

The Buffalo

Welcome back! Or, for those of you new to the organization welcome! Hopefully everyone had a great summer and took time to relax, rejuvenate and enjoy our beautiful province. I know some of you were busy attending various Guiding camps and events and I look forward to hearing more about them in the months to come. In June I had the pleasure of attending the Girl Guides of Canada–Guides du Canada annual general meeting in St. John’s, Newfoundland. I was able to experience the friendly and welcoming hospitality of Newfoundlanders first hand and meet Guiding members from across the province. At the AGM we said goodbye to our outgoing Chief Commissioner Sharron Callahan and welcomed Pamela Rice as our new Chief Commissioner.

I am so very excited about the upcoming Guiding year. Your Manitoba Council has been busy over the last few months planning some fantastic activities and events. Last week I attended our first provincial event, the celebration of International Day of the Girl with some members joining us online from around Manitoba, Saskatchewan and even a few of our Twinning partners from El Salvador. I look forward to seeing the entries for the International Day of the Girl video contest as I know we have some creative members in our province. Check out our events listing on the provincial website, and make sure to participate in our new music challenge “Sing for All to Hear”!

I wish you a successful Guiding year filled with new experiences, friendship and fun. The smiles on the faces of the girls will hopefully serve to remind you that the time you are devoting to them really does have an impact, no matter how small you may think. On their behalf I thank you for choosing to volunteer with Girl Guides of Canada–Guides du Canada!

Till next time,

Yours in Guiding,

Marlo.



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Upcoming Events

All events are updated on the GGC-Manitoba Council website when new information is received. Check back often to keep up to date. www.girlguides.ca/MB

Dauphin Mall Sleepover	October 24 – 25, 2015
District Commissioners Conference	November 6 – 7, 2015
Brownie Badge Day	November 21, 2015
Santa Claus Parade	November 28, 2015
Sparks Badge Day	November 28, 2015
Pathfinder Badge Day	December 5, 2015
Guide Badge Day	December 12, 2015
Pathfinder and Rangers Wake-A-Thon	January 8, 2016
Sparks Badge Day	January 30, 2016
International Arts/Twinning Day	February 20, 2016
Brownie Badge Day	February 27, 2016
Guide Badge Day	March 12, 2016
Youth Conference/ Indoor Camp Skills	March 19, 2016
GM21016 Preparatory Camp	April 8 – 10, 2016
Annual Convention	April 29 – May 1, 2016
Youth Awards Day	May 1, 2016
Guides/Pathfinders Bridging Camp	May 2016
Outdoor Camp Skills	May 27 – 29, 2016
International Cook-off	June 4, 2016
Tim Hortons Clean up	June 2016
Goldeyes sleepover	June 2016

These dates are all subject to change. **ALWAYS check the website for changes and updates.

Safe Guide

Transporting girls to and from events, the pros and cons

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GGC does not recommend that Guiders use their personal or rented vehicles to transport girls.

Depending on the time of year and your location, the risks associated with transportation may vary. Transportation may well be one of the highest-risk factors for many activities. Plan carefully to proactively manage risks associated with transportation. Understand that transportation risk factors are involved before participants reach a destination and also as they return from an activity.

Include on your Emergency Response Plan (SG.4) how you will manage risk during transportation.

Risk management is the process of identifying, analyzing and responding to risk factors throughout an activity or event and in the best interests of its participants. Proper risk management implies control of possible future events and is proactive rather than reactive.

The purpose of risk management is to:

- ☒ Identify possible risks
- ☒ Reduce or allocate risks
- ☒ Provide a rational basis for better decision making in regards to all risks
- ☒ Plan

Proper risk management will reduce not only the likelihood of a negative risk occurring, but also the magnitude of its impact.

Assessing and managing risks is the best weapon we have against catastrophes. By evaluating your plan for potential problems and developing strategies to address them, you'll improve your chances of a successful, if not perfect, activity/event. Safe Guide has been developed to provide this process.

From a liability perspective, it is better to transfer the risk – or in our case, have the parents arrange the transportation for the girls. We recognize this is not always possible and that the transport of girls in the personal vehicles of Guiders is often the accepted and even expected mode of transport, therefore we need to look at steps to be taken to make the activity an acceptable risk.

Best practices show that with careful consideration, we can lower the probability of major risk occurring and/or reduce the impact should the risk arise. To this end, we request that for the Safe Guide submission for transportation, the make/model/colour and license plate number of each vehicle be noted on the SG.4 as well as the cell numbers being carried in each car. If multiple cars are travelling together, each vehicle should have the information for all vehicles on board and as we do in our meeting places, the people travelling in the vehicle should be aware of these safety measures.

Should plans change and all vehicles noted are not required etc. update the SG.4 to reflect the changes, share the updated form between vehicles and email a copy to the provincial office for the files.

Program

Welcome to another great year of Guiding from the Program Committee!

Last years' badge days were a huge success! Thanks to everyone that helped out with running the activities.



Days like that are not possible without the awesome Guiders in our Province.

This year is starting out to be a super exciting year!

We have brought back an old favorite, [The Manitoba Girl Guides Music Challenge!](#)

Crests will be available soon.



Badge days are travelling out to Brandon to bring these events to girls outside of Winnipeg (October 3rd and January 16th). Thanks Crocus West Area for the opportunity to visit one of your communities!

This years' badge days are all listed on the website and I encourage you to check it out on a regular basis to see all the great events happening in our province. We are always looking for Guiders to help out at the badge days! If you have some time to help out at a particular event, let me know. If you have suggestions of events that you would like to see don't hesitate to email me at guidertamara@gmail.com

Archives

Manitoba Archives 25th Anniversary Open House

When: Saturday, February 6th from 10am-3pm

Where: Manitoba Girl Guide Office, 213-530 Century Street



Stop by during the open house to explore and learn more about the holdings of the Manitoba Council Archives Committee, as we celebrate 25 years since our founding. Reminisce as you look through over 100+ years of memorabilia that paint the picture of Guiding in Manitoba, including some priceless items signed by our founder, Lady Baden Powell.

Did you know that we have files on Guiders and units from all across the province? Come and see if we have one for you, someone you know and/or you're Unit! Warning: This may inspire you to look through your files to contribute to the Archives!

Hope to see you there!

Archives Collection

Are you cleaning out your basement and stumbling upon old Guiding memorabilia and paperwork?

Are you cleaning out your Grandma's attic and stumbling upon some neat Guiding artifacts?

Did you close a unit in your district/area and have a bunch of 'old stuff' you don't know what to do with?

Please donate them to Manitoba Council's Archives, as we strive to build our collection to paint the picture of Guiding in Manitoba.

What do we want?

Badges

Minutes

Crests

Reports

Pins

Photos

Uniform items

Unit log books and scrapbooks

Guiding china

Guider History collections

Guiding memorabilia

Scrapbooks

International

With the new Guiding year revving up we are excited to highlight our two nationally sponsored trips for the summer of 2016!

Sangam World Centre, India

This is an exciting opportunity for both girls (15-18) and Guiders to go experience a new culture and meet the people in Pune. This trip will provide the opportunity to work alongside one of Sangam's community partner organizations and celebrate Sangam's 50th birthday in true Guiding style!

Flame Camp, England

This trip for both girls (13-14) and Guiders, will join our Guiding sisters from around the world at Girl Guiding Hampshire West's sixth international camp. It will be a week long experience where girls will participate in activities and adventures at Foxlease camp.

[Fact sheets](#) for both of these trips are now available on the national website. Due dates for applications is November 8, 2015 at 11:59 pm.

If you have any questions about the application process, please feel free to email Monika at mtheissen@girlguides.mb.ca and she will get us in touch with you!

Shanel and Stephanie
Co-International Advisors

Cookies

This year we have **TWO** Cookie Day locations!

Once again we will be partnering with Sears locations, and for this year we have added SmartCenters. Just a reminder that the registration for Cookie Days will all be done online so don't forget to book your spots!

As fall turns to winter and you start planning for your spring sandwich cookies, know that a door to door cookie blitz week is in the planning stages.

More information will follow soon.



Camping

Lakes, Loons and Laughter Provincial Camp

August 16-23, 2015

The participants and Core Crew that took part in the LLL camp held at Caddy Lake Camp this summer had an amazing experience full of laughter, making friends, creating new experiences and I think we all learned at least a little bit over the 7 days, including the Core Crew of volunteers staffing the camp.

Girls and Guiders came from all over the province, along with a patrol from the North West Territories to take part in a week long camp to give them a glimpse of the kinds of things they could experience at GM 2016. The program varied every day which included: Round Robin activities such as canoeing/kayaking, geocaching, bear talk, sun safe, archery, GM preparation: scheduling, a day in the life at camp, how to pack, trying out solar showers/brushing teeth in a bucket/washing hair in a bucket, setting up of campsite in small area, tent care/storm preparation, how to interact with international guests and more. We had some adventurous activities throughout the week which had us hiking at Migillvary Falls, horseback riding, mini-golfing and a day trip canoe trip over to Caddy Landing.

The planning team were extremely impressed with the wonderful attitude and energy the girls and Guiders approached each new experience we provided for them. They fully embraced the learning aspect of the camp and still had plenty of time to enjoy time together as a group. Trader Joe's, campfires, movie night and the dance party were just a few of the exciting events that took place. It really was a remarkable group of girls and guiders which made the week the highlight of my summer.

A huge thank you to my fellow Core Crew volunteers as the week would not have been the success it became without your dedication and time that you put into planning and attending the camp. Thank you to the Guiders that helped with the buses and Jenn Schorn who provided overnight accommodations to our North West Territories guests at the last minute. I'm looking forward to seeing most of those that attended camp at GM in Alberta next summer.

Janet De Sousa
LLL Camp Director

GM2016

There has been a lot of movement with pulling our provincial patrols together in the last few weeks. I'm hearing that there is still important information that is not getting out to the Guiders and girls wanting to attend please continue to direct your questions to me via email: mbgirlguidescampadvisor@gmail.com or call me 204-803-7148.

Information to keep in mind/reminders:

- If you have not notified me as a Guider taking a patrol, please do so immediately. I need to know where the patrols are in the province.
- Patrols/participants do have until November 30, 2015 to register
- Pathfinders and Rangers cannot be in the same patrol as the Rangers will be on a different site location and have their own programs. We currently have 15 Rangers grouped as one patrol going with 3 Guiders, with myself as the contact Guider. As more Rangers decide they want to attend we will add them to the patrol. If we reach 22 Rangers, we will look at splitting the patrol into two and would be looking for another Guider.
- The requirements for a patrol to be allowed to register is based on 8 girls and 2 guiders. If the patrol does not meet this requirement they will need to wait until they have the sufficient amount of girls. I will be

partnering partial patrols as best I can, however we are waiting for all patrols and girls interested to come out of the woodwork.

- A patrol will not be considered able to formally register until you have submitted your Patrol Confirmation form to Janet DeSousa and you meet the minimum criteria for a patrol
- A patrol submitted for approval will get their confirmation information via email to the contact Guider from national office.
- A patrol is not considered officially registered until all members have registered for the 2015-16 Guiding year and paid their 10% deposit.
- Patrols will not be able to register for program choices until all members have paid their 50% of camp fees.
- Program choices are not a first come first get basis. They will be assigned after the November 30th deadline for registration

Please check the website for information as it is continuously updating details.

GM2016 Camp Village Crest Contest – We are pleased to launch the [GM2016 Camp Village Crest Contest](#) to design the crests for each of the 13 camp villages. Contest instructions and template can be found by going to the GM2016 website under the [Contest and Challenges](#) tab. The contest is open to all girls that are registered as Pathfinders and Rangers in the 2015-2016 Guiding Year. Attendance at GM2016 is not mandatory for this contest. Deadline for crest submissions is November 29, 2015.

Aurora, GM2016 Mascot launched – Short biography on Aurora and what she plans to do over the next ten months, along with Aurora's Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Fun Material for Units – Puzzles, crafts, and more. For units of all ages. This page will be updated routinely with more material. In the works currently are cross-stitch patterns of our logo and mascot, knitted hats and mitts with Mosaic tent and mascot, recipes for units, more colouring pages and crafts that highlight Canada's culture.

Program Catalogue – Launched on September 2nd, the catalogue outlines all of our program offerings for Pathfinders and Rangers

Service Projects – More insight into what each service project at GM2016 entails.

Out-Trips – More information on the out-trip options at GM2016.

Personal Kit List – Posted end of August

Patrol Kit List – Posted end of August



Police records (PRC) and code of conduct (COC) renewal process

Adult members and non-members are required to do a PRC and COC renewal every three years. Over the last few years we have transitioned to using BackCheck to obtain the PRCs and Member Zone for the COC renewal.

The month prior to your PRC and COC expiration you will receive an e-mail from the provincial office through Informz. Due to legislation requiring us to have an “Unsubscribe” option, we must use Informz for the bulk of our communications. While the mailing comes through Informz it is produced and distributed by the provincial office.

The e-mail from Informz will include the following:

- 1) Details about when your PRC expires,
- 2) How to renew your PRC using BackCheck and,
- 3) How to renew your COC online

Upon receiving this e-mail you should promptly follow the links and initiate the renewal process, this will ensure you do not forget about it which may lead to you being PRC or COC expired. Once you have completed the BackCheck process the check comes back within 24 – 48 hours. You will get notification that it is completed and the provincial office is also notified. The COC renewal should be instantaneous through Member Zone.

There is no follow up communication sent in addition to this notification from Informz so it is imperative that you take the initiative to complete your renewal as soon as you receive the notice.

A member that is PRC expired must:

- Refrain from attending Unit meetings or any sponsored Girl Guide event as a Member
- Refrain from wearing uniform or appointment pins
- Refrain from undertaking any financial activities on behalf of GGC

If you have any questions regarding your PRC and COC renewal please contact the provincial office.

Facebook/Website/Twitter

There are so many ways you can stay in touch with what is happening in Manitoba.

The provincial website will have all the great Manitoba events posted with info on how to register,
www.girlguides.ca/MB

Make sure you check out our Facebook page for anything and everything Guiding,
www.facebook.com/MBGirlGuides

To keep up with what is trending follow us on Twitter at
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