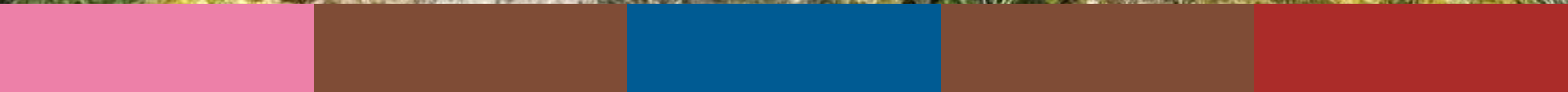


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Editor's Note

On World Thinking Day at Guide House, in Vancouver, I was fortunate to hear Jill Zelmanovits, the Chief Executive Officer of Girl Guides of Canada, speak. Apparently, BC has gained a reputation at national—for creating amazing events and programming such as SOAR and the STEM Challenge, for enthusiastically piloting projects and for championing change! “I just basically heard that BC is a leader in Guiding,” she said.

Jill has been active in Guiding since she was a Brownie. She has an insider's knowledge, deep in her heart, of how amazing this organization is. But we can't assume that the public has a similar understanding of what Guiding is and does; in fact, according to Jill, market research revealed that outsiders' impressions of the organization weren't always positive. We need to do a much better job of conveying to the public the power that is Girl Guides of Canada, so that people who have never been involved in Guiding will see our collective potential to impact girls and women worldwide.

Our new Vision, Mission and visual identity describe how we will harness the power of our organization to allow each girl to be “Everything she wants to be.” Jill explained that the new Vision—A better world, by girls—describes where we want to go. The new Mission—To be a catalyst for girls empowering girls—describes how we're going to get there. Unit Guiders are the catalysts. They ignite the spark. They mentor and facilitate and create safe spaces in which to grow. “That makes it possible,” said Jill, “for each girl to have a voice and choice and make a difference in their world.” Members who serve on councils support those Guiders with tools and resources so that they can be successful and so that every adult member feels positive about volunteering.

I'm excited about the launch of our refreshed identity, especially now that I understand the reasons for the changes. I'm equally excited about the launch of *Pipeline's* new, dynamic look. Keep sending in your stories about self-discovery, potentiality, achievement and impact. Let our girls' and women's voices shine on these pages!

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PC's PAGE

by Leslie Bush,
Provincial Commissioner



This time of year in Guiding is always a busy time. The longer and warmer days mean that units are planning lots of outside activities, camps and trips. At the same time, you are also getting ready for year-end activities, advancements, awards ceremonies and Guider-appreciation events. At the BC Council level, we are preparing for our Annual General Meeting and banquet on Saturday, May 12. Krysta Coyle, the new Director of Guiding Experience on the national board of directors will be attending. While celebrating all we have accomplished in 2017, that same weekend BC Council and the provincial committees will begin planning for 2019.

In February, on Thinking Day, our national office released Girl Guides of Canada's new Vision and Mission statements to our members. It was necessary to update both these statements, to make sure that what we are saying truly represents what we do, especially in light of all the work that has been done over the past year to refocus and set the future of the organization.

Our Vision: A better world, by girls

Our Mission: To be a catalyst for girls empowering girls

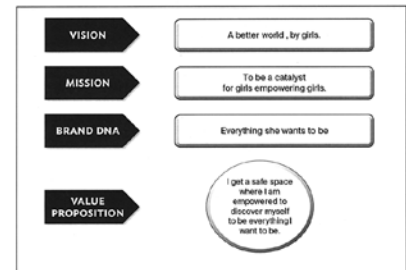
Vision and Mission statements are meant to ensure that we are all aligned and focused on the same goal. They clarify what we are in Guiding and, equally important, what we are not! They identify that our combined roles as Girl Guide members create a powerful chain reaction of events and outcomes—all of which make up the Girl Guide experience. The new Vision and Mission clearly recognize that it is YOU: Guiders, volunteers and staff who make the difference for girls.

In the Mission statement, the phrase “to be a catalyst” really resonates with me. The Merriam-Webster’s dictionary describes a catalyst as an agent that provokes or speeds a significant change or action. So to be a catalyst means you can be the agent who really makes a difference. When I think of who was a catalyst in my Guiding life, I think of my Ranger Guider, Mrs. Florence Kirk. As a leader, she never said no to anything we were planning; instead she focused on helping us to research, make our own decisions, prepare and then do. She coached us to take the lead. For me personally, my Ranger experience helped build my resilience and the confidence that, with the right preparation and perseverance, I could be successful at just about anything I wanted to do. This confidence helped when I pursued my (first) career choice, as a forest technician. When I was told, at age 18, that in order to be accepted into tech school I would need to “come back when I was 25 and had some experience,” I didn’t quietly fold my tent and choose a different career path. Instead, I rethought and realigned my approach, persevered and was successful. This resilience also helped me when I started working in forestry, where as a female I was frequently challenged. It made me want to continue with Guiding as an adult in order to help girls have the same experiences and adventures I had enjoyed.

I’m glad our new Vision and Mission clearly highlight what we all know, that Girl Guides has always been girl-driven, and that our leaders and volunteers have always been catalysts who have been able to spark extraordinary things in girls’ lives and significant change in our world.

With all the work that has been done over the past year to set the framework for the future, we now have a clear and articulate statement of what we are and what a girl gets from us. This powerful and simple diagram lays it out for all of us.

GGC's Foundation



By the time you get *Pipeline*, our 38 BC Girls First Champions will have attended the Girls First Conference in Edmonton, in April, and will be ready to provide you with the support you need as we transition to the Girls First program over the 2018–19 Guiding year. As I write this, we are busy putting the administrative pieces together to help you and them be the catalysts to launch this girl-driven programming in BC.

In late May and June, we will move into our new home on the North Shore. A committee has been formed to plan our grand opening later in the year. BC Council toured the new space as a “work in progress” in February. It is really starting to take shape, and we are already looking forward to everything that will take place there! And on September 29, Vancouver will be one of the three locations to host the national Girls First Launch! This entirely girl-led event will be amazing! Keep your eyes peeled for more information on this large event!

As the Guiding year shifts into summer, I hope you all take some time to recharge your personal power sources and rejuvenate your Guiding spirit. I know that you all make choices as to where you spend your time, and I am so glad that you have chosen to spend it with us. No matter what level you choose to work in, I can tell you that all of the other members in BC—the girls, Guiders, volunteers and our staff—are so glad you did. We couldn’t do it without you!

See you next year!

Upcoming Events

DATE	WHAT	WHO	WHERE	NOTES
May 12	BC Council Annual General Meeting	All adult Guiding members	<i>Holiday Inn Vancouver Centre</i>	RSVP deadline April 27. For details, see p. 6 of the Winter/Spring issue of <i>Pipeline</i> (no. 383).
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>2:30 p.m., BC Place, Vancouver</i>	For more information, see ad on p. 6.
June 2–3	GUEST 2018 in Prince George	Guides in Rivers North Area	<i>University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George</i>	Registration is now closed.
June 2–3	GUEST 2018 in the Lower Mainland	Guides in Fraser Skies, Loughheed, Lions and West Coast Areas	<i>University of the Fraser Valley, Abbotsford</i>	Registration is now closed.
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 19–26	Mount Assiniboine Backpacking	Selected Rangers	<i>Mount Assiniboine World Heritage Site Park, Alberta</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.
August 3–6	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>	Application deadline has passed.
August 19–25	Me to We Leadership Academy	Selected girl members ages 14–17	<i>TBA</i>	Application deadline has passed.
August 24–26	District commissioner training	New district commissioners	<i>Guide House, North Vancouver</i>	More information to come via email, or contact training@bc-girlguides.org .
September 28–30	Presentation and Communication Skills Workshop	All Guiders	<i>Guide House, North Vancouver</i>	More information to come via email, or contact training@bc-girlguides.org .
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>	Participants have been selected.
October 19–21	Pathfinder Summit	Pathfinders	<i>Vancouver</i>	More information to come.
November 2–4	Junior Ambassador Workshop	Second- and third-year Pathfinders, Rangers	<i>Guide House, North Vancouver</i>	For more information, see p. 6.



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.



AWARDS

Bronze Merit

Llane Dobbener*West Kelowna*

Megan Frederick.....*Westbank*

Shalan Kelly*Ladysmith*

Leath Strench*Peachland*

Note: The awards list is created from the iMIS database. If an award was presented but not entered in iMIS before the *Pipeline* submission date, it will not be included here.

Identify Your Membership Number



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 June 1.

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SAVE THE DATE

Junior Ambassador Workshop

November 2–4, 2018

Guide House, North Vancouver

For second- and third-year Pathfinders, Rangers and Guiders interested in promoting Guiding within their districts and areas and to the public.

More information to come by email, or contact the BC Public Relations Adviser, publicrelations@bc-girlguides.org, for application forms. Deadline to submit application forms is June 15.

NEW! Opportunity to Join BC Public Relations Committee

The provincial PR Committee has an immediate need for four additional team volunteers:

- 1 An administrative assistant to oversee logo approval applications and to provide administrative support to the PR Committee (agenda, minutes, etc.)
- 2 An advertising coordinator to work with the PR Committee to coordinate/administrate and report on advertising/media needs in BC
- 3 Two members-at-large to assist with event planning



Please contact Sue Street, provincial PR Adviser, at publicrelations@bc-girlguides.org for more information or to apply.

Girl Guides

Girl Guides at the **Whitecaps 2018**

Saturday May 26, 2:30 pm • BC PLACE

*Vancouver Whitecaps vs.
New England Revolution*

- Discount tickets now available at only \$27 per seat!
- Special pricing available to all members of BC Girl Guides and their families.
- Each girl member allowed one ticket for a friend.
- First 250 members in uniform receive a custom crest.
- Member-only draws for Whitecap merchandise.



New this year!

Sign up a group of 10 to 14 people and be entered in a draw to be upgraded to a suite, where you'll enjoy the game in style! Groups over eight persons must contact Kurtis Briggs at 604-669-9283 ext. 2288 or kbriggs@whitecapsfc.com.

For more information, contact Kurtis Briggs directly (contact information above), or follow the link on the BC Girl Guides website.



HATS OFF!

Congratulations to the following girls and Guiders who have been selected for nationally and provincially sponsored international and national events this summer.

Discover Japan 2018 (BC-sponsored trip)

Girls

Jenna, Fraser Skies
Bethan, Kootenay
Madysson, Kootenay
Allison, Lions
Melissa, Lougheed
Aris, Lougheed
Amanda, Monashee
Alenor, Pacific Shores
Misty, Pacific Shores
Charley, Pacific Shores
Taryn, Rivers North
Jessica, Rivers North
Rebecca, Thompson Nicola
Isabella, West Coast
Tianna, West Coast
Joyce, West Coast

Alternates

Mya, Pacific Shores
Grace, West Coast
Amanda, West Coast

Guiders

Melissa Jakubec, Thompson Nicola
Laura Wynne, West Coast
Marina Respin, Pacific Shores
Rebecca Weatherford, Kootenay

Colours of the World 2018 (BC-sponsored trip)

Girls

Ryleigh, Fraser Skies
Victoria, Fraser Skies
Ciara, Fraser Skies
Kamryn, Kootenay

Arianna, Lions
Emma, Lions
Jessica, Lions
Kate, Lions
Tiffany, Monashee
Soleil, Pacific Shores
Victoria, Rivers North
Kendall, Rivers North
Kaleigh, Rivers North
Rhi-Ella, SVI
Lila, SVI
Kate, SVI
Tamara, SVI
Alexis, SVI
Autumn, West Coast
Ava, West Coast

Alternates

Lucy, Lions
Talia, SVI

Guiders

Alannah Olah, Lougheed
Megan Rawles, Kootenay
Lorraine Adams, Rivers North
Colleen Kellner, Lions
Amanda Smith, Lougheed
Teri Craig, SVI

England (nationally sponsored trip)

Girls

Kirsten, SVI
Anna, Monashee

Guider

Chelsea Koepke, West Coast

Alternate Guider

Jessica Loughton, Thompson Nicola

Mexico (nationally sponsored trip)

Girls

Chantel, Rivers North
Grace, Fraser Skies

Northern BC (nationally sponsored trip)

Girl

Alison, Fraser Skies

Switzerland (nationally sponsored trip)

Girls

Sarah, Fraser Skies
Kassidy, Fraser Skies
Allie, West Coast
Jessica, Fraser Skies
Ashton, Monashee
Alternate Guider
Brenda Fraser, SVI

Australia (nationally sponsored trip)

Girls

Kiera, Monashee
Skye, Lions
Caitlin, West Coast
Sydney, West Coast
Jocelyn, SVI
Michelle, Lions

Alternates

Amy, SVI
Meagan, SVI

Alternate Guider

Adele Cooshek, West Coast



BC Camping Committee **NEW!** Get
Moving Challenge

“We encourage girls and Guiders to think outside the box, step out of their comfort zone and try new activities.”



PHOTO: LEE HALLIDAY

The goal of the Get Moving Challenge is to get girls and leaders MOVING.

Some activities can be done inside, but we encourage units to get OUTSIDE, whether during a meeting or camp, and to have FUN.

This challenge should take several meetings/events to complete. We encourage girls and Guiders to think outside the box, step out of their comfort zone and try new activities.

Challenge Requirements

Each girl is required to complete the following number of challenges from the six categories according to her branch.

SPARKS complete one challenge from each category (six in total)

BROWNIES complete one challenge from each category, plus two others (eight in total)

GUIDES complete one challenge from each category, plus four others (10 in total)

PATHFINDERS/RANGERS/TREX complete two challenges from each category (12 in total)

Challenge Categories

Inside We know that the weather isn't ideal for going outside all the time, so this category offers some great ways to be active in your meeting place or residential camp building.

Activity example: Try indoor rock climbing

Outside The BC Camping

Committee wants to encourage girls to get OUTSIDE. We live in a beautiful province, so enjoy it!

Activity example: Go geocaching or create an orienteering course

Group/team Group and teamwork are a key component of Guiding. Focus on teamwork, improving skills and having fun while working on this part of the challenge.

Activity example: Participate in a game of soccer

Water It's always fun to be on or in the water. This component may be the most challenging for units, as it will most likely mean extra planning and Safe Guide paperwork.

Activity example: Invent a water relay race

Winter Learning to be prepared and to be safe outside during the winter is important. We know that Guiders and girls will enjoy the winter component of the challenge.

Activity example: Go snowshoeing

Ask an Expert This is a great chance to try something new by working with an expert. The expert may be a Guiding member, a community volunteer or a third-party service provider. Try something new and have fun!

Activity example: Bring in a dance instructor to teach a new dance

The complete challenge can be found on the BC Girl Guides website. Go to www.bc-



girlguides.org; select *Program > Challenges & Activities > Provincial Challenges*. When you have fulfilled the requirements, complete the BC Crests Order Form available on the website at that link. Instructions on how to order the crests are provided on the form.

We encourage every group to submit pictures, and possibly a write-up, of their activities to the BC Camping Committee to be used in Headlamp, our newsletter. Please email them to headlamp.bc.ggc@gmail.com.

BC Girl Guides **Building Update**



Ground floor meeting room.



Looking into staff offices from main entrance lobby.



View of stairs from ground floor.



View of stairs from upper floor.



Upper floor washrooms.



View from upper floor volunteer space.

PHOTOS: HELEN VARGA

Our new home is coming along, and we will be ready to move in soon! We continue our weekly site meetings to ensure everything is going along as planned. There are fewer changes to make now as we move closer to the finishing touches.

Each visit brings new developments, and with the painting nearing completion it is so amazing to see splashes of our colour palette on the walls as well as on the floors and furniture. Next up is the installation of the flooring and the millwork. The millwork and laminate finishes of the kitchens, copy room, washrooms, display area and storage benches will all be coordinated, durable and easy to care for.

New furniture is being purchased for the office staff, the offices of the Provincial Commissioner Team, the volunteer kitchen,

some meeting rooms and some storage units for the committee storage space. We will be taking some furniture from the old Guide House with us, such as the filing cabinets and the fourth floor tables and chairs, which will populate most of the meeting rooms upstairs. All choices have been made with the multipurpose use of the building by adults and youth in mind, and all are easy to clean while also being great to look at.

We are making final decisions on moving the purchased items and those coming from the old building. We are on schedule to move the furniture into the new building in the second week of April, with our complete move taking place the week following the Annual General Meeting in May.

We hope that once we are fully settled into the building, members will take the opportunity to visit and enjoy our new space.

Our new home is coming along, and we will be ready to move in soon!

Guider Lessons in a **Girl-Driven Year**

We just went for it! It was the start of the year, and we were excited about the upcoming Girls First program. We were new to working with Guide-aged girls, and our growing unit was full of new girls—a perfect time to embrace girl-driven programming! To help us frame the year, we started by doing a group brainstorm in five categories: Inside, Outside, Service, What I'm Good At and What I'd Like to Learn More About. Then, a month into the meetings, we decided our Guides were ready to plan their own meeting, launching us into the depths of girl-driven programming.

A Rocky Start

As a unit, we brainstormed and voted on our favourite interest badge; then the patrols decided which activity from the badge to complete. We quickly realized that we may have overestimated our unit's planning, teamwork and conflict management skills. There were conflicts over what patrols wanted to do, and not everybody felt included. Overall, planning this meeting was challenging for both the Guides and the Guiders, who smoothed problems out with the patrols. At the meeting, we didn't have a speaker to play the music that two patrols had asked for, and the third part of the meeting was a little awkward and didn't quite flow. Overall, for a girl-driven meeting, it wasn't what they had had in mind, and delivering an under-planned meeting made the Guiders feel a little frazzled too!

Building Skills

Our next experience was planning the activities for a Halloween party for the Nelson area Girl Guides. For this, and other meetings, we followed a specific strategy:

- Guiders picked the theme based on our start-of-year brainstorming session but showed our unit that we were using their ideas.
- Patrols planned activities to complete as a unit or in round-robin style.
- Guiders ran the meeting with the patrols running their activities.

During unit meetings, to support success, we started providing more planning time, between 30 and 60 minutes over one or two meetings, and we made sure that a Guider helped patrols consider timing, cost and logistics. When their plan was done, patrols had to provide a full supplies list and instructions for the activity. This helped the Guiders bring all the right supplies, and the girls had a record of what they'd planned, which was especially helpful when girls missed meetings.

“I felt smart and capable running things and thinking of new ideas.”

As the unit gained planning experience, we transitioned from girl-inspired meetings where they picked the activities but the Guiders organized them, to girl-directed meetings, where the patrols picked, organized and ran their activities.

Girl-Led Success

Finally, we felt the girls were ready to plan their own meeting, from start to finish. We decided for these meetings that we would group the girls based on what they wanted to plan, not by patrol. This minimized conflict where there were broad differences in personality or interest within the patrol. We did a group brainstorm on potential meeting themes and got the unit to divide into groups based on the theme they wanted to take on. We left the meeting theme wide open with no badge requirements: whatever the girls wanted to plan, they could do!

For these meetings, we made sure to give the planning groups the resources they would need to be successful: a meeting schedule template in five-minute increments, a supplies list, feedback from an adult and LOTS of time—about 90 minutes over three meetings.

At the meetings, the girl leaders were given their typed-up schedule and a clock to keep time. To empower the girl leaders, we made



Leaders of the 1st West Nelson Guides Valentine's Day party. PHOTO: ANNE SIMONEN

sure that the unit knew who the leaders were and that at these meetings, the Guiders were not the ones to ask, “What are we doing?” With two of three girl-led meetings done, I can say the girls have been a little wild, and adjustments had to be made, but the meetings were what the girl leaders envisioned.

Lastly, to ensure the girl leaders learned from their experience, they were given a meeting review to complete that asked questions like “How did you feel during the meeting?”; “What surprised you?”; “What would you change next time?” In her response, one girl had this to say about her experience: “I felt smart and capable running things and thinking of new ideas.”

Lesson: Relax and Have Fun

Both Guides and Guiders have learned a lot about becoming a girl-led group. For Guiders wanting to grow their units into being more girl-led, we have three key lessons to pass on:

- 1. Transition:** Slowly transition to girl-led meetings by modelling good leadership skills, developing conflict resolution skills and giving your unit more responsibilities along the way.
- 2. Relax:** Even if girls aren't doing badge work and the meeting is a little hectic, they are learning planning, leadership, communication, teamwork and conflict resolution skills.
- 3. Have fun:** The girls are, so why don't you? Join that dance party or craft and let the girl leaders do their thing.





PHOTOS: LEE HALLIDAY

BC Camping, Membership and Public Relations Committees

NEW! CaMPR Challenge



The goal of the CaMPR Challenge is to use camping and the outdoors as a way to retain and gain members. And it is a great way to capture the spirit of Guiding. It can be used in public relations campaigns to show others just how much fun Guiding and camping are. Most components of this challenge should be done in a camp setting (residential, tenting or adventure) or during a day

camp, sleepover or longer event. Some challenges may be started as you prepare with your girls for camp. This could include choosing which challenges to do when at camp, determining what supplies you need to bring to camp to complete the challenges and connecting with local resource people. Some challenges may need to be finished when you return from camp, such as printing pictures for

a scrapbook, editing a video, giving a presentation about camp or submitting your pictures/article to *Pipeline*.

Challenge Requirements

Each girl is required to complete the following number of challenges from the eight categories according to her branch.

SPARKS complete one challenge from each category (eight in total)

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PATHFINDERS/RANGERS/TREX complete two challenges from each category (16 in total)

Challenge Categories

- The More, the Merrier
- Out and About

- Capture the Fun
- Cookies
- Guiding Gear
- Publication
- Technology
- Photography

For example, try these activities from two of the categories in the CaMPR Challenge:

Capture the Fun

Turn your camp into an awards show. Decorate, dress up and present real awards (advancement pins, girl awards, Guider awards, etc.) or ones made up at camp (neatest camper, best cook, loudest singer, etc.).

Technology

Go old school and write thank you cards to those that helped your unit get to camp. This may include camp advisers and commissioners, local businesses that donated supplies for camp, camp booking agents and caretakers, the Safe Guide assessor, emergency home contact person, etc. Discuss the importance of thanking others. Draw pictures and print a group photo to include with your card.

The complete challenge can be found on the BC Girl Guides website. Go to www.bc-girlguides.org; select *Program > Challenges & Activities > Provincial Challenges*. When you have fulfilled the requirements, complete the BC Crests Order Form available on the website at that link. Instructions on how to order the crests are provided on the form.

We encourage every group to submit pictures and, possibly, a write-up of their activities to the BC Camping Committee to be used in *Headlamp*, our newsletter. Please email them to headlamp.bc.ggc@gmail.com.

Pipeline is also interested in your photos. Do you have great shots of your group in action? Send them to pipeline@bc-girlguides.org. *Pipeline* is particularly interested in high resolution images (1 MB or larger in file size).

What Is OAL and What Training Do I Need?

BC Camping Committee

OAL is the acronym for Outdoor Activity Leadership. This is a training program designed to help Guiders undertake meaningful outdoor activities with girls in a variety of settings. The program has two Foundation Stream modules: **Getting Outside** and **Residential Camping**. The program also has two Enrichment Stream modules: **Tent Camping** and **Adventure Camping**.

The OAL program begins with Getting Outside—training in how to plan outings such as walks to the park, outdoor games and nature observation. It also introduces some beginner camping skills. The key elements of this training are:

- developing an outing plan—including a timeline and supervisor responsibilities
- understanding the necessary clothing, equipment and food—including health and safety considerations
- learning outdoor program activities—including nature games and activities, outdoor cooking, geocaching, hiking and compass and map skills

The next OAL program is Residential Camping. This training prepares Guiders to take girls camping in a residential setting. It introduces Guiders to camp planning, engaging girls, incorporating the Guiding program into camp and practical camping skills. Residential Camping can be completed in one full day or as standalone modular trainings. The modules are:

- **Leading:** leadership styles, Safe Guide and girl support
- **Planning:** building the team, involving the girls in the decisions, making a timeline, booking camp, program and chores, determining necessary gear and holding a parent meeting
- **Food and Nutrition:** menus, quantities, allergies, dietary restrictions and safe food handling

- **Camp Life:** camp program and activities, fire safety, camp comfort and evaluating camp

The Enrichment Stream of OAL begins with Tent Camping. This training builds on what was introduced in the Foundation modules. Although tent camping is often thought of as being for Guides, Pathfinders and Rangers, nothing says Sparks and Brownies can't tent. After all, just as Guiders need to learn how to tent and need to build experience, so do girls. Tent camping requires more planning and preparation. Residential Camping is a prerequisite for the Tent Camping training. Tent Camping training typically takes 11–15 hours and must include an overnight in a tent. The modules for this training are:

- **Planning and Packing:** planning for camp, personal and group equipment and gear, packing everything and camp and tent set-up
- **Tents and Tarps:** tent set-up and care, tarp set-up and storm lashing
- **Kitchens and Cooking:** camp kitchen set-up and management, camp cooking methods and menu planning
- **Activities and Program:** resources, games, gadgets, knife and axe safety and fun at camp

To learn about Adventure Camping and its modules, check out p. 16 of the Fall/Winter issue of *Pipeline* (no. 382).

Outdoor activities and camping are an integral part of Guiding. Safe Guide requires that at least one Guider have experience equivalent



PHOTO: JEANNIE CRIVEA

to the outdoor cooking and tenting activities you are doing with the girls. Taking an OAL training with others is the best way to get this training and experience. It's also fun. Good luck with this and all things camping!



PHOTO: LAURA ALLGROVE



Two adventures on Prince Edward Island and a lifetime of memories for two BC Guiding members—nearly sixty years apart. The more things change, the more things stay the same? You decide!



Awesome Activities of Girl Guides Now and Then

In the summer of 1958, the national office sponsored a 30-day event called Atlantic Adventure Camp. Two of the lucky participants were BC Guides Sheila McDonald Tully and Katie Caple. Atlantic Adventure Camp took them from BC to Newfoundland, with stops along the way, including in P.E.I. Fast forward nearly 60 years, to 2016, when a group made up of Pathfinders, a Ranger and Guiders from Tetrahedron District (BC's Sunshine Coast), Lions Area, carried out a 16-day independent "Coast to Coast" tour of the Maritimes. The group learned about Atlantic Adventure Camp at a pre-trip sleepover, when Katie visited and shared her scrapbook photos (pictured on p. 18) of that adventure-filled summer.



PHOTOS: ANNALISA ADAM

Gwen Walwyn, a Guider on the Coast to Coast 2016 trip, recounts their adventures on P.E.I.

We carried backpacks, visited some of the same places, walked a lot, earned some sore feet and shared the spirit and fun of Guiding, but I suspect the similarities between Sheila's experiences and ours end there!

Before leaving New Brunswick, we stopped at Cape Jourimain Nature Centre to stretch our legs and to take pictures of Confederation Bridge. Absolutely stunning to see such a long bridge connecting Prince Edward Island to New Brunswick. We then

drove across Confederation Bridge in our three minivans (nicknamed Tardis, Pepsi and Skylark), but the side rails were too high to allow much of a view, which was disappointing. Instead of camping at Brackley Beach, as the Guides had done in 1958, we stayed in the Brackley Beach Hostel (a converted horse barn with small dorms and kitchen downstairs and reading and games rooms upstairs). We took over one reading room each evening to work on our Smash Books.

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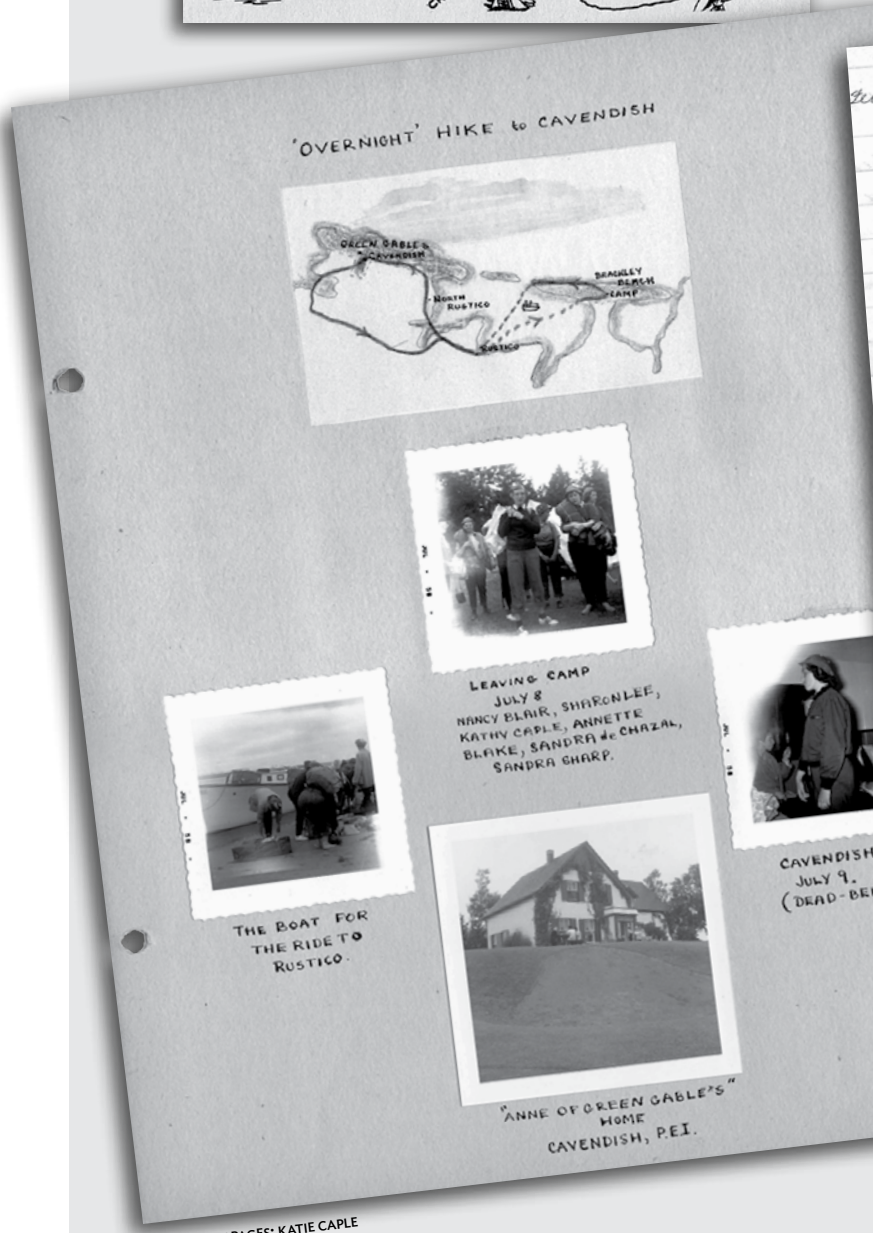
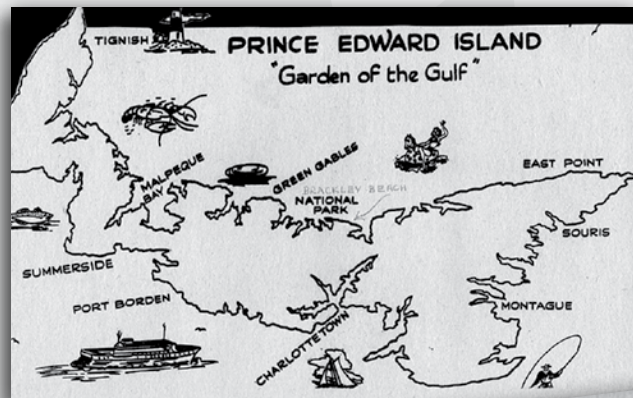
Our first full day was devoted to everything Anne. At Cavendish National Historic Site, we toured Green Gables and saw how people used to live, then had our pictures taken with “Anne” on the front lawn. Most of our group strolled down Lover’s Lane, with stops for photos. After lunch at Avonlea Village [an attraction that opened in 1999], we headed to North Rustico, where we strolled around and behaved like tourists ... then back to the hostel along roads straighter than anything we have here at home!

Over the next three days, we visited seaside towns, West Point Lighthouse, a house made out of glass bottles and O’Leary, where we explored the Canadian Potato Museum (absolutely fascinating and highly recommended) and saw our first and probably the only 15-foot high potato sculpture. At a local “milk bar,” several girls declared they’d eaten the best ice cream ever. We headed out in our trusty minivans to “Singing Sands” Beach. When the sand is dry and you run on it, it does sing, and we soon got the hang of this.

Have I mentioned that it was windy wherever we went? If you didn’t hang on to your lunch or belongings, they were quickly blown away. At picnic lunches, we got very good at having one person in charge of holding anything that might blow away! Everyone got very good at packing/getting ready for a day.

On Canada Day, what better place to be than in Charlottetown, the birthplace of Confederation, and to end the day with fireworks. We left P.E.I. the day after, making an early start to catch the ferry sailing to Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.

We all have so many wonderful memories and stories to share of our Guiding adventure so far from home, in a province full of welcoming and friendly people. All of us want to go back one day to visit new and familiar places on the other side of Canada. I wonder how many of the girls and leaders who were part of the 1958 trip had a chance to go back to P.E.I.



SCRAPBOOK PAGES: KATIE CAPLE



An Experience I Shall Not Forget

The essay pictured here was written by Sheila McDonald Tully for an English class during her school year following the camp. The highlights and challenges she experienced in P.E.I. at Atlantic Adventure Camp and described with wry humour began in Vancouver, when she and Katie boarded the "Colonist." As the train journeyed east, it picked up camp-bound girls in each province. A colonist car was a wooden train carriage that held up to 70 people and had few amenities, basically hard wooden benches, pull-down upper berths for sleeping, two toilets and a kitchenette. The major Canadian railway companies originally built the cars in the very early part of the 20th century as an affordable means to transport millions of immigrants from eastern Canadian seaports to the West. Only a few of these cars exist now, and they are in museums. Sheila, Katie and some of the other women who participated together in that extraordinary adventure remain Guiding friends to this day.

17. Class 14 English 30-1 Sheila McDonald

An Experience I shall not forget

Last July I visited Prince Edward Island as part of a tour of the Maritime provinces on a Guide "Atlantic Adventure." During a camp at Brackley Beach on the island, the old huntid Guides and Rangers at different times went on a twenty mile hike to see the picturesque countryside. After packing cameras, sleeping bags, bathing suits, and other articles in our rucksacs we started out on the hike.

The weather was bright and sunny as we tramped along the firm sandy beach a few of us took off our shoes and waded in the water. With about four and one-half miles behind us, we sat down in a field of delicious wild strawberries for our first resting place. Ten minutes later we reluctantly left them and continued walking. By this time the sun was very hot and we were beginning to wish we hadn't put quite so much in our packs. Three miles later we sat down on the shore opposite the little fishing village of Rustico and had our lunch. Shortly after lunch we were taken by boat over to North Rustico, where we met another unit of twenty-five Guides on their way back from their hike. They smiled knowingly at us as they limped on their way, telling us that they wouldn't trade places with us for anything.

With this encouragement we left Rustico and hiked three more miles to a kitchen shelter three miles from Cavendish. I still remember the relief of taking my heavy knapsack off my back!

Below the field on which the kitchen shelter stood were steep red sandstone cliffs down which we climbed to the ocean. The red cliffs stretched for miles beside the deep blue water. Several broken lobster traps lay scattered ^{haphazardly} on the shore. In the evening a few of us visited some people up the road. We talked with them and sang songs for them until it was time to return to the shelter. We slept in the field overnight and bright and early the next morning we sleepily started out for Cavendish.

After a swim and lunch at Cavendish we walked another mile to see "Green Gables," from the story "Anne of Green Gables" by L. M. Montgomery. The green and white house was very pretty, set among trees and rolling green lawns. Inside, we saw the old-fashioned rooms in which Anne, Marilla, and Matthew slept.

On the hike back from Green Gables to Rustico we passed many potato fields and animals grazing in the pastures. My friend from Quebec and I sang until we were practically hoarse to stop thinking of our aching feet. In Rustico we sat down to have a nice cold drink in a small cafe for a short while. When we got up to leave everyone groaned! The short rest made our feet hurt even more than before. After taking the boat from Rustico back to the beach we stumbled the remaining miles back to the campsite. We sat down thankfully in our tents thinking that we couldn't possibly have walked another mile.

In spite of our blistered feet, aching backs, and sunburned arms and legs, we wouldn't have missed the fun for anything and will always remember that hike.

Well done.



BC Guiding Celebrates **World Thinking**



PHOTO: MARLENE GRAHAM



A Unit Makes a Positive Impact in the Community

Tammy Markwart, Kathryn Forrest and Stacey Aucamp, Guiders, 2nd Cowichan Sparks, Waters Edge District, Pacific Shores Area

The 2nd Cowichan Sparks celebrated World Thinking Day by hosting a hot chocolate and cookie stand outside the local Canadian Tire in Duncan. During our first planning meeting last summer, we knew that we wanted an opportunity for the Sparks to experience giving for its own sake, without expecting or wanting anything in return. And

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PHOTOS: TAMMY MARKWART, STACEY AUCAMP

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we thought, what better time to do that than on World Thinking Day! Using beautiful table settings borrowed from a local farm that hosts weddings, we set up our own table to convey the outdoors that we in Guiding love so much.

At first, passersby were unbelieving that we were simply giving away treats, but once they realized that the Sparks were simply spreading cheer and not expecting anything in return, the love was everywhere! “This is where it starts, right here with these little girls,” said one person. “Thank you, I am going to give back five random acts of kindness ... you girls, remember it started with you,” said another.

The passersby were also in awe of the girls’ energy and

excitement. It was freezing outside; in fact, we had pushed back our starting time to the early afternoon in the hope we’d get a little sunlight! To share their warmth with the public, and because they were so excited, the well-bundled Sparks danced in the cold air and sang, “Freeee hot chocolate, freeee cookies ... come get your freeee treats!” One woman’s observation summed up the gratitude we all felt for this experience: “These sweet girls are giving so much more than just free treats. They are spreading kindness and warmth.” She asked to hug each of us, and when she did, we couldn’t wipe the smiles from our faces if we tried. It was such an amazing Sparks meeting—one we will remember for a very long time. Happy World Thinking Day!

A District Contributes to a Successful International Showcase

*Cas Cooledge, with Carole Cooledge,
New Westminster District, West Coast Area*

New Westminster District held its 52nd International Fair in 2017. However, the district broke tradition this year and did not hold the

event in order to support West Coast Area’s (WCA) first International Showcase. WCA International Showcase 2018 turned out to be a fun and informative day! There were 24 booths representing all five WAGGGS areas and a great schedule of performances from a variety of community groups. The SFU youth bagpipe band started and ended the festivities, which included music and dancing from many countries on the stage.



PHOTOS: ANGELA D'EO



Upon arrival, each participant received a passport and was given a challenge to complete the scavenger hunt. It's hard to say what was more exciting: getting the custom stamp from each booth or completing each challenge or activity on the scavenger hunt. Two of our favourite activities were the water walk in Ecuador and tasting soupe à l'oignon in France. For the water walk, two girls had to work together to carry a very heavy bucket of water using just a big stick. It really gave us a feeling of how hard girls around the world have to work to get the basic necessities of life.

Building on the years of participation in our own International Fair, the 1st New Westminster Pathfinders created an award-winning booth on the Netherlands. Along with winning a wonderful prize, the girls will bring some new ideas for our next district International Fair, and you might find the following ideas useful to hold your own International Showcase!

Consider organizing a scavenger hunt challenge. Many girls found it very

engaging. Also, offering prizes for the best booth pushed each participating unit to get creative. And it's a great idea to request that each booth have a game, song, taster or activity from the country they are representing. It was fun not only to visit all the countries and learn about Guiding around the world, but also to participate in an event that covered a lot of program areas for all levels!

What a great bridging event to learn about Guiding around the world!

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An Area Focuses on Our World Centres

At Fraser Skies Area's World Thinking Day event, in North Delta, Pathfinder and Ranger units ran World Centre stations. Among the activities the participants enjoyed were making woven mats and paper plate necklaces. They also learned how to access information about the World Centres.



PHOTOS: MARLENE GRAHAM

Guide House Lets the Girls Shine


At the provincial World Thinking Day event—the last one to be held at Guide House, in Vancouver—the theme was When We Shine. Among the activities, girls and Guiders collected coloured stars to complete a hat craft, dressed up for “Everything she wants to be” souvenir photos, shot for the stars with Nerf ball guns, visited the Museum and Archives display, made tassels for star-themed bookmarks, enjoyed star-shaped sandwiches at a luncheon with BC Council members and visited Dublin, Ireland, by means of a Pathfinder’s presentation about her international trip there the previous summer. Her animated tales of the group’s adventures truly let her shine!



PHOTOS: LAURA ALLGROVE



PHOTO: ANGELA D'EON



BC Training Committee

The Parking Lot

Don't be fooled... Guiding is about much more than Girl Greatness!

Or is it???

We were all once girls after all. What's your story? What brought you to Guiding? And what is keeping you here? Do you remember the exact moment you just knew that Guiding was the perfect fit for you?

As we travel along our Guiding path, we are met by others on similar journeys. These chance meetings happen while working and playing in our councils, committees, units, districts and areas and at trainings and conferences as well as at the many other activities made possible by Guiding. Don't you just love how we call a work weekend a "work party"?

We are woven together in a multigenerational tapestry of fun, bright dancing colours with flashes of earthy tones, vibrant greens and sparkling water hues. The complexity and diversity of our blend adds richness to each individual's experience. The three C's—cooking, camping and campfires—add their own magic to the mix.

What brought you to Guiding in the first place? The reasons are as individual and infinite as there are members.

So, what's next for you? Are you starting out in a new position in Guiding or are you looking for a new challenge? There is a place for everyone! Whether you can commit to leading a unit or can offer just a couple of hours a month, opportunities abound.

Look around you ... are there others that would benefit from your encouragement to try something new or who might welcome your support as they consider a new role in Guiding?

Opportunities in Guiding are as plentiful and varied as the pebbles and rocks you see along your path. Some we might view as obstacles or hazards and initially we may want to avoid them. Other rocks might offer a good break from the wind or something to wish on. Pick up a stone and see how it feels in your hand. Let others know that you are looking to try out something new. Stand up tall and look to the future ... what role can you see yourself both doing and thriving in? Encourage and support others as they embrace a new challenge ... because this is the Guiding way.

Ask! Offer! **Just do it!**

If you're looking for training opportunities in order to embrace your new challenge, contact the BC Training Committee at training@bc-girlguides.org.

A Poet Among Us

Joan Yazedjian, who passed away in December 2017, was most recently a member of the Faded Blues Trefoil Guild, Southern Vancouver Island Area. She had previously been a Brownie and Guide Guider, a committee member on Southern Vancouver Island Area Council, a member of BC Council and a division commissioner.

Elaine Hayden, a past provincial commissioner, shared this memory of Joan when they served together on BC Council. Joan wrote poetry, and BC Council used one of her poems as a Christmas message one year. The fourth stanza refers to GGC's 90th anniversary celebrations and to SOAR, which was to take place the following year, 2001, in Trail.

*It's amazing how the years do go,
But how we fill them, that we know!
In February we all say
"Remember our World Thinking Day."
The Founder and his lady wife
Started us on this Guiding life.*

*Events come at us, one by one.
We must decide which Guiding fun
To join, and which to leave undone.
Ski in the winter? Swim in the sun?
To camp at home or far away?
Go for a week? Go for the day?*

*We learn to plan and juggle dates
As for the girls we open gates
And doors to experience new and rare,
Keeping them safe within our care.
Sell those cookies, both spring and fall
So there's enough good fun for all.*

*For us, this was a birthday year.
In October at campfires far and near.
We celebrated with song and shouting
At many a truly awesome outing.
From here and 'round the world will pour
Next year, the eager Guides for SOAR!*

*Whatever year you're counting from,
We may have survived the millennium
And carried on with usual briskness,
All our varied Guiding business.
So to you all East, North, South, West
Holidays Happy and All the Best!*



Gone Home

Chloe Berry (girl member)
Victoria

April Brosko
Courtenay

Joyce Command
Nanaimo

Sherry French
Mission

Gloria Gager
Maple Ridge

Lorraine Holdener
Revelstoke

Alexis Latta
North Vancouver

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Jaffray

Lillian Olsen
Salmon Arm

Joyce Perrie
Merritt

Marjorie Provencal
Prince George

Kate Shirley
Vernon

Kathleen Woodhouse
Vancouver

Joan Yazedjian
Victoria



SOAR 2020:

SOAR 2017 is just a fond memory for 2,335 participants from all over BC, Canada and the world.

Believe it or not, it's time for areas to start thinking about hosting SOAR 2020!

SITE REQUIREMENTS:

- large enough to accommodate 225 patrols (approximately 10 people per site); not less than 50 acres of usable land
- large area for all camp activities (need to be able to set up a stage, if not already in place)
- area to set up program activities
- access to water, power and internet

- accessible by large vehicles—trucks and busses
- reasonably close to emergency services

Area responsibilities once a site is selected could include:

- liaising with area Guiders and other resource people for information about:
 - Ranger adventure activities (backpacking, horseback riding, tours, etc.)
 - water activities (swimming, rafting, kayaking, canoeing, etc.)
 - indoor swimming
 - local tourist sites

- local service projects
- caterers/service groups
- local entertainment for girls and Guiders
- local bus transportation
- attending visits to the site (in June 2019 and June 2020) to gather information required by steering committee
- providing camping equipment to international/interprovincial guests
- providing local public relations contact
- providing a team of local Guiders or community members to help with set-up, takedown, etc.

Where Will It Be?

Your proposal should include:

- confirmation of approval from the area to support the proposal
- description and location of each site with photos if possible (areas may propose more than one venue)
- examples of activities that can happen on the site (camping, program, administration, etc.)
- activities in close proximity to the site, including hiking, water activities, service projects, day trip opportunities, cycling, etc.

Deadline for proposal submission is September 14, 2018. The site

evaluation is expected to take place in mid-October.

Please send your proposals to:

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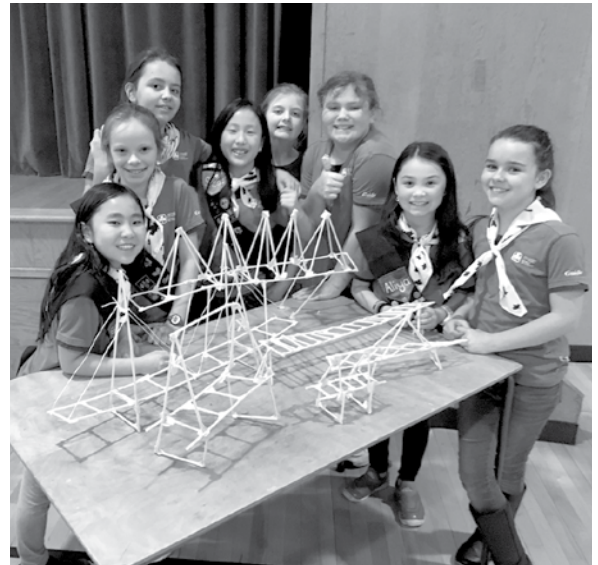




The **Fernie Girl Guides, Kootenay Area**, met Mary Giuliano, the mayor of Fernie, in her chambers as part of the Tell It badge. One of the Guiders, who works at the town hall, was able to arrange the visit. The mayor gave the girls a tour of the town hall, her office and the chambers. They all got to sit in her seat and bang the gavel. They also took turns talking from a lectern. Some told jokes to the group; others described ways they had been helpful that week at home, at a neighbour's and at school. PHOTO: EMILEE PARK



The **1st West Nelson Guides, Kootenay Area**, had a sleepover weekend during which they volunteered for the Coldest Night of the Year walk, in Nelson. They welcomed the walkers, surveyed them about their reasons for walking, met them at the end of the walk to ask how it went and bussed tables after the chili dinner. PHOTO: ANNE SIMONEN



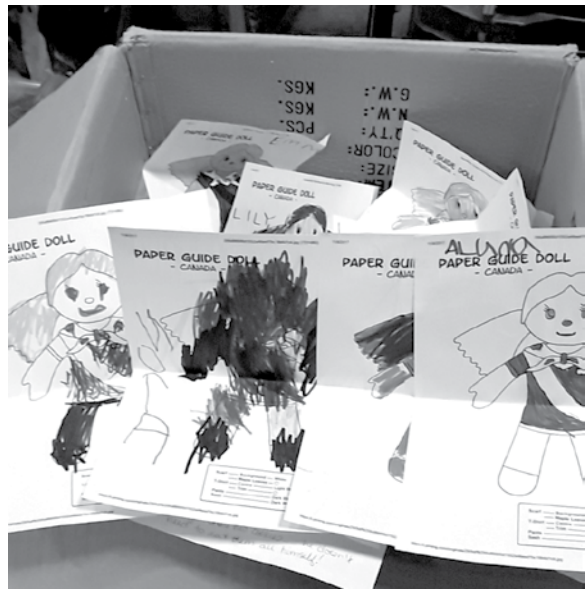
The **32nd Grouse Guides, Lions Area**, made their own bridges out of straws, tape and string after a presentation on bridge designs by a civil engineer as part of the Engineering badge. PHOTO: HILARY HENLEY



The **5th Grouse Pathfinders, Lions Area**, learned self-defence techniques from John of Elite Olympic Martial Arts, North Vancouver, and from John of DCS, Richmond. In lieu of payment, the instructors asked the Pathfinders to do a service, which they will do at May's Place Hospice, which supports end-of-life care for people in the Downtown Eastside. PHOTOS: SHARON FORTNEY



The **3rd Vernon Sparks, Monashee Area**, wanted to send some holiday cheer to the son of Vernon District Co-Commissioner Dawn Roy when they learned that he wouldn't be home for Christmas. His unit, Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians), had been sent to Latvia to serve on Operation Reassurance. The Sparks packed cookie cases with treats for them, and the excited faces as they opened the cookie cases show that the Sparks' plan worked!



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