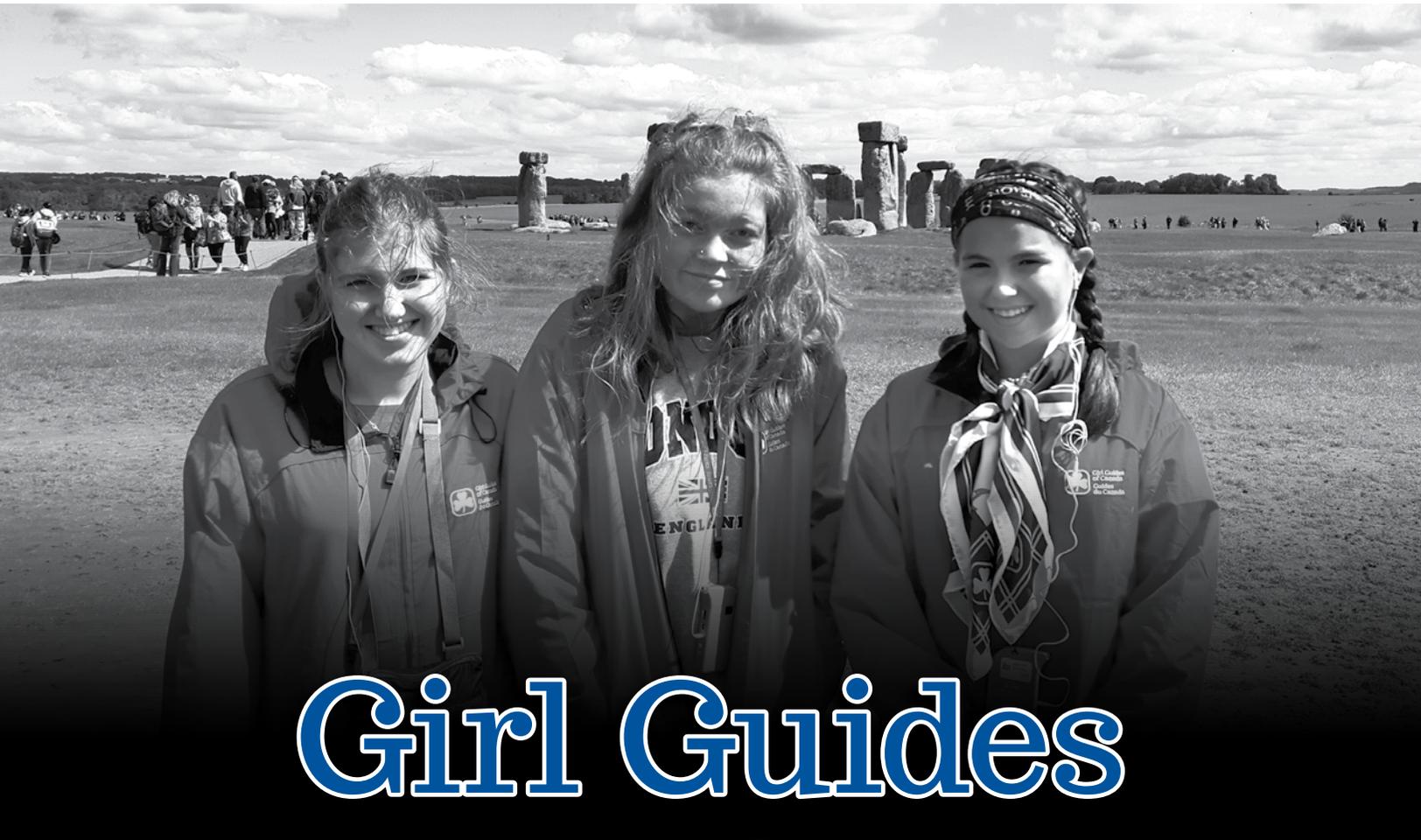


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Editorial

Editor's Note

I'm so excited by the enthusiasm for Guiding shown around BC. As Leslie Bush reminds us on the PC's Page, the Unit Guiders are largely responsible for how girls experience Guiding. Girls who see their Guiders as dynamic and engaged leaders are more likely to feel empowered and mentored and to stay in the organization. The same can be said of Guiders themselves. Women who feel empowered and mentored by other Guiders will also be more likely to remain members. In this issue, meet Guiders who embody our Vision, to be the organization of choice for girls and women and to make a positive difference in their lives so they can contribute responsibly to their communities. It is my hope that these women inspire and motivate other Guiders to gain the experience and training they need to be confident and positive leaders for the girls and women in the organization.

Correction: The Gone Home section of the Fall/Winter issue of *Pipeline* erroneously identified Joan Pardely as a Guider in Trail. Joan was an active Brownie Guider with 55 service years in the then Burnaby Royal Area and was also a member of the Burnaby North Trefoil Guild.

Since the article about the CWFF Pizza Challenge appeared in the Fall/Winter issue of *Pipeline* (p. 18), the following information has become available: Entries must be received by the BC International Committee by March 31, 2018. You can send your entry by mail to the BC provincial office, or you can email a copy of your entry to bc.pizza.challenge@gmail.com.

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PC'S PAGE

by Leslie Bush, *Provincial Commissioner*

"If you had to choose between compliant, engaged, or empowered, which word would you want to describe your students?"

—George Couros,
The Innovator's Mindset

Welcome to a new year of Guiding, helping each girl to be "Everything she wants to be."

The year ahead is chock full of new and exciting things for Girl Guides of Canada and for BC Girl Guides as well. Hold on to your camp hats!

First up—Girl Guides of Canada has a brand new strategic plan! This plan will drive the actions we need to take as we put Guiding 2025 into action. The Board of Directors has approved the priorities along with target outcomes and goals that support girls' voices, Guider excellence, program development, membership growth, inclusivity and organizational efficiency. The goals are aspirational and attainable, and they reinforce our legacy of putting Girls First. The priorities provide the framework to ensure that everything we do directly benefits girls, such as the development of new, innovative programming and the platform for girl engagement and empowerment. They will better enable us to facilitate a meaningful Guiding experience for girls through enhanced support to deliver programming (Guider Program of Excellence); a reduction in the administrative burden of delivering Guiding; and an increase in countrywide collaboration, communication and

operational efficiency. Each priority is supported by strategies and actions for implementation—this is the "how" of the strategic plan. Every step of the strategic planning process is ALL ABOUT THE GIRL—focused on how her experience, which is largely shaped by her Unit Guider, will be girl driven. Following the PC's Page, I have included a one-page summary of the strategic goals, with the priorities and actions assigned. Each province is taking a leading role with national directors to implement these goals. The implementation of this strategic plan is shared between the volunteers and the Board of Directors, and we are all focused on success. There will be many chances to get involved, participate and provide feedback and ideas. If you see something that you want to become engaged in, please get involved!

BC Council has reviewed our plans for 2018 to ensure that we align with the new strategic plan (we do!), and are already planning for 2019!



By now, you may have seen our new logo, developed as part of a visible identity refresh for GGC. The refresh is intended to signal the start of our multi-year strategic journey and change the perception that the general public has of us. Although we are a trusted and respected legacy brand, we are also considered irrelevant, uncool and lacking in cultural or ethnic diversity. There is not

going to be a specific launch of our new logo; instead the current logo will "morph" into the refreshed one through a gradual transition plan, as this provides a more fiscally and environmentally appropriate approach.

GGC is working on new vision and mission statements. The national Youth Council was asked by the board to review our current vision and mission statements, and the Youth Council agreed that the statements needed to be updated. A group of youth and adult volunteers is working to update these to reflect our focus. We anticipate that these will be finalized early this year!

Thank you to everyone who is participating in Girls First, either as a test unit or as a Girls First Champion. You are all vital to the success of the new program, and by your enthusiasm, willingness and critical input you will help to make it the best it can be!

The PC Team has decided on "When we shine" as a central theme for this year. Our New Year's greeting, "When we shine, the impact we have," our Thinking Day theme, "When we shine: she can be everything she wants to be" and our Annual General Meeting theme, "When we shine," recognize and highlight that what we do at all levels has an impact on the girls, our communities and the world around us. I hope you all think of ways that you can shine and about the impact you can and do have!

I want to wish all of you a happy Thinking Day! I am excited to welcome Jill Zelmanovits, the CEO of GGC, to BC for



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our February BC Council meeting and to our last Thinking Day event at our current Guide House. The morning session at the event will give units an opportunity to try new things, learn skills and meet the PC Team, area commissioners, members of our Operations Committee and standing committees and Jill! In the afternoon, senior girls and adult members will join together and celebrate Guiding over tea.

What's happening with the new Guide House? We are anticipating being completely settled into our new home by the end of June, which really is not too far away! The interior space is being worked on and we are so excited! We had hoped to hold our AGM in the new space but, as I write this, the anticipated completion date is the end of April, which, of course, would be too close to the date

of the AGM if there are any construction delays along the way.

There are so many new and exciting adventures ahead this year! I am so glad you are with us on this journey of change. Sometimes it may feel like a roller coaster and sometimes a merry-go-round, but always remember that we are moving forward with a common purpose and plan.

Guiding 2025: 3 Year Strategic Plan

VISION: Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada, the organization of choice for Girls and women, makes a positive difference in the life of every girl and woman who experiences Guiding so she can contribute responsibly to her communities.

MISSION: Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada enables Girls to be confident, resourceful and courageous, and to make a difference in the world.

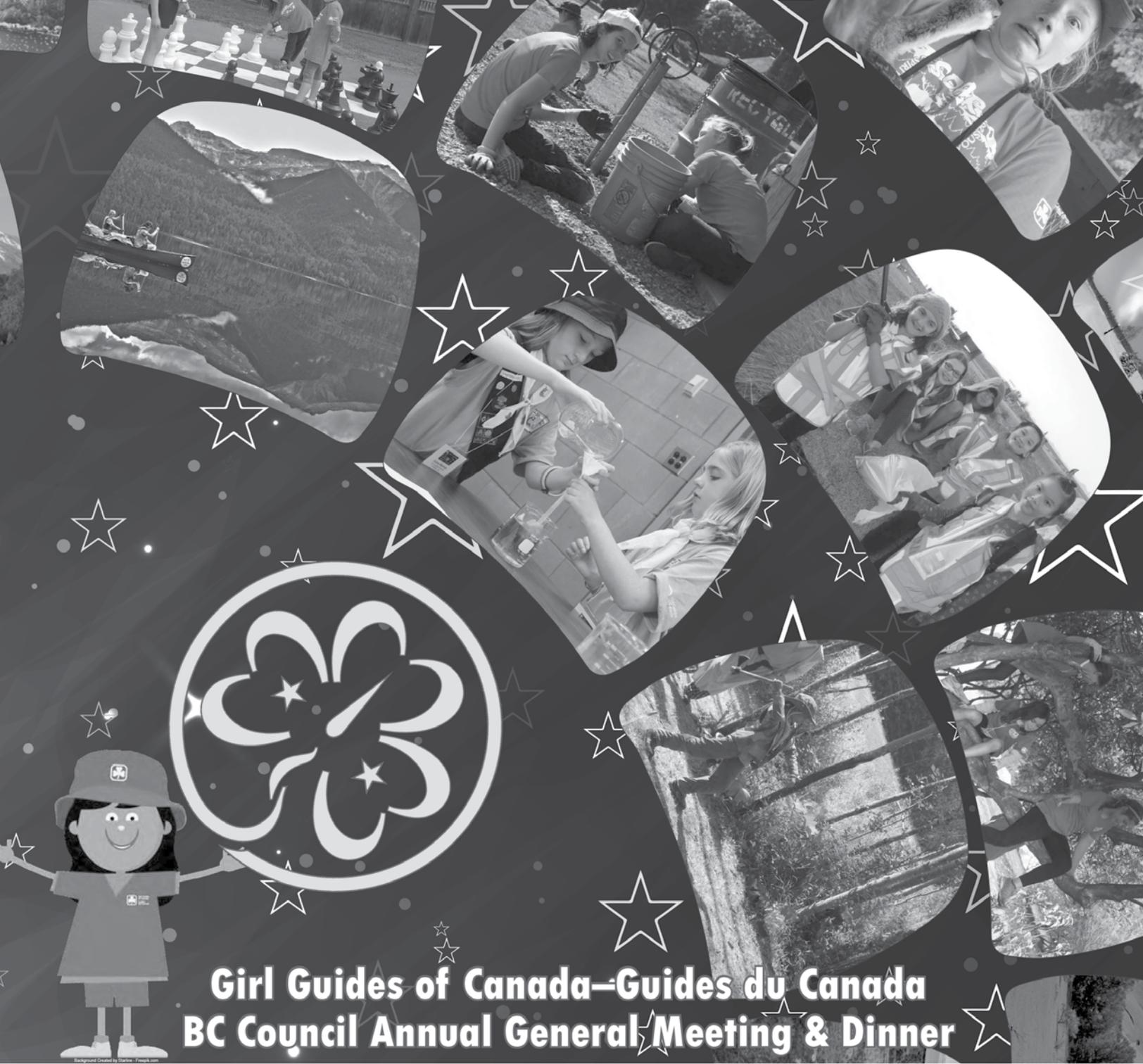
OUTCOMES: (1) Member Experience, (2) Impact, (3) Growth, (4) Financial Sustainability and (5) Brand

PRIORITIES	GOALS – WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE
<p>RELEVANCE - BENEFITS to GIRLS – I am proud to tell my friends about Girl Guides</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GGC listens to and understands what I need & gives me that. • Meet-ups are about what Girls in my group want to do and how we want to do it. • My Guiders understand me. • I am happy when my parent tells me that tonight is my Guiding night. • I have the opportunity to choose and lead adventures that I otherwise wouldn't and learn about things that are important to me. <p>STRATEGIES THAT WILL GET US THERE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Strategy #1: Unit Guider Program of Excellence</i> • <i>Strategy #2: Girl Acquisition Strategy</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↑ in Girl member acquisition – all branches ↑ in Guiders whose skills and experience match the position description ↑ Girls indicate the program aligns with what they want to learn and do
<p>EMPOWERING - BENEFITS to GIRLS – I discover myself and achieve my goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I know what is right for me. At Girl Guides, I discover my passions and set goals that matter to me. If I am 5, that might be to make a new friend. If I am 14, that might be to try something I never thought I could do. • I get help with my goals from creative Guiders who encourage me to take on challenges I might not otherwise consider. Together we laugh, imagine, play and have fun! • I discover myself by stepping outside my comfort zone to uncover my true passions. <p>STRATEGIES THAT WILL GET US THERE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Strategy #3: Girl Engagement Strategy (Girls' Voice)</i> • <i>Strategy #4: Girls First & Program Feedback</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↑ in Girls that believe their voices have been heard AND believe their ideas have been actioned ↑ of Pathfinders and Rangers that have leadership roles in units other than their own ↑ in compliance of Girl representation at all levels of Councils and Committees, as appropriate ↑ of Girls that indicate they have achieved their program outcomes
<p>DIVERSE & INCLUSIVE - BENEFITS to GIRLS – I belong</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have a place to go where I am accepted. • I am open to listening to and considering other people's ideas and perspectives that are different than my own. <p>STRATEGIES THAT WILL GET US THERE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Strategy #5: Diversity & Inclusion Framework</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↑ in alignment between GGC and the Canadian mosaic
<p>AGILE - BENEFITS to GIRLS – I am supported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No matter where I am in Canada, the quality of my experience will be excellent. • I have all of the information & support I need to be successful. <p>STRATEGIES THAT WILL GET US THERE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Strategy #6: Country-Wide Optimization</i> • <i>Strategy #7: Digital Transformation</i> • <i>Strategy #8: Diversify Funding & Partnership Strategy</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↑ Guiders feeling they are supported by the organization ↑ New content developed and content retired and/or refreshed ↑ Diversification of funding at the National and provincial levels



Upcoming Events

DATE	WHAT	WHO	WHERE	NOTES
February 16–18	District Commissioner training	District Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners	<i>Vancouver</i>	Contact training@bc-girlguides.org .
February 16–18	Youth Forum winter meeting	Youth Forum members	<i>Guide House</i>	Application deadline has passed.
March 2–4	Camping meeting/workshop	BC Camping Committee, area Camping Advisers, expedition leaders	<i>Guide House</i>	More information to come.
March 31	Girl Guides at the Canucks Day	All Guiding members and their families and friends	<i>Rogers Arena, Vancouver, at 1 p.m.</i>	See p. 14.
May 12	BC Council Annual General Meeting	All adult Guiding members	<i>Holiday Inn Vancouver Centre</i>	See invitation on p. 6.
May 18–21	Guide Jubilee	Guides	<i>Camp McLean, Langley</i>	Application deadline has passed.
May 26	Girl Guides at the Whitecaps Day	All Guiding members and their families and friends	<i>BC Place, Vancouver</i>	More information to come.
June 2–3	GUEST 2018 in Prince George	Guides in Rivers North Area	<i>University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George</i>	More information to come.
June 2–3	GUEST 2018 in the Lower Mainland	Guides in Fraser Skies, Lougheed, Lions and West Coast Areas	<i>University of the Fraser Valley, Abbotsford</i>	More information to come.
June 10	Hands Across the Border	All Guiding members	<i>Peace Arch International Park at the Douglas border crossing, Surrey</i>	Visit https://www.handsacrosstheborder.info/ . Registration opened on January 1.
July 5–15	Roam: Follow the Gold Rush	Selected Pathfinders and Guiders	<i>Lower Mainland to the Cariboo</i>	Application deadline has passed.
July 8–15	Colours of the World	Selected Guides, Pathfinders and Guiders	<i>Vancouver</i>	Application deadline has passed.
July 14–21	Pathfinder Paddles	Selected Pathfinders	<i>Murtle Lake, Wells Grey Provincial Park</i>	Application deadline has passed.
July 28–August 14	Discover Japan	Selected Pathfinders, Rangers and Guiders	<i>Outdoor camp; cultural attractions in Japan</i>	Application deadline has passed.
July 19–26	Mount Assiniboine Backpacking	Selected Rangers	<i>Mount Assiniboine World Heritage Site Park, Alberta</i>	Application deadline has passed.
August	Land and Sea Module Expeditions	Guiders who have started their OAL Adventure Camping training	<i>Land: Cathedral Lake Provincial Park</i> <i>Sea: Prevost Island and waters of southern Gulf Islands National Park Reserve</i>	Prerequisite: completion of Kayak Level 1 training or Paddle Canada Basic Skills Kayak course More information to come.
August 19–25	Me to We Leadership Academy	Selected girl members ages 14–17 at time of event	<i>TBA</i>	Application deadline TBA. See p. 23 for more information.
October 5–8	Trex Rendezvous	Trex girl members and Guiders	<i>Camp Jubilee, Indian Arm, near North Vancouver</i>	More information to come.
October 12–14	Guider Conference	Guide, Pathfinder, Ranger Guiders	<i>Richmond</i>	Application packages sent to areas in January; selected participant lists will be sent from areas to province in March.
October 19–21	Pathfinder Summit	Pathfinders	<i>Vancouver</i>	More information to come.
November 2–4	Jr. Ambassador Workshop	Selected Pathfinders, Rangers and Guiders	<i>Vancouver</i>	More information to come.



Girl Guides of Canada—Guides du Canada BC Council Annual General Meeting & Dinner

May 12, 2018

HOLIDAY INN VANCOUVER CENTRE
711 West Broadway, Vancouver, BC V5Z 3Y2

Reception - 5:30 p.m. Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Ticket Cost - \$35.00
LIMITED SEATING

RSVP to the Provincial Office at the address below no later than **April 27, 2018**

*Please note: BC Travel Policy does not apply

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Guest Accommodation for the 2018 BC Council AGM

The BC Council Annual General Meeting will be held May 12, 2018, at the Holiday Inn Vancouver Centre, 711 West Broadway, Vancouver. BC Council has negotiated a special price for guests attending this event who require accommodation.

Rate Information:

- Deluxe room is \$149 single occupancy, \$20 for additional person in room.
- Hot buffet breakfast is included in this rate.
- Parking is an additional fee.
- All rates are subject to 5% GST and 11% AHRT (subject to change).

To ensure you are eligible for this rate, please use the following procedure:

- Contact the Holiday Inn at 604-879-0511 and advise the receptionist that you would like to book accommodation for the BC Girl Guide AGM (the rate is not available by booking online).
- Provide your name, arrival and departure dates, IHG Reward Club number (if applicable) and whether you are reserving for single or double occupancy.

The block of rooms for this event will be held only until April 21, 2018. Book now!

Any questions can be directed to awards@bc-girlguides.org.



WORLD THINKING DAY 2018

WHEN WE SHINE: SHE CAN BE EVERYTHING SHE WANTS TO BE



Girl Guides of Canada
Guides du Canada
BRITISH COLUMBIA COUNCIL

SESSION 1

WHO: All adult members and their units, girls and their families.

WHEN: Saturday, February 24, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

WHAT: A variety of sessions including crafts, games, photo booth, archival displays, and the opportunity to meet international travellers. A light snack will also be provided.

SESSION 2

WHO: All girl and adult members Pathfinder aged and older.

WHEN: Saturday, February 24, 2018, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

WHAT: A sit-down tea with an international presentation

Please join us!*

Provincial Guide House
1476 West 8th Avenue
Vancouver, BC V6H 1E1

*RSVP by February 11. Space is limited! Call 604-714-6636 ext. 121.

In light of the theme for 2018, "When we shine: she can be everything she wants to be," we ask that attendees bring new or gently used books.



Synnove Arnet, with BC Awards Committee

A New BC Girl Guide Bursary

Leslee Jean Arnet Adult Bursary

The following is a story of the creation of a new bursary honouring Leslee Arnet.

At the age of 45, Leslee Arnet became a widow when her husband of 18 years died, leaving her to raise three children on her own. She was a stay-at-home mother who had not completed her post-secondary education. She was also a consistent volunteer with BC Girl Guides as well as with several local sports

be in Girl Guides. She diligently saved for her children's educations and futures, understanding that education, including Girl Guides, would create opportunities for her children that she had not had. Her family was everything to her, and she desperately wanted to support them and provide them with security.

phrase was "There are no moms at Girl Guide camp." She loved to teach girls about cooking and camp skills and to laugh around a campfire. Leslee's impact on girls' lives throughout her time as a volunteer in Girl Guides and beyond was significant, and she is dearly missed by many after her sudden passing in October of 2014.



*Leslee Arnet receiving her silver merit award.
Photo: Synnove Arnet*



*Remembering Leslee's hugs.
Photo: Pat Stavem*

Guiding members whom Leslee worked with shared the following thoughts with Leslee's family:

"To me, Leslee was not just another one of my Girl Guide leaders, and I will always be thankful for the influence she had on me. I would not be the young woman I am today without her guidance, support and encouragement. She was always there to provide a helping hand; she would be there, no questions asked. She was there for not only the big moments in my life but the little ones, and a hug from her could always brighten my day. Through her immense heart, passion for Guiding and constant kindness she was able to help girls find the potential they didn't always know they had. I am honoured to have had Leslee in my life, and her memory will continue to be a guiding force in my life. I will always remember Leslee as a hardworking, passionate figure of strength whose support and love for her family and friends never waned."

"Leslee was an amazing person. She performed everything she did with a lot of love and care. I admired her strength and her ability to always be there when needed. Whenever I called for help at any Guiding event, Leslee was always front and centre, asking where she could jump in."

"A little while back, I got to thinking, 'If

organizations. To support her family, Leslee took up part-time employment with the Coquitlam School District, but she frequently expressed her desire to upgrade or further her education. One career she dreamed of was to be a home economics teacher; if you ever tasted her cooking, you know she would have been very well suited for the job. However, Leslee was not financially able to fulfill this dream, as she was more determined to provide her children with every opportunity to participate in sports and dance and, for her two daughters, to

Leslee was excited about the purpose and principles of Girl Guides. As a girl she was never able to enrol in Guiding due to financial challenges. As soon as her eldest daughter was old enough, Leslee registered her in the organization and, during her daughter's second year, she became a Guider. She volunteered at nearly every level from Sparks to Pathfinders, alternating years between her two daughters' units. She was a firm but deeply caring leader who welcomed all girls and insisted her daughters receive no special treatment. Her coined



BC Awards Committee

BC Council Bursaries, Grants and Scholarships

I could spend 15 minutes with Leslee and tell her one thing, what would it be? There are so many things I would like to say to her, but it wasn't very hard to narrow down my choice to only two words: 'thank you.' I could not list all the things I need to thank her for; there are too many, and I do not have the words for some of them. Things like always being supportive and willing to help in any way are on the list, but so is that time she sent me a really great stir fry recipe. Thank you for the hugs, headlights, advice, recipes, the occasional cute chain email, great friends and every single memory I have of you, because each one is, and will always be, treasured."

It is because of these testimonies and many others that Leslee's three children wish to pass on the blessings their mother has left to them, by providing a bursary in her honour. The Leslee Jean Arnet Adult Bursary is available to members of Girl Guides of Canada between the ages of 19 and 45 who have been registered in BC Girl Guides for the previous three years. Applicants must have one or more dependent children, wish to continue their education or improve their job skills and find they have a financial need. It is important to note that those applying for this bursary are not required to attend a college or university; this bursary can be used for speciality courses that will help the applicant in her future plans or current career path. It is the wish of Leslee's family that in this small way they may help others who find themselves in a challenging situation, wishing to upgrade and further their education to provide better lives and futures for those they care about and for themselves.

For application forms or for information about donating to the Leslee Jean Arnet Adult Bursary Fund, visit the BC Girl Guide website; select *Program > Awards & Recognition > Scholarships*.

Now is the time to consider applying for a BC Council bursary, grant or scholarship. Check out the Awards page of the BC Girl Guide website for information and application forms.

Adult Bursaries, Grants and Scholarships

Pat Drugge Adult Bursary

This bursary provides funding for a Guider 25 years or older who has a need for financial assistance to further and/or upgrade her education or job skills. The value is dependent on Guiding contributions and interest rates.

BC Trefoil Guilds' Education Grant

This grant provides funding to selected Guiders aged 19–30 who wish to further their education. The value is dependent on Guiding contributions and interest rates.

Aliza, Chaim and Tova Kornfeld Scholarship

This scholarship provides funding for an adult member entering or continuing in a professional post-graduate degree program (master's or doctorate) in any field at a recognized Canadian university. The value is \$1,000.

Leslee Jean Arnet Adult Bursary

This bursary provides financial assistance to a Guider aged 19–45 with one or more dependent children and who wishes to pursue further education or update job skills. The value is \$500.

Applications for all adult bursaries, grants and scholarships are due at the provincial office on or before February 15, 2018, by 4 p.m.

Youth Bursaries and Scholarships

BC Council Bursary and Bursary of Honour

These bursaries provide funding to selected Grade 12 students who are members of BC Guiding and are planning to attend a post-secondary institution (all fields of study are eligible). The value of the eight BC Council Bursaries has been increased to \$800 each, and the value of the BC Council Bursary of Honour is \$1,500.

Eve Pound Scholarship

This scholarship provides funding to a Grade 12 student who is a member of BC Guiding and is entering a degree program at a Canadian university. The value is \$500.

Margery Dumfries Scholarship

This scholarship provides funding to a Grade 12 student who is a member of BC Guiding and is entering a college, technical school or university with plans for a career in the sciences, engineering or agriculture. The value is \$500.

Applications for all youth bursaries and scholarships are due at the provincial office on or before March 15, 2018, by 4 p.m.



BC Girl Guides Framing the Future

Helen Varga, Relocation Liaison

Since the first instalment about the new building appeared in the Fall/Winter 2017 issue of *Pipeline*, our current home has been sold, our new home is officially ours and the interior construction has begun!

Since the beginning of the construction, our team (Joan, provincial office manager; Antonia, provincial properties assistant; and myself) have been making weekly visits to the new building, at 252 West Esplanade, in North Vancouver. We meet with the site construction team and our Fusion Projects Ltd project lead to discuss developments and necessary tweaks.

It is amazing to see the changes that take place from one week to the next. The first order of business was to install the stairs between our two floors. As the building is a series of independent units, the only way to go between floors is by



Stairs.



Second floor view from stairs.

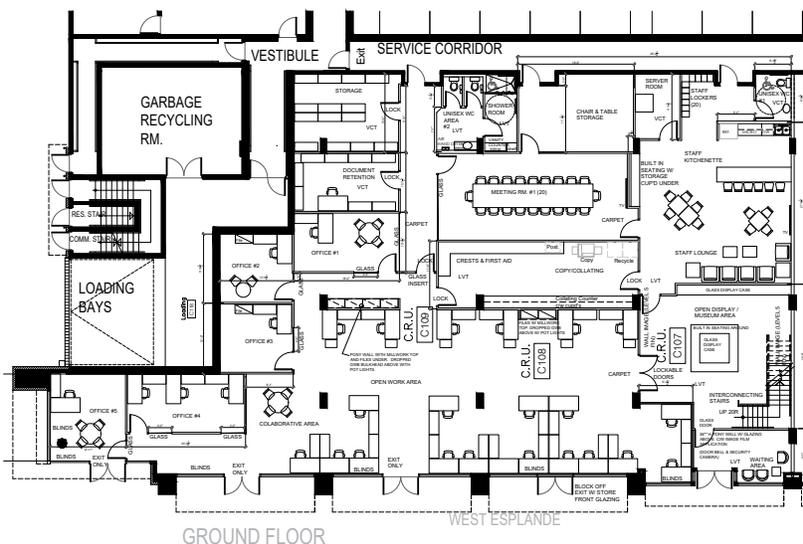
elevator or stairs through the main entry hall. Our purchase of six units meant we could put in our own stairs for internal access to each floor. To install the stairs, an opening in the 12 inch concrete floor/

ceiling between the two floors was created and 21 risers were built.

The ground floor, which will house the staff and PC Team offices, the staff room and kitchen, a meeting room, washrooms

and storage, is already taking shape with framing in place. The upper floor is also coming along with framing defining the two meeting rooms, volunteer space, archives room, committee storage, pantry, janitor room and kitchen. I hope the architectural drawings included in this article will help you better visualize the ground floor and upper floor spaces.

This process is a great learning experience for the GG team—to be part of this experience literally from the ground up is exciting and



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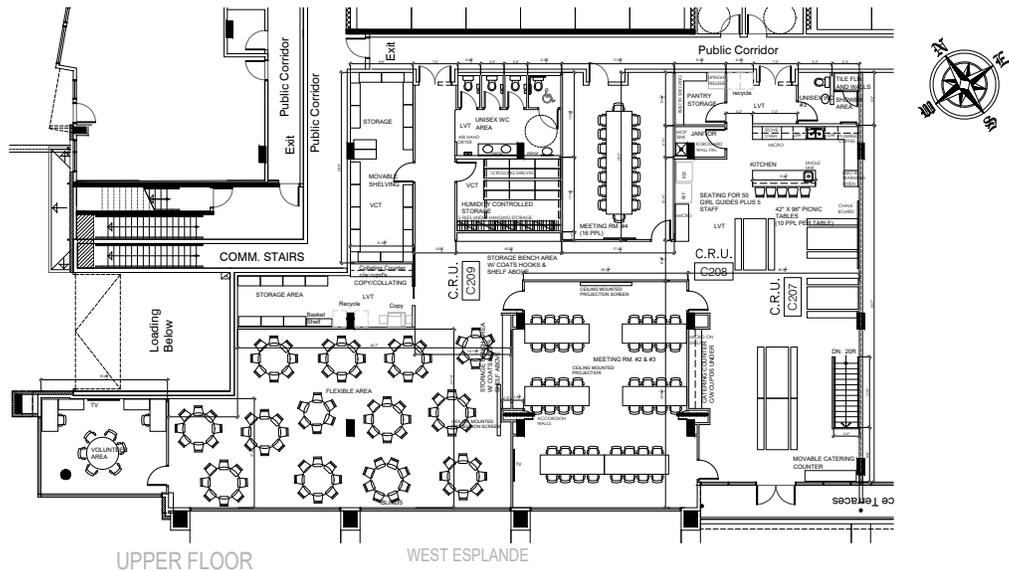
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educational. Before any framing began, the floors were scanned to ensure our plans meshed with the actual shell construction. The floor scans showed the location of electrical conduits and rebar. In some instances, the location of these items has required us to make some minor changes to the placement of a wall and some of the drains. We are thankful for our Fusion Projects team who have the experience to guide us along in this project.



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As the framing, venting and drilling progress, we are looking ahead to the finer points of moving into our new space. Keeping in mind the users of the building, we are gathering

information on everything from access options such as keys, fobs and other building access technology to practical and comfortable furniture to suit our

needs and uses, to IT and phones—and, of course, coffee suppliers! All in all, things are moving along as planned and on schedule!

Introducing **PR Grants**

Does your district have a great idea to promote Guiding public relations in your community? Is your area looking for funding support for an event or item that will help increase the visibility of Girl Guides?

BC Council and the BC PR Committee are pleased to announce that **Public Relations Grants** will be available in 2018 to help support opportunities to increase Guiding awareness in BC communities.

Grants will be available to districts and areas (for up to 50% of the total cost to

a maximum of \$500.00 per area, per application deadline).

Your district or area will be required to contribute an equal or greater amount to the cost of the opportunity.

Please note that applications will be evaluated based on need and anticipated PR benefits. Grants will be awarded until available funds have been depleted.

The grants are to be used for events or items that will make Guiding more visible to the general public (not for events or items available only to existing Guiding

members). Examples of acceptable uses of the fund include the purchase of GGC promotional items for distribution at a community event, ads in a community newspaper and entries for a community parade—but this list is not exhaustive! We would love to hear your creative PR ideas!

The PR Committee will accept applications twice a year, on or before **March 15, 2018** and on or before **October 15, 2018**. Watch your email for more information or contact publicrelations@bc-girlguides.org.



The Parking Lot

BC Training Committee

Meet Our Team of Area Training Advisers (ATAs)

Every role we take on in Guiding is worth doing well.

Our ability to do a job well relies on factors such as clear expectations, sufficient time, available information and resources and, of course, encouragement and support.

Provincial events bring Guiders from different areas together.

The ATA Workshop is one such event. It brings area Training Advisers together for the purpose of defining their position and developing skills and strategies for building strong local training teams.

When we attend a provincial workshop,

we meet, for the most part, as strangers.

Each of us bringing more questions than answers.

Through the process of sharing our own gifts, skills and perspectives, we have an opportunity to make a deeper connection to the bigger Guiding picture.

Strangers become Guiding friends.

Taking on a new Guiding role often inspires us with an opportunity to do our best.

We are very pleased to introduce our ATAs who attended the November ATA Workshop.*

If you don't know the ATA in your area, we invite you to connect with her and share a favourite training story, suggest a fun new training or just say "Thanks for doing your part!"

Most ATAs are at the beginning of their three-year term, and some are just "waiting" for that next perfect someone to be cast in this most important Guiding role.

Fraser Skies: *Alyxandra Diehl*, missdeal333@yahoo.ca

Kootenay: *Marg Wernick*, wernickfm@shaw.ca, and *Kendra Mann*, kendraandcaitlin@gmail.com

Lions: *Alison Speirs*, alison_s@eastlink.ca, and *Val Clark*, vclarkggc@gmail.com

Lougheed: *Sandy Maloney*, sandymaloney@telus.net

Monashee: *Brenda Anthony*, watsord@shaw.ca

Pacific Shores: *Stacy Newcombe*, crankycamper1@gmail.com

Rivers North: *Jeanette Landry*, jlandry@nlc.bc.ca

SVI: *Jenn Haines*, jenn.bouchard@gmail.com, and *Jacky Stevens*, careenza@telus.net

West Coast: *Barb Munsie*, barbmunsie@shaw.ca

***Thompson Nicola** – position vacant

Having worked with these ladies over the course of the weekend workshop, we are happy to say that training is in very good hands indeed!





“And the **Award** Goes to...”



BC Awards Committee and participants at Area Awards Advisers' Workshop. Photo: Tracy L. Clarke

The Academy Awards was a great theme for the Area Awards Advisers' Workshop in November. A walkway of stars led the participants to our opening where they were warmly welcomed. A warm-up game soon had everyone talking and laughing together.

The theme was so appropriate for having fun while learning about bursaries, grants, scholarships and awards at the area, provincial and national levels, as well as for learning about the importance of recognition. Recognition of our volunteers, both formal and informal, is so important. Who doesn't enjoy feeling that they are appreciated? The participants shared area challenges and successes and learned new ways to work together.

Provincial Commissioner Leslie Bush and BC Member Services Coordinator Siobhan Peck answered questions on a variety of topics, including terms of office and the new Guide House.

One of the activities involved going out into the street to local businesses and presenting them with a chocolate award and appreciation certificate for being the best in different categories. Photos were taken and shared—more laughter.

Saturday dinner was a formal meal with black and white, red and gold and lots of glitter. Everyone wore their best attire: fancy jewels, glittery clothing and fascinators. It sounds like we had a lot of fun, and we did, but the fun highlighted the work we do. Make it fun and they will remember.

A highlight of the workshop was the introduction of a new BC bursary—the Leslee Jean Arnet Adult Bursary. Synnove, Leslee's daughter, told us how her mother raised three children on her own and of the importance of Guiding in both her life and the lives of her daughters.

Participants provided feedback on what the workshop meant to them: making



connections, realizing we face similar challenges, and feeling motivated to be more active. They also appreciated learning about informal recognition ideas, make and takes, FROG!, different ways to advertise awards and to host Guider appreciation events; and having misinformation corrected. They described the workshop as informative, invaluable, fun and positive, and the Awards Team as enthusiastic, knowledgeable, kind, creative, flexible and fun. The participants came away feeling motivated, connected, supported, happy and included.



Girl Guides at the Canucks 2018



Saturday, March 31, 2018

Discounted tickets: \$45 upper bowl, \$65 lower bowl • Come in uniform; the first 300 members will receive a custom crest, and there will be a free merchandise draw • One free ticket to Guiders with an order of 20 or more tickets

TO ORDER TICKETS:

Click the link on the BC Council website or call Aidan at 604-899-7715

NEW THIS YEAR:

Keep the excitement going with optional add-on sleepovers



Sparks, Brownies and Guides

BC Sports Hall of Fame and Museum

BC Place Stadium (next to Rogers Arena), Gate A, at Robson and Beatty Street Levels, near Terry Fox Plaza

- \$250 for patrol of five girls and one Guider or \$50 per participant.
- Price includes full program: participation zone, museum visit, scavenger hunt, dinner, breakfast and a VIP athlete visit.



Pathfinders and Rangers

Extreme Air Park

14380 Triangle Road, Richmond

Ride the SkyTrain to Extreme Air Park, then travel to a sleepover planned by the BC Youth Forum

- \$350 for patrol of seven girls and one Guider or \$50 per participant.
- Price includes transit to Extreme Air Park and sleepover venue, entrance fee and Extreme Air Sox at Extreme Air Park, pizza dinner, breakfast and a VIP athlete visit.

Check the BC Girl Guides website or email fedelej@bc-girlguides.org for application forms and information.



Girl Guides at the **Whitecaps 2018**



SAVE THE DATE!

May 26, 2018

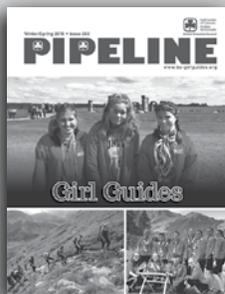


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Five membership numbers are randomly drawn from the iMIS database for each issue of *Pipeline*. If your number is listed below, you are eligible to receive a gift from the provincial PR Committee. To receive your gift, send an email, identifying your number, to pipeline@bc-girlguides.org by March 15.

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Pipeline is available **online!**

A limited number of past issues of *Pipeline* are now available at www.bc-girlguides.org; select *Volunteers > Guider Resources > Publications > Pipeline*. Note: Issues are available as PDF files and are about 10 MB in size.



Claire Sokoloski, Guider, Monashee Area

First Unit Completes BC's New Super Cookie Challenge!



Photos: Claire Sokoloski

Congratulations, 1st Westbank Sparks

The 1st Westbank Sparks, Monashee Area, were SOOOO excited to complete this cookie challenge and order the crest! Here's a description of the sections that the unit worked on.

1. History of Girl Guide Cookies: We made, rolled out, cut and ATE cookies made from the original 1927 GGC recipe. Then we donated the extras to the local firefighters' hall.
2. Essential Life Skills with Cookie Selling: How much do the cookies cost? How much does it cost for two boxes? How do we give change? We set up a cookie booth at our unit meeting. Guiders pretended to be customers, and the girls learned and practised what to say, how to ask for money and how to calculate the cost of two boxes of cookies (as Sparks are as young as four years old, calculating the cost of three boxes is hard). We sold cookies door to door as a unit and had the girls put into practice what they had learned. We also sold cookies at cookie booths in front of stores. We talked about the cost of upcoming events (WOWZA day camp, tubing camp) and how the cookie money earned would be put toward

these events to decrease the costs to parents and guardians!

3. Cookie Selling and Public Relations: We learned cookie songs and sang them as we sold cookies door to door and at cookie booths. We made cookie posters and signs to put up in the booths and held an interactive "What cookie is your favourite?" poll. We labelled one jar "CLASSIC cookies" and one jar "MINT cookies." Customers placed a pompom in the jar that reflected their favourite Girl Guide cookie!! It was GREAT FUN! (Customers "argued" with each other, LOL!) The customers and the girls LOVED seeing the pompoms add up in both containers!
4. Think Outside the Cookie Box: The girls played a relay-style cookie dough game that involved bean bags, cookie mixing and running.

We devoted two meetings in September to activities that earned challenge credits. Here is how we structured the meetings.

Meeting One: For the girls' opening activity, they coloured cookie pictures (from a colouring sheet) to put on the mailboxes on their streets. We wrote on the pictures that a Spark lived in their

neighbourhood and would be coming door to door, selling mint cookies for \$5 a box. Then we broke into three stations for a round-robin activity. One station made cookies using the original 1927 recipe (we found cute Trefoil cookie cutters used for St. Patrick's Day cookies); one station made a cookie monster puppet and mint cookie trader, and the girls and Guiders talked about Cookie All Stars and how the money earned could offset the costs of camps and other activities; and one station practised at a "cookie booth," learning the rules of selling door to door and at stores, what to say and how to give change and then played a fun cookie dough game with bean bags. We ended the meeting by singing a few cookie songs.

Meeting Two: We went door to door selling cookies and practised what we had learned about cookie selling, math skills, etc. While we walked along the roads and to customers' doors, we sang cookie songs, LOL!

To learn more about the requirements of the cookie challenge, go to www.bc-girlguides.org; select *Program > Challenges & Activities > Provincial Challenges > Super Cookie Challenge*.



Darlene Clark, Monarch District Commissioner, Thompson Nicola Area

How to Build Guiding

A true collaboration! The Thompson Nicola Area districts of South Thompson, Monarch and Mount Paul came together to design and build a float for the 37th Annual Santa Claus Parade in Kamloops. What a great way to promote Girl Guides!

Planning began in the fall, and the area contributed \$200 toward the float. District units made and donated the props for the float. There were three types of candy. The three types really demonstrated a succession of skill levels. At their unit meetings, Sparks and Brownies made peppermint candies out of pool noodles, and Guides made presents and lollipops out of cardboard. Sparks made some lollipops too and helped to put final touches on the Styrofoam lollipops that Guiders put together. Now that we have samples, the older girls will be encouraged to make them next year. The three district commissioners worked together to gather supplies like the cookie banners for wrapping the float and all the extras.

On parade day, more than 50 girls wearing Girl Guide toques and Thompson Nicola Area winter scarves followed the float down Victoria Street, singing Girl Guide

songs to all of Kamloops. The parade was shown live on television.

The unexpected and wonderful surprise was that the Girl Guide float won third prize in the Elves (kid related) category! What we really celebrated, though, was the collaboration between the districts in the area. It was amazing, and I couldn't stop smiling all day!

HOW TO MAKE A FOAM PEPPERMINT CANDY

Materials:

- pool noodle
- gift wrap
- clear cellophane
- ribbon
- X-Acto knife or scissors

Method:

Using an X-Acto knife or scissors, cut pool noodle to desired lengths. Wrap cut noodles in gift wrap. Then wrap again with clear cellophane. Tie each end with ribbon.

HOW TO MAKE A CARDBOARD LOLLIPOP:

Materials:

- cardboard boxes (pizza boxes, cookie boxes, large packing boxes, etc.)
- glue or roll of packing tape
- paint (any paint will do)
- clear cellophane
- wide ribbon
- dowel or cardboard tube from a finished wrapping paper roll
- X-Acto knife or scissors

Method:

On the cardboard, draw two large circles of the diameter that you want the lollipop to be. Using an X-Acto knife or scissors, cut out the circles. Paint each circle (you could paint symbols that represent Guiding). Glue or tape circles together, leaving space at the bottom of the circle to push dowel or cardboard tube between the pieces of cardboard to form the lollipop stick. Tape dowel in place. Wrap the lollipop with clear



Parading down a street in Kamloops. Photo: Leslie Hill



Photo: Stephane Beresh

cellophane and tie a bow with wide ribbon onto dowel at the base of the lollipop.

HOW TO MAKE A STYROFOAM LOLLIPOP

Materials:

- sheet of pink Styrofoam insulation (thicker sheets are best for rigidity)
- drywall mud
- spray paint
- dowel
- cutting blade or reciprocating saw
- power drill

Method:

Draw desired lollipop shapes on pink Styrofoam insulation. Place Styrofoam on two sawhorses. Using a cutting blade or reciprocating saw, cut out shapes. A girl or Guider can hold the Styrofoam in place while a Pathfinder or Ranger uses the cutting tool. Paint Styrofoam shapes with two coats of drywall mud to keep the Styrofoam from melting when spray painted. Spray paint over drywall mud. Drill a hole in the bottom of the Styrofoam shape to hold the dowel. Insert the dowel to act as the lollipop stick. These lollipops are a great way to introduce both a reciprocating saw and a power drill to older girls.



1st Monarch Brownies gather around prize-winning float. Photo: Stephane Beresh



BC Flag Collection

BC International Committee



Photos: Hands Across the Border (SmugMug)

Did you know that the BC International Committee has a collection of flags of member countries of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)? The collection is over 50 years old! BC Rangers began this collection in 1966, presenting approximately 35 flags to the province at the BC Council Annual General Meeting in 1967. Many of the original flags were handmade by Guiding members from

across BC. Throughout the years, the BC International Committee has been constantly updating and replacing the flags in the collection. Many of the original flags are made of cotton and have become fragile due to their age, so they can't be used outside where they might get wet or damp. Sometimes countries change the design of their flags, so those flags need to be replaced as well. Also, flags are added to and removed from the collection as full and associate members are accepted or removed from WAGGGS. Flags that are removed or replaced from the collection are kept in the provincial archives.

approved by the International Committee, so be sure to allow enough time for your request to be processed. Arrangements can be made to pick up the flags from the provincial office or to have them delivered to you at your own expense.

An individual, unit, district or council can sponsor a flag or replacement flag for approximately \$50. This is a great way to honour a member of Guiding, a family or a relative with ties to a specific country, or to cap off a unit or district's learning session about WAGGGS members. If you are interested in sponsoring a flag, please contact the International Committee at international@bc-girlguides.org—we would love to see your name added to the sleeve of the flag as a donor!

Members of BC Guiding are able to borrow all or part of the flag collection for use at Guiding events. Additionally, the International Committee has a collection of tabletop mini flags that can be borrowed as a set to be used as decorations for events. Requests for one or more flags or for the tabletop sets can be made by filling out the request form found on the International page of the BC Girl Guide website and submitting it to the provincial office. Requests for more than 15 flags must be

Some flags that need to be replaced or added to our collection include those representing the Dominican Republic, Pakistan, Turkey and South Sudan. A full list of flags that are in need of replacement can be found at www.bc-girlguides.org; select *Program > International > International Flags to be Replaced (pdf)*.

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| Bibiane (Babs) Tarasiuk | <i>Westbank</i> |
| Darleen Jubb | <i>Surrey and Victoria</i> |
| Heather Nicol | <i>Victoria</i> |
| Marilyn Pitman | <i>Tsawwassen</i> |



Noreen Keen, Pathfinder and Ranger Guider, Nanaimo Arbutus District, Pacific Shores Area

England, Wales and Scotland

Thirteen Pathfinders and Rangers Visit Three Countries over Thirteen Days

On August 4, 2017, four leaders (Maureen Arabsky, Michaela King, Brenda Maguire and Noreen Keen), six Pathfinders from the 1st Chase River Pathfinders and seven Rangers from the 1st Chase River Rangers boarded a BC ferry, the first of many modes of transportation. Our backpacks were packed, and we were ready to travel. We needed a mascot, and Spencer the Otter came along for the adventure.

After about 16 hours of travel, we landed in London. We walked from the train to YHA London St. Paul's, a hostel, and dropped off our backpacks. To combat jet lag we walked around London, seeing Big Ben, the London Eye and the River Thames. Sightseeing was secondary, of course. Our primary goal in travelling to England was to stay at Pax Lodge, the World Centre. There, we participated in the morning flag ceremony and in an international games night, which was led by two volunteer staff members. Pax Lodge has a special pin that is only given when you stay at Pax Lodge. The pin cannot be traded or given away. The pinning ceremony was a special moment for us as Girl Guides. We stayed three nights in wonderful rooms and were only a quick tube ride from any attraction London had to offer.



Exploring the Museum of London.
Photo: Brenda Maguire



Fun at King's Cross station in London!
Photo: Brenda Maguire

The Tower of London was a delight. The girls loved seeing the royal jewels. We spent the better part of a day there investigating royal history. During our stay we also visited the Warner Bros. Studio, where all eight Harry Potter movies were filmed. The girls bought wands, rode brooms and sat in the train that brought Harry to Hogwarts each year.

Museum visits included the Museum of London and a very wet, short visit to the British Museum. A huge highlight was experiencing live theatre. We dined at Planet Hollywood first and then watched the musical *Half a Sixpence*. The girls loved it. The leaders loved it. It was a great night!

We travelled by tour bus from London to Stonehenge. The girls learned many historical facts and realized the place was more than just big rocks. From there we journeyed by bus to the ancient pools at Bath.

We ventured on to Cardiff, in Wales, where we visited the Cardiff Castle. YHA Cardiff Central was an extravagant hostel. We felt like we were in a hotel. Girl Guides never had it so good.

After Cardiff we visited Birmingham, the home of the Cadbury chocolate factory. It was a sugar and chocolate heaven for the girls! We received three free chocolate bars when we walked through the door.

We then travelled in first class by train from Birmingham to Glasgow, Scotland. Glasgow welcomed us with open arms. We checked out their science centre and another museum.

The next day, the adventure was over and we were headed back to BC. As we walked off the ferry, the parents warmly welcomed us home. They were sincerely grateful for the two years that the four leaders had invested in creating this once-in-a-lifetime experience.



Pax Lodge.



Kate Boyd, Guider, Malaspina Strait District, Pacific Shores Area

From Thinking Day Wish to Independent Trip to Switzerland



Photos: Kate Boyd and Typhanie Dagenais

It all began with a simple wish. Every year at Thinking Day, we would talk about Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, how Guiding began and about the then four World Centres. My girls, starting when they were Sparks, got to know the stories very well. One Thinking Day when they were Brownies, they started whispering amongst themselves about how they would like to go to visit the World Centres. I looked at the circle of girls and said, "Then let's do it." There were big eyes and even bigger smiles looking back at me. That was the beginning of our journey to get the 2nd Powell River Pathfinders and 1st Powell River Rangers to Switzerland.

When they became Guides, we had a parent meeting, and we started planning. Switzerland seemed like a big undertaking, so we decided that Pax Lodge would be a first amazing step. The leaders were familiar with London, so we could plan that more easily. We started fundraising, saving money and asking a lot of questions. Then began the paperwork. Eventually we registered

for Journey through London, a guided program at Pax Lodge, with plans to stay for an extra week after the program. In August 2015, our group went to London and had a spectacular time, made new friends and tried new things.

Upon our return, we immediately started planning for Switzerland. We had so much more knowledge and experience with planning this time. We registered for Swiss Challenge and tried to book extra time at Our Chalet but were unable to. That is how we came to discover Kandersteg International Scouting Centre (KISC), where we spent the second half of our trip. After much fundraising and cookie selling, we eagerly planned for our adventure.

Swiss Challenge at Our Chalet was an amazing experience that is hard to put into words. My girls were challenged by each other and themselves to step out of the box and experience all sorts of new things. Their limits were constantly pushed each day. They rock climbed, ziplined, hiked to the peaks of Alps, rode gondolas, visited a woodcarver,

and learned about chocolate making and the history of Our Chalet. They did team-building exercises, made friends from around the world and tried amazing new foods. They explored Swiss towns, swam in the river and ate spectacular gelato. One of our Guiders, Penguin, turned seventy while we were there. We managed to arrange a cake for her, and Happy Birthday was sung in five different languages. When it was time to leave, it was sad to say goodbye to our new friends, as well as to the wonderful, caring and supportive staff.

The second half of our trip was spent at KISC. This was a totally different, but still amazing, experience for us. The Our Chalet program had been all set out; at KISC, we had to create our own schedule. After reading the entire activity book for weeks at home, the girls had picked a variety of activities to participate in. We did international campfires, crafts, a service project, international sharing night, the Evolving Alps hike (a guided hike to learn about the geology of the Alps) and many more activities. Two girls and one Guider



each broke the camp record in the crate-stacking activity. We had amazing day trips to Italy, cheese and chocolate factories, a medieval town and Jungfrau (the top of Europe). We learned that Scouts trade scarves more than badges.

This trip was a lot of hard work to plan, but it was worth it. The girls experienced a new culture and made Guiding connections around the world. They learned what they really could do, individually and as a group. They are already planning their next Guiding adventure. Switzerland was a dream that became an amazing adventure, and it all started with a simple wish on Thinking Day when they were Brownies.



Photos: Kate Boyd and Typhanie Dagenais

Girl Guides Go Hostelling

GUIDING SLEEPOVERS

April 20–22, 2018



Join us for a fun weekend sleepover at the beach!

WHAT Learn all about hostelling through exciting and educational activities and earn a Discover Hostelling crest. Also includes the opportunity to complete additional challenges, including Eco Pak, Global Happenings, Hug a Tree and the Great Canadian Shore Clean-up.

WHERE HI-Vancouver Jericho Beach, 1515 Discovery Street, Vancouver

WHEN Friday, April 20, 2018, 6 p.m. to Saturday, April 21, 11 a.m., OR Sunday, April 22, 2018, 11 a.m.

WHO Ideal for Guides, Pathfinders or Rangers to discover the world of hostelling

FEE **One night: \$45/participant (taxes included):**

- Includes one night's stay at HI-Vancouver Jericho Beach, Friday night mug-up and activities
- Saturday breakfast and beach activity (weather permitting)

Two nights: \$72/participant (taxes included):

- Includes two nights' stay at HI-Vancouver Jericho Beach, one evening of activities (Friday), Saturday cultural dinner, evening mug-up
- Sunday breakfast and other activities

REGISTRATION Bookings are made by patrol or unit and are secured on a first-come, first-served basis. A 50% deposit is required at time of reservation. Email groups.res@hihostels.ca to book your stay!

www.hihostels.ca/girlguides



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Waterfront Staff for Summer 2018



At Camp Olave, near Sechelt, BC

Join us and work from May to August at Camp Olave, with over 1,500 metres of ocean beachfront overlooking the scenic Gulf Islands. The waterfront position will allow you to play an important part in the girls' fun, friendship, adventure and discovery at camp. Camp Olave has been operating for over 90 years, providing a variety of camping experiences for girls.

You will report to the summer staff supervisor. In this exciting position your main responsibility will be to ensure the safety of participants in all waterfront activities, including swimming, kayaking and canoeing. Additionally, you will support other activities in the camp, such as leading girls through the various nature programs and special events.

For more information, please visit the Camp Olave website at www.campolave.com.

Qualifications:

- Current NLS Waterfront Award* and 750 hours of recent related experience
- Current Standard First Aid and CPR certification
- Paddle Canada Intermediate Lake Skills Tandem **and** Sea Kayaking Skills Level 1, or equivalent courses offered in your province/territory, or a reference letter and documented experience that includes righting and re-entry into a capsized boat**
- Female, 19 years of age or over
- Environmental studies an asset

Lifeguard wage is \$22.00 per hour, plus you will enjoy onsite beachfront accommodation provided by the camp.

*Candidates with NLS Pool are welcome to apply; the successful applicant will have the NLS Waterfront course fee reimbursed upon successful completion.

**Candidates with basic boating abilities are welcome to apply; the successful applicant will be reimbursed, upon successful completion, for boating courses to update skills.

Email your resumé and cover letter by February 28, 2018, to Elaine Lake, Camp Olave Management Committee Personnel Coordinator, at greatlakes@telus.net



Amazing Arts Camp **2018**

All the fun of a seaside holiday with an arts flair!

When: July 15–21, 2018

Where: Beautiful Camp Olave, near Sechelt, BC

Who: Open to girls born in or before 2010

Guiders needed! Would you like to be in on the planning? Site coordinator? Patrol Guider? Quartermaster? Presenter? (Some core staff will need to arrive on July 14.)

More information and application forms for girls and Guiders are available at www.campolave.com under Special Events; select *Amazing Arts*. Or email amazingartsagain@gmail.com.

More Seaside Fun **2018**

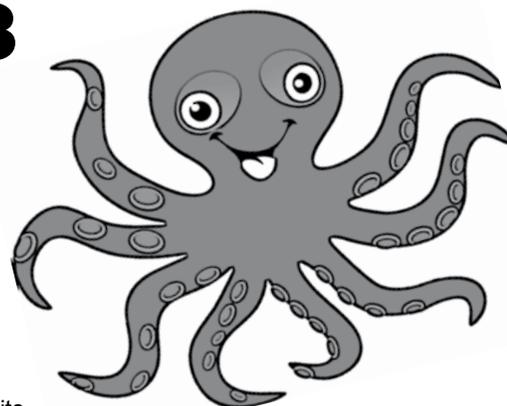
Come experience a fun week of seaside activities such as raft building, campfires, singing, crafts and much more.

When: July 28–August 4, 2018

Where: Beautiful Camp Olave, near Sechelt, BC

Who: Open to all girls ages 8–18 in 2018 (born from 2000 to 2010)

Application forms for Guiders and girls are available on the Camp Olave website.



Me to We Take Action Academy **2018**

August 18–26, 2018

Four girls ages 14–17 by the start of the event

Provincially sponsored event open to girls from across BC

Watch for an email with the fact sheet. Information will also be available on the BC Girl Guide website in mid to late February.

Take part in a week-long session with Me to We, an opportunity to delve deeply into important social issues, build your leadership skills, get tips on public speaking, volunteer at local organizations and get hands-on mentorship from expert facilitators, as well as meet other youth who are just as passionate as you about changing the world.



Photos: Van Chau

Ranger Revolution 2017

Carissa Konesky, BC Program Committee

From October 20 to 22, 2017, more than 40 Rangers and Ranger Guiders from around BC came to Guide House for the biannual Ranger Revolution. There were Rangers representing all areas of Guiding in BC! The girls stayed at the hostel at Jericho Beach. On the Friday night, they had a spa night at the hostel, which was organized by the BC Youth Forum, and they spent time getting to know each other.

Saturday began with an inspiring keynote speech by Kelly from the organization Me to We. Kelly spoke about the organization, how to get involved and how to make a difference based on the things that you are passionate about! The girls then attended global awareness sessions around the themes of Bollywood, immigration and Kusafiri, the newest World Centre.

After lunch, the participants saw some of the things that Vancouver has to offer while completing an Amazing Race. The stations included walking on a slackline,

putting together puzzles and even playing a game of Quidditch! The girls then explored Granville Island. After the Amazing Race awards ceremony, there were three presentations by Rangers from the National and BC Youth Forums. They did a wonderful job!

After dinner, the Rangers and Guiders enjoyed the end of a busy day, relaxing and painting a camp scene. It was very cool to see the different ways that everybody interpreted the scene and how all the paintings turned out!

Sunday morning began with breakfast at Guide House. The participants then participated in one of three STEM sessions led by Let's Talk Science and the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC, as well as in a crafting-with-technology session. The final keynote speech was given by Brittany Palmer from Unlock Your Future, who spoke about the process of applying for scholarships. Many participants said

that they considered this presentation a highlight of the weekend!

The Ranger Guiders definitely were not left out of the activities! They participated in sessions where they learned about international trip planning, and they shared their program activities and ideas with other Ranger Guiders.

Some of the things the girls said they were taking back to their units included information about scholarships, organizing trips and social justice and human rights issues.

Thank you to the BC Program Committee, our amazing hostel Responsible Guider Audrey Wang, the wonderful quartermasters, the BC Youth Forum, the Ranger Guiders and the Rangers for making this awesome weekend possible!



River's Edge District Celebrates the Holidays in Style!

Karen Kielbasa, River's Edge District Commissioner, West Coast Area



Photo: Karen Kielbasa



Photo: Karen Kielbasa

tree branches; and another Guider sewed a silvery blue tree skirt edged with antique lace. Units contributed crests and badges to hang as colourful decorations. All 192 girls and Guiders signed handmade wooden ornaments recycled from the wood pallets that our district cookies were delivered on! Classic and mint cookie boxes, wrapped in metallic blue and silver ribbons, finished off our tree display because, as one passerby commented, "What would a Girl Guide tree be without cookies?"

When River's Edge District was asked to participate in A Vintage Christmas, a quaint celebration in our village of Steveston, we wholeheartedly said "Yes!" Who doesn't love dressing up in vintage costumes from times gone by and strolling through the streets singing yuletide carols? Sparks, Brownies and Guides banded together with a Guider, all dressed in beautiful, vintage faux fur-trimmed brocade fabric coats and hats, spreading good cheer with songs during the community event.

As a district, we decorated one of twenty community Christmas trees located inside Richmond's historic Gulf of Georgia Cannery. The big group effort that brought this tree to life showed that our district's Guiding spirit is alive and healthy. A Guider crocheted a Trefoil for the tree topper; Pathfinders handwrote the Girl Guide Promise, Law and Motto on the ribbon that wound around the



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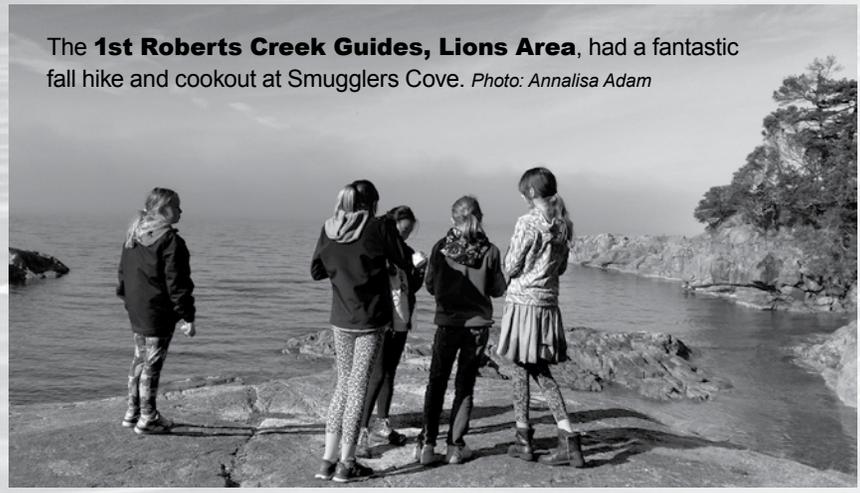
The **2nd Cowichan Sparks, 2nd Cowichan Brownies** and **2nd Cowichan Guides, Waters Edge District, Pacific Shores Area**, are ready to lay their wreaths at the cenotaph in Duncan on November 11, 2017. *Photo: Stacey Aucamp*



The **1st Golden Girl Guides, Kootenay Area**, helped the Legion in the fall by going door to door with poppies. *Photo: Jessie Mather*



The **1st Golden Girl Guides, Kootenay Area**, participated in their community's Remembrance Day parade. *Photo: Beate Sutter*



The **1st Roberts Creek Guides, Lions Area**, had a fantastic fall hike and cookout at Smugglers Cove. *Photo: Annalisa Adam*



The **3rd Highland Sparks, Rivers North Area**, had their enrolment ceremony outside in the snow at Nukko Lake, a Guiding campsite north of Prince George. *Photo: Sarah McWalter*



Engineers helped the **1st Roberts Creek Guides, Lions Area**, earn the Engineering interest badge and engineering crest developed by Engineers Canada. Information about the Engineers Canada crest is available on the Engineers Canada website. Go to www.engineerscanada.ca; select *Diversity and the Profession > Women in Engineering > Engaging girls*.
 Photos: Annalisa Adam



The **1st Westbank Sparks**, along with **Naitaka District, Monashee Area**, collected food for the local food bank. They were able to collect 1,700 pounds of food to help families in need over the holidays! (FYI, 1,700 pounds is almost the weight of a Smart car!)
 Photo: Claire Sokolowski



Photos: Deb Shaw and Christa Williams



The **1st Ottergrove Pathfinders, Fraser Skies Area**, had a wonderful Holiday Challenge camp, with challenges such as decorating cookies while blindfolded, “bobbing” for candy canes and doing a mixed-up carol challenge. As part of the BC Camping Committee’s Sun Down to Sun Up Challenge, the Pathfinders created 30 care packages for snowplow drivers and road maintenance crews who work the night shift. The care packages were dropped off to some very happy crew members!



Photo: Lesley Young



Photo: Sharon Fortney



Photo: Jackie Hoffer

The **5th Grouse Pathfinders, Lions Area**, attended the Yule Duel fundraiser on December 7, 2017, as their service project for Be a Model Citizen. They sold baked goods and toques to help raise funds for May’s Place, a hospice on Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside that provides palliative care and treats addiction and mental health.



Photo: Deb Shaw

The **1st Ottergrove Rangers** and **1st Ottergrove Pathfinders, Fraser Skies Area**, spent a wonderful night at Bog Escape, where they solved puzzles and searched the spooky, dark Burns Bog to discover who their host was. Luckily, they all escaped—although a few were bitten! Good thing they solved the puzzles and saved themselves from the werewolf curse!



The **1st Golden Girl Guides, Kootenay Area**, had a very successful cookie drive-through during their fall cookie campaign.
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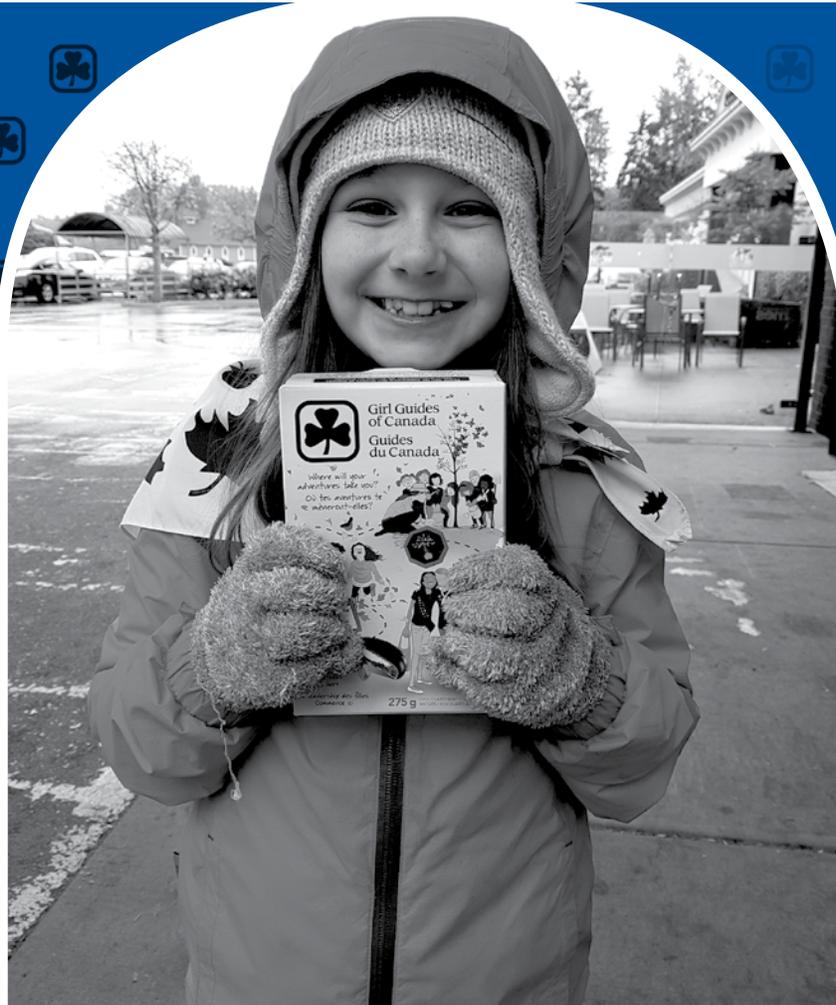


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