**

Applications can be obtained from the provincial website: www.girlguides.ca/SK/

Theme: Strange Things Done Under the Midnight Sun
Where: Whitehorse, Yukon
When: July 5 – 12, 2015
Who: This event is for girls who will be at least 12 by the time of the event.
Why: To share in the spirit of the north with our sisters in Guiding
Cost: $1,000 per person, plus transportation

**TENTATIVE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- Whitewater rafting
- Hiking
- Wall Climbing & Hotsprings
- Wildlife Viewing
- Canoeing
- Swimming
- Sightseeing
- Cultural Visits
- Arts & Crafts
- Zip-lining

If you have any questions contact Heather Neufeld at camping@girlguides.sk.ca

**Congratulations** to the two Saskatchewan Guiders chosen to attend Camp 101 Yukon 2015: Carla Punshon and Barb Atkinson
Ever thought about independent international travel? Feeling a bit daunted by paperwork and planning? Well I’m here to tell you to go for it! Travelling with a group of Guides might just be one of the most amazing experiences you will ever share.

Yorkton, SK enjoys a thriving Guiding community; we have enthusiastic girls and dedicated leaders. Like many groups across Saskatchewan and Canada, we have ongoing discussions about recruitment and retention of older girls. The Pathfinder and Ranger programs challenge girls to develop their independence and leadership skills through experience, adventure, exploration, and friendship. We thought, what better way to connect girls with these goals, and build engagement and excitement, than through international travel? Preliminary planning, including conversations with girls and families, started in the fall of 2012. We were thrilled when 28 girls signed on in January 2013, and that’s when the real work began. With families only required to contribute 25% of the total trip cost, all participants committed to fundraising. Over 18 months our girls persisted in their efforts – they worked tradeshows, held BBQs, sold cookbooks, operated canteens, and sold lots and lots of cookies. Fundraising helped the girls develop a sense of ownership for the trip and it was truly a gift to see them experience the rewards of their hard work.

Extra Ops also met periodically for fun and preparation. We studied the geography, history and culture of Puerto Rico. We even learned a little Spanish. We investigated potential activities; sewed neck coolers; learned about passports, customs and currency exchange; practiced our swimming; and decorated the t-shirts we wore each day in Puerto Rico.

Finally the day of departure arrived. On July 11, 2014 we flew from Regina to Toronto. We filled in our layover with a trip to CN Tower – an architectural marvel with spectacular views. More than a few girls and adults conquered their fears and stepped out onto the glass floor. All in one day we flew, caught a bus, and rode the subway trains. We even met a local Guider who helped us get to our destination. We arrived in Puerto Rico to heat and sunshine. We had just enough time to settle into our patrols before watching the sunset.

Our first excursion was to Cerro Gordo public beach. We hiked a gorgeous path through the forest that periodically opened up to cliffs overlooking the ocean. Our guide told us about the local environment and noted points of interest. At the beach we swam in the ocean and got our first glimpse of tropical fish.
On the following day we travelled to El Yunque National Forest. After a presentation at the interpretive centre we embarked on a hike through the only tropical rainforest in the US forestry system. The rain forest is noted for its biodiversity and is home to thousands of native plants and hundreds of smaller animals, many of which exist nowhere else on the planet. At the halfway point we stopped to enjoy an amazing waterfall. Also in the forest we climbed to the top of a tower to see the forest from above the canopy. Not ready to be done, we ended our day with an evening kayak on a bioluminescent bay. The unique bay water is filled with tiny micro-organisms that generate an emerald green and ultramarine illumination when the water is disturbed. As the sun set and the stars came out we were mesmerized by the glowing paths of our kayaks and paddles. Our return trip through a tunnel of mangroves, in the dark, was an adventure we had not anticipated, and for some, was the highlight of the trip.

Old San Juan is the historical section of San Juan, the capital of Puerto Rico. On Day 5 we explored El Morro fortress and learned about the islands military and colonial history. We also enjoyed some shopping, particularly the open market with products from local artisans.

After a day on land, we were back in the water. We were very lucky to have the opportunity to participate in Jean-Michel Cousteau’s Ambassadors of the Environment program. Through the program we were immersed in the natural wonders of Puerto Rico and learned about its rich cultural traditions. We learned about the importance of the ocean ecosystem to all life on earth, and had the opportunity to ‘give back’ by participating in a reef clean up. The shallow reef was teeming with life, and snorkeling allowed the girls to fully explore this new environment.

Our visit to the Camuy Caves transported us to a hidden world. Traveling through a fern filled ravine we descended into the cathedral-like caverns. Carved out by the Camuy River over one million years ago, the caves are filled with remarkable rock formations.

Our trip ended in a most spectacular fashion. We didn’t know it at the time, but we had saved the best excursion for the last – hiking and zip lining with Batey Zipline adventures in the Tanamá National Forest! Our buses arrived at 6 a.m. and took us up, and up, and up...above the treetops and even above some clouds. We enjoyed an interpretive hike through the limestone forest that was educational and inspirational. We learned about the Tainos aboriginal people, and about the efforts being made to protect the native plants and animals. We forded rivers, crossed a suspension bridge, and floated down a river through a cave. The scenery was indescribably beautiful...even our pictures don’t do it justice. The hike ended at the zip lines which were incredible all on there own. We flew above the canopy and marveled at the spectacular views of the forest and river below.

On July 19 we said Farewell to Puerto Rico. We left, as we had arrived, in the warmth and sunshine. We returned home thrilled and exhausted, excited and changed by our experiences. Our girls represented Girl Guides of Canada very well and we could not be more proud to be their Guiders. We watched each and every girl change before our very eyes, becoming more independent, confident and self-assured. Each developed skills that they will carry forward and each had an experience that will continue to shape their lives. We all shared in the joys of the sisterhood of Guiding – and I can’t wait to do it again.
Over the course of two weeks, I was very fortunate to travel to England with seven other Canadian girls and participate in WINGS 2014, an international camp that took place in Windsor Great Park. The trip went above and beyond my expectations! I could find something new around every corner. In London I was able to see the incredibly famous landmarks, letting me experience the city at its finest. Thanks to being a part of the Girl Guide group, I was one of the twenty people allowed inside the forecourt of Buckingham Palace as the Changing of the Guard took place. This was fully exciting as it is not something you could do every day.

WINGS instantly became the experience of a lifetime as soon as I stepped on the grounds, with the endless activities and events. I got my first shot at new things, from firing a rifle to trying Haggis. The people I met became friends I hope to keep in touch with for a long time. Over the week of the camp I spent most of my time with them, and got to know them very well. The Thatcham Guide Unit we stayed with at WINGS was so hospitable and kind, and made me feel like I was a part of their Unit. Thank you very much to the 2nd Thatcham Guides for their generosity in letting us stay with them for a huge part of the trip.

I’d like to thank the National, Provincial, and Area Councils for supporting and funding a major part of my trip, and a huge thanks to Sherri Runnalls and Heather Neufeld for leading the Canadian National Patrol so brilliantly, and making my entire trip more wonderful than I could ever imagine. I plan on sharing my trip experience with my Area, to show other Saskatchewan girls the amazing memories that can be made on an international trip like mine.
Keeping the Spirit Alive!
Submitted by Mary Lynne Golphy, Provincial Trefoil Guild Adviser
p.golphy@sasktel.net

Congratulations to:
1st Saskatoon Trefoil Guild and 1st Moose Jaw Trefoil Guild
Keeping the Spirit Alive!

Purple Trefoil Guild T-shirt order

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** Remember: T-shirts are co-ed so they are larger fitting. To measure: lay T-shirt flat and measure from seam to seam under the armpit x two.

Order deadline: October 18, 2014 to Mary Lynne Golphy @ 306-567-2819 (evenings) or p.golphy@sasktel.net
Make cheque payable to: “Girl Guides of Canada Prairie Spirit Trefoil Guild” and mail to: Mary Lynne Golphy, Box 817, Davidson, SK, S0G 1A0

Thank you to all who completed the Saskatchewan Girl Guide Survey!
A Survey was distributed to all register adult members as well as to the parents of our girl members. The total number of surveys sent was 2670. We had responses from 388 parents and 276 adult members for a total of 665 responses (a 25% return rate).

The information you provided will help us with our grant applications. Thank you. You had great feedback for the provincial network advisers. We now have lots of positive impact statements to share.

We do plan to share highlights from the survey in the future editions of the Prairie Lily and on social media.

Time to announce the winners of the $100 gift card to the National Online Store:
- Joann McKenzie – from the parent submissions
- Karen Fedorychka – from the adult member submissions
  Congratulations! Happy Shopping!
Mark your calendars and start dreaming of fun on the shores of Sylvan Lake!

Guiding Mosaic 2016 will be held Saturday, July 9 - Sunday, July 17, 2016 at Camp Woods, Alberta.

Girl information:
- Camp fee is $1050 + GST.
- Saskatchewan Provincial Council will cover the cost of a bus going to GM2016.
- 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 in November, 2014.
- Each girl and adult patrol member must have a minimum of **four** nights in tents, with at least **two consecutive nights** in tents prior to the camp.
- A camp skills training will be developed and it will be mandatory for all patrol members (girls and adults) to attend and participate prior to GM2016.

The Camp Program will be developed based on various themes, including but not limited to:
- Adventure
- Arts & Crafts
- Camp Skills
- Drama
- Health & Fitness
- Science & Environment
- Sports
- Waterfront

Rangers have the choice between two camp program options: Youth program $1,050.00 or Adventure Program $1,200.00. The Ranger program is offered to those girls that are interested in more challenging programming opportunities as they grow into our future leadership. These could include but are not limited to:
- **Off-site Adventure Camping experience**: Aimed towards girls with more advanced camping skills – canoeing, backpacking and horseback adventures (4-5 day expedition including a training element before and during). There will be an additional $150.00 camp fee for this option for a total camp fee of $1,200.00. For more information refer to Section 3.5 – Camp Fee Structure.
- **Media and Communications**: Public speaking, communications, public service, broadcasting, cinema, radio and TV, etc. The outcomes would be many fold: to write articles for the camp newsletter; to write camp blogs; to prepare a camp video for the closing ceremony; to learn from and work with the local media; etc.

GM2016 Website and Social Media

**Program books in French** for all levels are available at the Provincial Office. If these are needed, contact the office for more info.
Can-ta-ka-ye
Submitted by Lori Court, Can-ta-ka-ye Operating Committee

As the leaves start to change and the temperature drops we look back on another wonderful season of camping at Can-ta-ka-ye. Throughout the spring and summer many campers took advantage of the opportunity to camp on the sunny shores of Lake Diefenbaker as part of programmed camps, Unit camps or district camps. Laughter filled the air and new friends were made as girls were challenged with new skills and experiences.

Heading up programmed camps again this year was Sue Christiansen, who spent many hours planning and preparing for activities to ensure everyone was challenged and entertained. Cookie (Liz Kosakowsky) was in the kitchen and made sure that no one went to bed hungry. Many Guiders and parents volunteered to oversee activities and provide ratio at camps this year without which we could not operate.

Can-ta-ka-ye’s final event for the year is the 3rd Annual Quest – Tri Wizard Tournament on October 3-5, 2014.

Along with our thanks to the many volunteers throughout this season, the Can-ta-ka-ye Operating Committee would like to extend special thanks to Sue Christiansen who is stepping down from her position. Sue has been at the forefront of camp programming with this committee and will be greatly missed. Never one to let adversity get her down she was on site for a busy camping season only weeks after experiencing a major heart attack last spring. Sue is a resourceful guider and a great sport and rather than throw out excess ice at the end of the all branch ‘Amazing Race’ camp this summer she celebrated camp closing by having a bucket of ice dumped on her. (See photo on right.) She is an advocate of the principles of Guiding and a strong supporter of the traditional values of camping which she learned in her youth. It is this spirit and love of camping that she has shared with the girls which will be greatly missed, although we are hoping she will continue to be a part of Can-ta-ka-ye’s happenings for years to come.

As we take a moment to catch our breath, we look forward to next summer in the prairie sun. Our goal is to see teams of Guiders come together to share the camping spirit. Do you have a team that would be interested in leading a camp? You pick your theme, plan your program and provide a core group of Guiders – we provide the place, assistance with program preparation and supplies, completion of required paperwork, necessary equipment and whatever assistance we can offer. If you are interested in forming a team or in being part of a team, email camping@girlguides.sk.ca.

Social Media
Submitted by Jenna Hehn, Provincial Communications Adviser communications@girlguides.sk.ca

Remember Saskatchewan is social:
  • Facebook: Saskatchewan Girl Guides
  • Twitter: SaskGirlGuides
  • Pinterest: Saskatchewan GirlGuides

Call out for Guiders: Are you confident in your social media skills? Want to help get the word out to Guiders about events and initiatives going on throughout the province and country? We are looking for you! Please let us know if you would like to help our own team by emailing communications@girlguides.sk.ca. If you have any questions, concerns, or inquiries regarding social media, or the new website please contact me at communications@girlguides.sk.ca.
OAL Training – Adventure Camping
Submitted by Carrie Hazelwood, Prince Albert Guides #4 Guider

Do you like being outdoors? Are you up for a new adventure? Would you like to introduce a new twist on tried and true camping to the girls in your Unit? If you answered yes to any of these then maybe you should consider taking some OAL training.

Outdoor Adventure Leadership or OAL for short is designed to give Guiders the information and skills to undertake outdoor activities with girls in a variety of settings. The OAL stream contains 21 hours of theory combined with five nights of adventure camping and it’s designed to teach you the basics.

January Conference 2014 provided me with a glimpse of all the possibilities, and it set my mind in motion. What could I do as a Guider with more OAL training? When we were asked to add our names to a contact list for future training, I didn’t have to think twice about putting my name down. I was hooked!

As a result of our collective interest at January Conference, a group of us met at Trefoil Trails in May to start working on some of the theory modules. We learned how to design an adventure camping trip, and how it should be structured. We talked about risk assessment and management, and we learned that adventure activities have different requirements than traditional ones. We got moving as we took part in navigation exercises, and we checked out the different types of special camping gear. It was fun getting our hands dirty as we learned about and prepared all types of camping food. Finally we were equipped with the knowledge we needed to put it into action! We decided as a group that our first adventure would be an August backpacking trip to Grey Owl’s cabin in the Prince Albert National Park.

We picked our dates, decided on the route we would take, and started to plan. The paperwork was divided up with each of us taking different Safe Guide forms to complete. We quickly learned that there are a lot of decisions to make and details to think about as we raced to get our forms to the Assessor in time. Happily, we were approved and we could start to concentrate on everyone’s favourite part – the food! As planning continued and the date drew nearer, things started to come together. The real test though would be on the trail.

We departed on Thursday, August 21 with our loaded packs, eager to take on the 40 km of trail and put into practice all we had learned. We discussed and learned from everything we did from the smallest thing to the largest. We climbed up and down bear caches to store our supplies, we got to test our gear as we walked in the rain, rehydrated food, filtered water, dealt with sore feet, and packed and re-packed. Being able to execute and discuss many of the things we had only talked about previously was an invaluable experience. It gave us real life practice, reinforced our new skills, and painted a picture of what it would be like if we were leading girls on a similar adventure. When we made it to Grey Owl’s cabin I had to take a moment -- we were actually there, we were actually doing it! I don’t think I was the only one who felt this way that morning.

Winding our way through the bush as we walked provided a lot of time for reflection. The physical aspect of carrying our backpacks and frequently being outside our personal comfort zones both mentally and physically was a favourite topic along the way. However, as we walked off the trail on Sunday after this amazing experience, we were already thinking and talking about what we could plan next.

So, if you have ever entertained the thought of trying anything new, or going on an adventure – come and join us. It would be fantastic to have more Guiders join in and find out about the OAL training stream. The opportunity will be available once again to take training at January Conference, and another weekend session is planned for May, 2015. Who knows, maybe next year we’ll be canoeing together!
Leap Into Adventure
OAL Adventure Camp Training – Part B
May 8 - 10, 2015
Friday, 7:30 pm – Sunday, 2:00 pm
Trefoil Trails, Pike Lake
Cost: $75 + GST 3.75 = $78.75

Are you an experienced camper that wants to gain the skills and knowledge to take your girls backpacking, canoe tripping, cycle camping, or more? Come to this weekend training and “leap into adventure”. (Note – Part A and Part B can be taken in any order! We will alternate parts each year!)

Content will be from the OAL Adventure Camping program:
- Module 2 Risk Assessment
- Module 3 Leadership Styles, Group Dynamics, and Management
- Module 7 Campsite Management
AND
- You will earn Paddle Canada Lake Canoe Skills Introduction Tandem certification

You will then plan for a canoe trip which will occur in the summer of 2015 (date and location to be chosen by the group at this training). Want more details on this OAL Adventure program? Follow this…. go to Member Zone, Program Resources, Camping and Outdoors, Adventure Camping.

Deadline to register: April 15, 2015
If you have any questions, please contact Carla Punshon @ Email: carla@punshon.ca

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**Finding serenity at camp**  
Submitted by Ruth Griffiths, Prince Albert

Within two hours of arriving at Serenity Camp 2014 at Heritage Lake, I felt my whole body going “Ahhhhhhhh!” There’s something marvelously relaxing about hearing gently lapping waves, rustling poplar leaves and the haunting call of a loon. The boreal forest is exceptionally green this year and the sunsets over the lake were predictably spectacular.

Outdoor exercise and fresh air energized me for an extended weekend of activities with two dozen other women. We made stepping stones, watercolours and Zentangle drawings. I led yoga classes and nature walks. Mary McLeod offered reflexology and massages. Our special feature was a presentation by Corrine Gallagher on gluten-free living.

Like an army, a good camp marches on its stomach. Joanne Jansen prepared delicious meals that coordinated with our theme — “Caribbean Castaways”. It’s difficult to produce a banquet without the amenities of a big kitchen, but somehow she manages to pull the rabbit out of the hat year after year.

This is the 13th year for Serenity Camp. During the closing ceremony, the Guider in Charge, Susan Prakash, remarked that we had avoided any bad luck in this 13th year. A wind and rainstorm on Friday night did not produce any damage. There were no major problems or illnesses that diminished the pleasure of the campers.

A major part of the success of Serenity Camp is the patrol system. Campers are divided into groups and work together to accomplish many of the daily tasks: helping prepare meals, washing dishes, hauling water, keeping the fire going in the water heater, and cleaning the toilets. There was exceptional participation in all of the chores and duties this year.

The patrols also help to plan the campfire programs and morning Reflections around the flagpole. An effective camp ceremony doesn’t just happen; great programs involve and inspire all those present.

Serenity Camp encourages women to take a break from their routine so they can relax in a healing and supportive atmosphere. There are many activities in which to participate but if all you want to do is read a book on the beach, you are encouraged to do so.

Many friendships are formed and renewed at Serenity Camp. I know that most of those who attended this year have already penciled in **August 7-10 for Serenity Camp 2015**.
“Under The Sea Camp”
Northern Pines District had their first camp at Heritage Lake this summer, from July 21 – 26 with Sparks, Brownies and Guides attending. The 20 girls and their Leaders tried out so many new activities offered by our volunteer Guiders. The food was terrific – no one went away hungry or disappointed at the choices they could choose.
Each day was a different theme with different games, crafts and meals. A service project was part of the program – painting the inside of the latrines. The girls learned the knots to raise the flag…that was one patrol duty that they didn’t want to miss out on.

Action song at Campfire
Swimming everyday
Outdoor cooking – Bush pies
Sand castle contest

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SaskTel Pioneers – This organization has provided funding once again to Can-ta-ka-ye. They have made a generous donation which allows the Operating Committee to purchase and replace lifejackets, tables and chairs at camp. In recognition to their contribution to our camp we have named the mini lodge, Sask Tel Pioneer Lodge. Thank you!

This summer the riding lawn mower at Can-ta-ka-ye mowed its last blade of grass. The good folks at Western Sales in Rosetown and Outlook, delivered a new zero turn mower for us to use for the season as a demo. Thanks for helping us keep our camp beautiful!

Thanks to the Operating Committee for planning and running camps this summer and to all the leaders throughout the province who stepped up to help keep camping alive for the girls. Without you, our camps would not be successful!

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