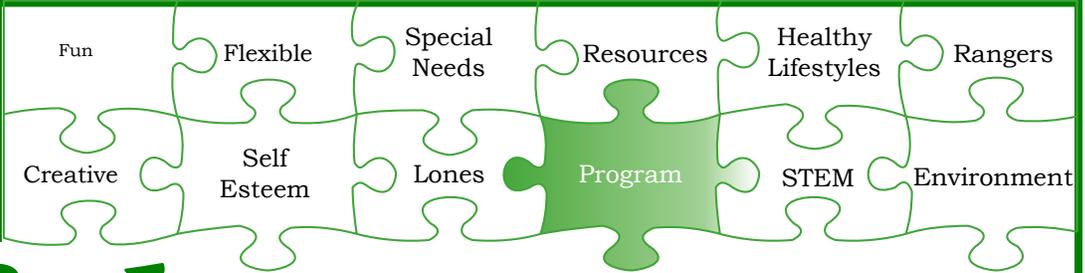




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Guiding Traditions

Introducing our **Guiding Traditions** issue of FunFinder! This issue comes out as we look forward to an exciting year of change within Guiding.

Our Guiding history and traditions are a very important part of who we are and where we are going,

To understand our history helps us see the progress that Guiding has made over the years in order to better equip the girls for what is happening in their lives and helps us to not only empower the girls with their future, but with understanding how far women, and women in Guiding have come over our 118 years!

We would challenge you to go into Girls First, armed with your Guiding knowledge, but with a mind to be a catalyst for positive change, finding new ways to empower girls and women, and to contribute to our tradition of Guiding being the greatest all female organization in the



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Origin of the Name “Girl Guides”

Source: *The Guide Handbook (1972)*

The first members of the organization were called “Scouts”. But why were the girls called “Girl Guides”? According to Lord Baden-Powell: “Well, I think it is the case with most girls nowadays. They do not want to sit down and lead an idle life, to have everything done for them, or to have a very easy time. They also want to tackle difficult jobs themselves in their life, to face mountains and difficulties and dangers, and to go at them having prepared themselves to be skillful and brave, and they would like to help other people to get over their difficulties also... for these reasons the name Guide has been given to them.” So the Girl Guides got their name.

The Guiding Motto

The Brownie Motto

Lend a Hand

The Guide Motto

Be Prepared

The **Guide Motto** is a brief phrase expressing the guiding principle of a person or organization. It was first used when Robert Baden-Powell was sent to South Africa to raise the South African Constabulary, a mounted police force.

The men were asked to adopt a motto. They chose “Be Prepared” to match the initials of their Chief, and the motto was inherited by the Scouts and Guides. It means that you must be ready, prepared in knowledge and skills, for whatever may come.

Source: *Canadian Guider (January/ February 1995)*

The motto of the Guides on which they work is, “Be Prepared,” that is, be ready for any kind of duty that may be thrust

upon them, and what is more, know what to do by having practiced it beforehand in the case of any kind of accident or any kind of work that they may be asked to take up. Thousands of women did splendid work in the Great War, but thousands more would have been able to do good work also, had they only Been Prepared for it beforehand by learning up a few things that are useful to them outside their mere school work or work in their own home. And that is what the Guides are learning in all their games and camp work; they mean to be useful in other ways besides what they are taught in school.

TIMELINE FOR GUIDING IN CANADA

Source: "Now We Are" 7 (1984); Girl Guides of Canada

1909 Lord Baden-Powell called all Scouts to rally at the Crystal Palace in London. Girl Guide Movement started in England.

1910 Guiding began in Canada, Denmark, Finland and South Africa. First registered Guide Unit in Canada started in St. Catharines, Ontario in January 1910.

1911 Guiding spread to Ireland, Holland and Sweden. The First Toronto Company held the first recorded Girl Guide Camp in Canada on the banks of the Credit River in June 1911.

1912 Guiding began in the US and in Poland. Lady Pellatt, of Casa Loma in Toronto, was appointed first Chief Commissioner for Canada. Our first headquarters was established at 20 College Street in Toronto, Ontario. Headquarters then moved to 50 Merton Street in Toronto, Ontario.

Lady Pellatt—1st Commissioner



(centre front) at Casa Loma

1914 Brownies began. 1915 Rosebud pin used as enrolment pin



1917 Canadian Council of the Girl Guides Association is incorporated by an Act of Parliament.

1919 The Chief Scout and Chief Guide, Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, visit Canada.

1920 Rangers began.

1927 First National Camp, held at Victoria, BC



1928 WAGGGS was established at the Pax Ting International Conference in Hungary. Canada a charter member.

1939 Western Hemisphere Committee formed.

1945 Canadian World Friendship Fund started

1953 Companies and Packs on Foreign Soil began

1957 B-P's Centenary, World Camp in Ontario

1960 Golden Jubilee of Guiding in Canada.



1961 The name was changed, again by Act of Parliament, to Girl Guides of Canada – Guides du Canada.

1962 National Headquarters built in Toronto, ON. Les Guides Catholiques du Canada became members of Girl Guides of Canada. This organization of French-speaking Roman Catholic girls were active in Quebec.

1965 Age groups revised: Brownies 7 to 10; Guides 10 to 14; Rangers 14 to 18.

1970 Diamond Jubilee of Guiding in Canada.

1970 First National Ranger Conference



1974 National Lightweight Camping Events" First National Cadet Conference

1975 "Guiding on the Move" celebrated our 65th anniversary

1979 Pathfinders began.

1985 75th anniversary of Guiding in Canada

1988 Sparks began. New uniforms approved.

1993 Renewed Promise and Law approved by National Council.

1995 85th anniversary of Guiding in Canada

1998 10th anniversary of Sparks

1999 20th anniversary of Pathfinders

2000 90th anniversary of Guiding in Canada

2010 100th anniversary of Guiding in Canada



1910-2010 Girl Greatness Starts Here
Le leadership des filles commence ici

History of Guiding

The Baden Powell's

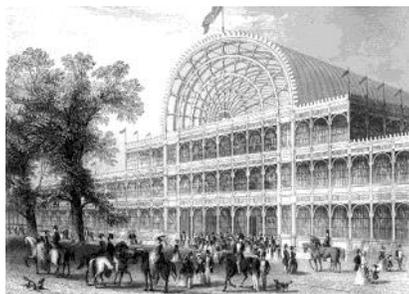
Crystal Palace

Source: *Girl Guides of Canada*

In 1909, Robert Baden-Powell held a rally at the Crystal Palace in London, England. Eleven thousand boys turned up. Great astonishment was caused by a group at the end of the long parade – girls! While their brothers had been busily occupied with Scouting, these girls had been copying them, usually in secret. Girls at that time were expected to be ladylike, doing needlework and art. Their place was definitely in the home, not outdoors dressed in outlandish costumes, practicing stalking, tracking, first aid, stopping runaway horses and rescuing people from burning buildings! Both their mothers and the general public were shocked and horrified at the girls' escapades and appearances – skirts hiked up, wearing Scout hats, carrying stout broomsticks, hung about with whistles, knives and enormous haversacks decorated with large red crosses.

These daring girls pleaded with Baden-Powell to be allowed to join the Scouts. He agreed to help them but said that they would be Girl Guides and have Patrol names of flowers or birds, not wolves. He asked his sister, Agnes Baden-Powell, to help him with a girls' organization and she became the first President of the Girl Guides.

Visitors to Britain observed the value of Guiding for girls and took the idea back to their own countries. By 1910, Guiding had started in Canada, Denmark, Finland and South Africa. Within the next two years, it spread to Ireland,



Holland, Sweden, and the United States.

Robert Baden-Powell

Source: *The Guide Handbook (1972)*



An Englishman named Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell was born in London on February 22, 1857. His father, an Oxford University professor, died when he was three, and his mother brought up her family of seven on a small income. When Robert was only 19, he finished his schooling and joined a cavalry regiment, serving India and later in South Africa. He worked hard and was promoted quickly.

Robert Baden-Powell expected the men he led to be observant and to carry out their duties quickly and well. He was responsible for training men for military scouting. He trained them to look after themselves, to be dependable and to accept responsibility. To this end, he made up many interesting games and contests. He was a very brave man, and during the Boer War, he succeeded in holding the South African city, Mafeking, through a long and rigorously bitter siege. He became a national hero.

He was also a very observant man. His days in the army in India showed him that Scouting brought out the best in men. He saw the young boy cadets being given responsibility and carrying it out well. So --- he thought --- why not train boys to the peace-time Scouts? At an experimental camp held on Brownsea Island, Dorset, he proved that when they were trusted with responsibility, boys could be relied on.

In 1908, as a result of all his observations, Robert Baden-Powell

founded the Boy Scouts. Two years later, he retired from the army and for the rest of his life dedicated himself and all his efforts to the case of Scouting.

Scouting had officially begun in 1908. In 1909, Baden-Powell took the salute at a great rally held at the Crystal Palace in London. Eleven thousand boys, and several dozen girls appeared on parade. Robert was more than a little dismayed when he realized that the girls hoped to join the organization. He solved the problem by persuading his sister, Agnes, to organize a separate group for girls. That was the beginning of Girl Guides.

In 1912, four years after Scouting began, Robert married Olave St. Clair Soames. She was born on February 22, 1889, the same day the man she was later to marry celebrated his 32nd birthday.

Robert Baden-Powell was a very talented man, interested in music, the theatre and art. He could draw just as well with his left hand as with his right. He illustrated his own books, notably "Scouting for Boys" which laid down the principles on which the organization was founded.

Olave Soames travelled a great deal with her father, and it was in 1912, aboard ship to Jamaica, that she was introduced to the great hero, Robert Baden-Powell. By the time the voyage ended, they were unofficially engaged and on October 30th, 1912 they were married at St. Peter's Church in Parkstone, Dorset, England.



Olave Baden-Powell learned the basis of Scouting and Guiding and the Promise and the Law.

The Baden Powell's Cont'd

From that time on, Scouting spread throughout the world. After Robert and Olave married, it became the career of both. As the years went by, they travelled all over the world together, visiting Scouts and Guides in many countries. They had three children, Heather, Peter and Betty. They set up house in two places, first in Pax Hill in England, and later at Paxtu in Kenya.

In 1920, Robert Baden-Powell became Chief Scout of the world. That same year, his young wife was attending the first International Conference, held at Oxford, England. As Chief Guide of Great Britain, she welcomed the first Guide delegates who came from many different parts of the world.

Then in 1921, Robert was made a baronet, and became Sir Robert. Eight years later, he was honoured with the title of Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell. Lady Baden-Powell had been Chief Guide of the Girl Guides in Great Britain from 1916 to 1930, when she became World Chief Guide.

Lord Baden-Powell died in Nyeri, Kenya in 1941 and for a short while Lady Baden-Powell stayed on there. The next year, however, she returned to England.

Olave Baden-Powell

Source: The Guide Handbook (1972); Canadian Guider (January/February 1995)

Olave St. Clair Soames was born on February 22, 1889. She had a very privileged and pleasant childhood. She had many talents including swimming, horseback riding and tennis. But Olave's generous spirit was not satisfied with this type of life. She longed to do something "useful" with her life. In later years, she described her life as a child as "a happy sheltered, but thoroughly useless existence." Olave had much to give and carved an opportunity to give it.

Lady Baden-Powell was our first and only World Chief Guide.



She found this opportunity through her marriage to Lord Baden-Powell in 1912. So devoted has she been all her life to the cause of Scouting and Guiding that she gave her beautiful home, Pax Hill, as a present to the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides Associations of Great Britain. Pax, in Latin, means Peace. Lady Baden-Powell move from her large home to an apartment at Hampton Court Palace in London given to her by "Grace and Favour" for her lifetime by King George VI. A "Grace and Favour" home is a very special one. It means that the King or Queen wishes to bestow a gift on a deserving subject, and does so by giving a home, rent and tax free, for the person's lifetime. The Queen owns quite a number of Grace and Favour homes and apartments in England.

At the age of 88, Olave died in June 1977. But her indomitable spirit lives on in the great Movement she helped create.

Agnes Baden-Powell

Source: The Guide Handbook (1972)

Agnes Baden-Powell was both gifted and versatile, as was her brother. She was a good musician and artist, and clever with her hands. She was also born at a time when girls were supposed to be "seen but not heard". Young ladies did not enter into business or start Guide organizations in her day. Nevertheless, it was largely due to the personality and influence of Miss Baden-Powell, and her willingness to do battle in a good cause that Guiding survived

those early and difficult days.

She became President of the new organization in 1910. She rewrote the handbook "Scouting for Boys" as a book for girls entitled "How Girls Can Help to Build the Empire", and she set to work to interest the general public and overcome their criticisms and prejudices.

The first girls were registered as "Scouts", but in May 1910, a Guide Headquarters' Committee was formed. The first company to be registered at Headquarters was called "Miss Baden-Powell's Own". She wore a costume you wouldn't recognize today as a Guide uniform, but it served, and she spent much time going to rallies, staying with Guides in camp, and writing articles. One of her firm beliefs was that the open-air aspect of Guiding was vital, a belief you will undoubtedly share as a Girl Guide.



In 1920 when HRH Princess Mary became President of the British Girl Guides Association, Agnes Baden-Powell became Vice-President. For as long as she lived, she never lost her interest in Guiding and her energy in working for you. She never married and died in June 1945, four years after her famous brother.

Guiding Branches

Sparks

Source: *Girl Guides of Canada*

Sparks are the newest members of Guiding in Canada. These five and six year olds were given their own branch in 1988, although they didn't get their name until 1989.



Brownies

Source: *The Brownie Program (1988)*

Initially, only older girls belonged to Guides. Soon after the start of Guides, the younger sisters of the Guides expressed an interest in joining because they wanted to take part in some of the activities their older sisters were doing.



In 1914, the name chosen for these new young Guides was **Rosebuds**, however the younger girls did not like this name. So Lord Baden-Powell thought about it and thought about it, and then he remembered the fairy tales he had read when he was a young boy. He remembered the wonderful goblins and fairies in these stories. They were called **Brownies** and they were little people who did secret good turns. They helped people in many ways. They were happy little people who made other people happy. Lord Baden-Powell had found the perfect name for the new Guides – Brownies.

In 1919, the name Brownies had become official in Canada. The first Pack to be officially registered was the First Hanover (Ontario) Pack on April 22, 1920.

The age range of Brownies in Canada has changed, first eight to eleven, then seven to ten, and now is for seven and eight-year-olds.



Guides

The Guide program is designed for girls from nine to 12 years of age. Their program is based on three levels of challenges: Encountering, Exploring and Discovering, in four Pathways: My Community, My Outdoor Environment, My Horizon and My Future.

Camping and interest badges are also a big part of the Guide program.



Pathfinders

Source: *"Now We Are" 75 (1984)*

In the fall of 1979, the first **Pathfinder** units opened in British Columbia and across Canada. Pathfinder is the second newest branch in Canadian Guiding. National Council voted to change the age groupings in Guiding to include six year old Brownies, reduce the Guide age to 9-12 and introduce an entirely new branch, the Pathfinders, named after the special Indian guides who were particularly good at finding their way in a strange land and who are mentioned in Lord Baden-Powell's "Scouting for Boys".

This 12-15 year old group has proved very popular. The original program has been changed in 1985 and another program revision occurred in 2004. The Girls First Program launched in 2018.

Senior Branches

Source: *Girl Guides of Canada*

By 1916, the original Guides in the UK were beginning to outgrow the program although they did not want to drop out completely. At first they formed groups of "Senior Guides". Various other names were suggested by Baden-Powell again resolved the situation by suggesting "Rangers". This occurred in 1920 and at about the same time, two other groups were established: Sea Guides, later Sea Rangers; and Cadets (leadership training for girls who wished to become adult leaders) Air Rangers started in 1945. In Canada, these groups have become known as **Senior Branches**.

Rangers

Source: *Girl Guides of Canada*

The first mention of Senior Guides in Canada was in 1913, but by 1920, they were known as **Rangers**. The first Land Ranger group registered was the 1st Alberni in 1923. They were followed shortly by Burnaby and Summerland, and in 1924 the 1st Sea Guides were established in Vancouver. The first Sea Ranger Regatta was held in Vancouver in 1953. In 1971, they all merged into one group known simply as Rangers.

For many years, Ranger age was 16 to 21, but in 1979 it was changed to 15 to 17 with some flexibility in the upper age limit.



The colour traditionally associated with Rangers is red. With the merger of Air and Sea Rangers into the general Ranger branch, the colour was changed to pale blue. Then, in 1983, by very popular demand, red was reinstated.

Cadets

Source: *"Now We Are" 75 (1984); Girl Guides of Canada*

Cadets started in Vancouver shortly after World War II. Cadet Units usually existed in girls' schools and colleges. Numbers of these leaders-in-training have waxed and waned over the years, however, and it was not until the 1960s that they became firmly established. In 1927 to 1939 Cadets were part of the Ranger branch.



Junior Leaders

By 1973, a new development in Guiding was evident: Junior Leaders, as they called themselves. These girls, between the ages of 15 and 17+, are helpers in Spark, Brownie and Guide units.

There had never been a set program for Junior Leaders until 1998 when they were included in the Senior Branches Core Program, but they could always and still may work on appropriate parts of the Ranger or Cadet programs if they wish.



Lones

Source: *Girl Guides of Canada*

Lones started in Canada in 1916. It was usually for girls who cannot attend weekly unit meetings.



Link

Source: *Girl Guides of Canada*

Link is an extension of Guiding, providing a way for young women to retain their contact with the Movement at the time when they are too busy with education or new careers to be active as active leaders. Link started in 1966 and was called "Trefoil" until 1977 when its name was changed to avoid confusion with the Trefoil Guild.



Trefoil Guild

Source: "Now We Are" 75 (1984); *Girl Guides of Canada*

Trefoil Guilds are locally organized groups of Guides over 30, who wish to maintain their affiliation and fellowship with the Movement, but are not active as leaders with a unit. In 1933, they were officially given the

colour purple to be their distinguishing colour. In the 1960s, two Guilds were established in BC – one on Vancouver Island and one in Vernon. Then came the 1970s and the idea of Guilds began to take hold. 1983 reports show sixteen active Guilds in the Province with 139 members. They help Guiding locally as needed, raising funds, selling cookies and calendars. The local community provides an endless source of projects for members to assist with bake sales, knitting and sewing for hospitals, collecting clothing, contributing to food banks and hampers.



Guiding Ceremonies and Events

Enrolment

Source: *The Guide Handbook* (1972)

When the day comes that you are enrolled as a Guide, you will be very much aware of the seriousness of the occasion, and so will all the other Guides in your company. This is the time when the words ... "and a sister to every Guide" come to mind, as each one helps welcome you. When you make the Guide sign and repeat the Promise, every Guide makes the same sign and repeats her Promise, too. The company will be in Horseshoe Formation. Your Patrol Leader will escort you to the Guider or Commissioner, and this is what will happen. You will receive your Enrolment Pin and your Membership Pin.

Source: *The Brownie Program*

The enrolment ceremony is a very special occasion for the new Brownie. The meaning of the traditional part of the ceremony should be explained to Tweenies (girls who are not yet Brownies) – the importance of making and keeping a promise.

Advancement

Advancement is a ceremony when a girl (e.g. Spark, Guide, Pathfinder, etc.) moves onto the next branch in Guiding. When the Brownies leave their Pack to go to Guides, it was called **Fly-up**.

Guides' Own

Source: *The Guide Handbook* (1977)

Guides' Own is a time of reflection and a celebration of spirituality and self. It is a time to think about our Promise and our Law, and how we need to be living them in our lives. It's also a time to reflect on the past – what we've done and where we've been, as well as the future – who we are and where we are going. Guides come together to express their

feelings about the things that matter most in life: their relationships with other people, the way they would like the world to be, the troubles they have and the joys they have.

The purpose of Guides' Own is to make Guides think. Guides' Own is often held at camp when Guides have been living and working together; or around Thinking Day; or at the time of company or religious celebrations; or whenever you want to express your thankfulness and love together. It is best when it is planned by several people. Music played on an instrument can set many different moods. Songs and hymns have words which often say just what you're feeling. Drama can express deep feelings. Act out a story or a parable, using dialogue, or using mime as a narrator reads. Some songs can be acted out too, and creative dance, well done, can be a very lovely expression of how you feel. Poetry and short readings can be used.

Brownie Revel

A Brownie Revel is a special day of fun when two or more Brownie packs join together. Often they go on a picnic, for a hike, or on an outing to some interesting place. Usually there is a theme that is carried through the whole day. Costumes, names and activities show this theme.

Thinking Day



Every year, on **February 22**, Guides all over the world celebrate the joint birth-

days of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. On this day, Guides think about and celebrate international friendship. They celebrate it through special ceremonies, parties, and activities thought up and planned by their individual units. The ways in which individual units throughout the world celebrate this occasion are extremely varied and different but they all have fun.

Weekly Meetings

Opening

Most Spark and Brownie meetings are opened with a song while Guides open their meetings with Horseshoe.

Horseshoe Formation

Source: *The Guide Handbook* (1972)

This is a formation used by the company to make it easy for everyone to hear and see what is going on. It is used for enrolments, and may also be used for raising and lowering colours, for presentations and for company discussions.

The Guider gives the commands:

- ◆ The Command: COMPANY – ATTENTION.
- ◆ The Command: COMPANY – RIGHT TURN.
- ◆ The Command: COMPANY – BY PATROLS – LEFT WHEEL – QUICK MARCH. As the first Patrol Leader leads off to her left, the others mark time until it is their turn. The first Patrol follows in single file behind their Leader, whose responsibility it is to lead the Guides back to the Guider to the spot where the opening in the horseshoe will be.
- ◆ The Command: CENTRE – MARCH. The first Patrol Leader leads the file down the centre of the room away from the Guider. She reaches the spot where the centre back of the Horseshoe is to be.
- ◆ The Command: ALTERNATE PATROLS – RIGHT AND LEFT WHEEL. At this time, the first Patrol Leader swings around to the right, followed by her patrol. The second Patrol Leader, on reaching the starting place, swings to the left, and so on. If there is an uneven number of patrols, the Guides in the last patrol go alternately to the right and left.
- ◆ The Command: MARK TIME. Each

Guide marks time.

- ◆ The Command: Three commands are possible to end the Roll Call Formation. The Guider will give whichever one is necessary. COMPANY FALL OUT or COMPANY – DISMISSED or COMPANY – TO PATROL CORNERS – QUICK MARCH. On this command the Patrol Leaders lead their patrols smartly to the corners by the most direct route. LEADERS CARRY ON. Patrol Leaders step forward one pace, and then give whatever orders are required.
- ◆ The Command: COMPANY – HALT.
- ◆ The Command: TURN. The Guides face the inside of the Horseshoe.
- ◆ The Command: STAND AT EASE. The Patrol Leaders take up the positions in front of their patrols, opposite each other.
- ◆ The Command: COMPANY – ATTENTION.
- ◆ The Command: COMPANY – FALL OUT or COMPANY – DISMISS.

In some companies, some of these commands are omitted because they are experienced in forming the Horseshoe and doesn't require them. That is up to your Guider, and as long as you know what is expected of you, you will be able to take your position easily.

Inspection

Source: *The Guide Handbook (1972)*

It is very important that a Guide Company look neat and smart, and for this reason a weekly inspection is held. Sometimes it is during Roll Call Formation. The inspection is carried out either by the Guider, with your Patrol Leader, following close behind her, or, on some occasions, by the Commissioner. The person inspecting may speak to you or ask you questions during this time. You will answer clearly and briefly. If you are told all is not in order, remember to make absolutely sure it is the next time.

Closing

Most Guide, Pathfinder and Ranger meetings are closed with Taps. The Sparks and Brownies have their own closing songs.

SONGS

The Sparks Are Here

(Music and Words by Jaen Wanamaker) – Source: *Sparks Program Book (2013)*

Sparks jump when you light the fire.
Sparks jump up and give a big cheer.
Sparks jump up as the flames get higher.
The Sparks! The Sparks! The Sparks are here!

Spark Closing Song

(Music and Words by Jaen Wanamaker) – Source: *Sparks Program Book (2013)*

I promise to share and be a friend.
By showing we care its love we send.
Tho' the world is so wide, with love deep inside,
It's easy to be a friend a friend!

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Spark

Source: *Sparks Program Book (2013)*

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Spark
Time to go. It's getting dark.
Hurry! Hurry! Off to bed.
Time to rest your sleepy head.
Tomorrow is a brand new day.
What fun we'll have in every way!

The Brownie Song

Source: *Brownie Program Book (2013)*; Source: *Sing a Song With Sparks and Brownies (1996)*

The Brownie Song was written by Lord Baden-Powell himself, is sung by all the Brownies as they skip in a circle

We're the Brownies, here's our aim.
Lend a Hand and play the game.



Brownie Closing Song

Source: *Brownie Program Book (2013)*; Source: *Sing a Song With Sparks and Brownies (1996)*

The Brownie Closing Song, also known as Brownie Taps or Brownie Bells, should be the very last event in the evening. It is sung by all the Brownies.

O Lord our God, Thy children call.
Grant us Thy peace, and bless us all.

OR

O hear us now, Your children call.
Grant us peace, and bless us all.

Brownie Magic

Source: *Sing a Song With Sparks and Brownies (1996)*

Just cross your little fingers; Just stand up on your toes.
That's a little bit of magic. Every single Brownie knows.
Now all of us are standing. Within a forest glade.
Just listen very carefully. See the magic made.
Untwist your little fingers; Come down from off your toes.
Now the magic all has vanished, Everybody knows.

Brownie Gold

Source: *Sing a Song With Sparks and Brownies (1996)*

Here is a little song to add sparkle to the collection of weekly dues.

Who has a penny, a shiny red penny?
Who has a penny for the treasure chest?
Brownie gold, Brownie gold, Brownie gold for the treasure chest.

Brownie Smile Song

Source: *Sing a Song With Sparks and Brownies (1996)*

I've something in my pocket, it belongs across my face, and I keep it very close at hand in a most convenient place.
I'm sure you couldn't guess it if you guessed a long, long while, so I'll take it out and put it on – it's a great big Brownie smile!

Songs Cont'd

The Grand Howl

Source: *Brownie Program Book (2013)*

The Grand Howl is a special way to welcome a guest or show appreciation to a helper.

- ◆ Gather in a Brownie Ring.
- ◆ Squat down, knees bent, arms between your legs with two fingers of each hand touching the floor.
- ◆ Say "Tu-whit, tu-whit, tu-who" softly. Rise a little and then return to the squatting position.
- ◆ Rise again a little higher and repeat, "Tu-whit, tu-whit, tu-who" a little louder.
- ◆ Rise a third time, even higher. Say only, "Tu-whit, tu-whit" but louder. Then leap in the air and clap your hands above your head as you yell "Tu-who"!

Brownie Beret Song

I'm a Brownie in a beret,
'Neath the beret is my face.
My face has eyes to see with;
My eyes see friends to be with;
My friends will all agree with me,
That we Brownies always brighten up the place!

Brownie Goodbye Song

Where we have been, no one can find
For never a trace, leave we behind.
Only the people, we've helped today
Know that a Brownie has pass this way.
Goodbye, goodbye, goodbye, goodbye,
goodbye.

Lend a Hand

Give me your right hand, left hand, right hand, left hand,
Pat my back and skip around with me.
Skip around with me.
Lend a hand Brownie,
Lend a hand Brownie,
Lend a hand Brownie with a smile;
With a smile.

Daytime Taps

Thanks and praise, for our days,
'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars,

'Neath the sky.
As we go, this we know....
God is nigh.

Taps (Coastal)

Day is done, gone the sun,
From the sea, from the hills,
From the sky
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.

Taps (Inland)

Day is done, gone the sun,
From the lakes, from the hills



From the sky,
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.

*Ranger Musician
Badge 1922—1935*

*Brownie Musician
Badge 1971—1995*

Guide Marching Song

Who are these?
Swinging along the road,
With a pack on the back, a song in the heart to ease the load?
It is a hundred years or more since they crowded through the door.
And they're coming along as gay and strong as ever they came before.

Chorus:
They are Guides, all Guides
And in unexpected places
You'll meet their friendly faces
And a ready hand besides
And there's not much danger
Of finding you're a stranger,
For Commissioner or Ranger,
They are Guides, all Guides.

Who are these?
Living beneath the sky,
While the shimmering Sun,
The pattering rain, the clouds pass by?
They will dine beneath the boughs
And their leaders always vows
That they're never afraid of wasps,
And hardly ever afraid of cows.

Who are these?

Sitting around the fire,
They'll be happy to have your company
if that is your desire.
And the evening will be gay
At the sunset hour of day
With a song to sing and a tale to tell and
many a tune to play.

Who are these leaving the beaten track?
They are climbing high to the open sky,
and they won't turn back.
You may join them where you will
For the gate is open still
And the Guides of today can find their
way to the path across the hill.

Chorus:
They are Guides,
All Guides, at this moment you will find them
With a hundred years behind them,
And a steady heart besides.
For in need or danger,
They're friends with every stranger,
And as Brownie, Guide and Ranger,
They are Guides, all Guides!

Guide Law Song

I challenge myself with the Guiding Law
To be honest and true.
To be wise in the use of resources I have;
To respect myself and others too;
To know and to use my gifts and skills;
To protect our common world;
Live with courage and strength,
And to share in the joys of the Guiding sisterhood!



Pathfinder Song

We're the girls in the green and blue,
Standing proud and tall.
To our promise and law so true,
And Canadians all.
By the lakes, thru' the trees,
On the prairies, by the seas,
With the wind, in the sun, and the flowers,
Life's challenge we meet,
On the trail, and in the street,
The whole wide world is ours.
May our Pathfinder dreams come true,
True for one and all!

At the end of a Pathfinder day,
 We will take our rest.
 Content we are able to say,
 We have done our best.
 For our home, and our town,
 And the wide, wide world around,
 We pray to our Father above,
 Wherever we go,
 Together we will show
 We are one in his bonds of love.
 In living the Pathfinder way
 We are always blessed!

Pathfinders

Pathfinders, Guiding along,
 Sharing a promise and sharing a song.
 Planning tomorrow, enjoying today
 Pathfinders, we're on our way!

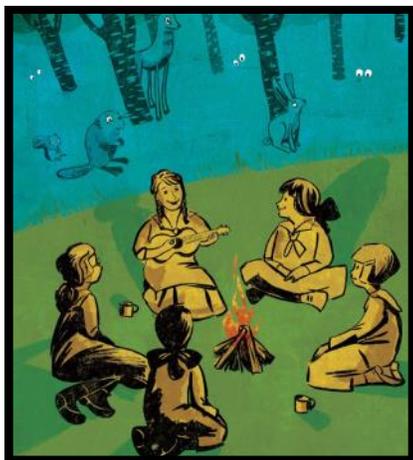
Different roads to follow each day,
 Learning through work and learning
 through play.
 We'll do our best 'cause we're proud to
 say
 Pathfinders, we've found our way!

There's a wide world waiting out there,
 People to help, to show that we care.
 We're learning now how best to pre-
 pare,
 Pathfinders, we'll do our share!

Pathfinders, Guiding along,
 Sharing a promise and sharing a song.
 Planning tomorrow, enjoying today
 Pathfinders, we're here to stay!

Thunder, Thunderation

Thunder, thunder, thunderation,
 We're the Girl Guide Association.
 When we do things with determination,
 We create a sensation!



The Sign

The Spark Sign

To make the **Spark Sign**, raise your right hand as high as your shoulder. Hold your first two fingers upright. With your thumb, hold the fourth finger down. The Spark handshake is done with the left hand.

The Brownie Sign

Source: *The Brownie Handbook*

To make the **Brownie Sign**, raise your right hand as high as your shoulder. Hold your first three fingers upright. With your thumb, hold the fourth finger down. The Brownie Handshake is done with the left hand. The Brownie sign is a special hello, and a reminder of the Brownie Promise.

The Brownie Sign is used:

1. When the Brownie says her Promise.
2. When the Brownie is in or out of her uniform.
3. When the Brownie meets other members of Girl Guides.

The Guiding Sign

Source: *The Guide Handbook (1972)*

To make the **Guiding Sign**, raise your right hand as high as your shoulder. Hold your first three fingers upright. With your thumb, hold the fourth finger down. The Guiding handshake is done with the left hand.

Members of Girl Guide / Scout organization all over the world use the sign and handshake as their form of greeting. A Guide uses them for the first time at her enrolment ceremony.

The Handshake

Source: *The Guide Handbook (1972)*

The **Guide Handshake** is another bond between Guides and Girl Scouts all over the world. It is the custom of shaking hands with the left hand instead of the right. This was instituted by Lord Baden-Powell after he had heard a legend about two warring African tribes who were neighbours but bitter ene-

mies. One day they realized that it would be much easier to live as friends, so each flung down the spear that was held in the right hand and the shield that was held in the left and came towards the other. They put out their left hands – the ones that had held the shields – to show they were unprotected and unafraid. Guides shake hands with the left hand as a gesture of friendliness.

The Golden Bar, Ladder & Hand

This is historical information from an old program for interests sake and understanding when looking at old uniforms.

Golden Bar

Source: *Brownie Handbook*

To earn the Golden bar, you must complete four pathways which consist of a variety of activities.

Here are Brownies I have found
 Standing firm on Golden Ground
 Now you wear the Golden Bar
 Show the world what Brownies are.

The above verse is repeated as the Brownie steps up on to the Golden Ground (yellow paper).

Golden footsteps lead up to the toadstool; each footstep represents a part of the Golden Bar. Brownie follows the steps and come to the Golden Ground and says: "I have followed the steps that bring me to the Golden Ground".

Brown Owl presents the badge saying:
 "Go and help in Brownie ways.
 Be by your Promise bound.
 Here is your badge, your Golden Bar,
 You're now on Golden Ground."



Golden Ladder

Source: *Brownie Handbook*

The above suggestions can also be used with golden ladder, substitute a

ladder for the footsteps.

When you complete ten of the Golden Hand Badge activities, you will be given an addition Golden Bar. This shows you have reached another rung on the ladder which is a giant step on your way to becoming a Golden Hand Brownie.



Golden Hand

Source: *Brownie Handbook*

To earn the Golden Hand, you must earn the Golden Bar and know the Brownie Promise, Brownie Law, and Brownie Motto.

Brownies hold up cardboard hands that illustrate various aspects of the Golden Hand. Brown Owl calls the Golden Hand Brownie to the toadstool and may ask the Brownie about one of the tests, then says: "You have worked hard to earn your Golden Hand and it means you are always ready to Lend a Hand and to keep your Brownie Promise." All Brownies repeat Promise, then sing to the Brownie tune:

*"A full grown Brownie now you stand
And wear the sign of Golden Hand."*

Brownie Emblems and Symbols

The Brownie unit is organized in smaller groups, called circles. Each circle has its own emblem, name and special song.

Circle Emblems & Songs

Emblems are worn on the sash.

Circle songs are sung while skipping around the toadstool.

◆ **Dryads** - Dryads are tree spirits. (Greek or Roman) white with green
Circle Song

*Playful Dryads strong
and true,
Nature's friend in all we do.*



◆ **Elves** - Elves are small mischievous beings. (English, Norse, or German) -blue
Circle Song

This is what we do as



*Elves,
Think of others, not ourselves.*

◆ **Fairies** - Fairies are clever and playful. (French or Roman) yellow
Circle Song

*We're the Fairies shining bright,
Trying hard to do what's right.*



◆ **Gnomes** - Gnomes live in the earth and often guard buried treasure. (French or Roman) white
Circle Song

*Here you see the laughing Gnomes,
Helping others in our homes.*



◆ **Kelpies** - Kelpies are water spirits. (Scottish) red and yellow
Circle Song

*We're the happy, friendly Kelpies,
Smart and quick and ready helpers.*



◆ **Lares** - Lares are household spirits. (Roman) yellow with blue
Circle Song

*Now you watch the Lares working,
Playing, singing, never shirking.*



◆ **Leprechauns** - Leprechauns are mischievous and often guard treasure. (Irish) red
Circle Song

*Happy Leprechauns are we,
Helping friends and family.*



◆ **Nymphs** - Nymphs are water spirits. (Greek, Roman or French) blue
Circle Song

*Nymphs love water bright and blue,
Smiling, playing, helping too.*



◆ **Pixies** - Pixies are playful and mischievous. (unknown origin) green
Circle Song

*Look! We are the jolly Pixies,
Helping people when in fixes.*



◆ **Sprites** - Sprites are nimble water spirits. (French or Roman) green
Circle Song



*Sprightly Sprites we're on our way,
Play and laugh and help today.*

Brownie Ring

Source: *The Brownie Handbook*

A Brownie meeting begins in a very special way. It begins with the special ceremony called the Brownie Ring. The girls of the Brownie pack make a Brownie Ring around the toadstool, it becomes a place of enchantment. Joining hands and keeping in their Sixes, Brownies, moving to the left, skip around the toadstool singing the Brownie song. Often they skip to the right, as well, signing the song again. When the song is finished, the girls of each Six skip around in the same way, signing their special Brownie Circle Song. Then everyone stands quietly and while giving the Brownie sign, sings and says: LAH! LAH! LAH!

NOTE: LAH (= Lend a Hand)

Brownie Gold

Source: *The Brownie Handbook*

Brownies should understand what the dues are used for. Some packs have a treasure chest, some a bank, others collect the grass beside the toadstool.

1. Toadstool Queen sits beside the toadstool. Brownies pass by and if they have their dues, they bow before the Queen, if they have forgotten their dues they bow very low or kneel.
2. Brownies clap chanting: "Gold, Brownie Gold, Clink, clank, clink, clank, Pop it in our Brownie bank." When all gold is collected, Brownies skip around chanting: "Clink, clank, clink, clank, Our gold is safely in our bank."
3. *Brownies sing to the tune to London Bridge:*
Here we have our treasure chest, treasure chest, treasure chest,
Here we have our treasure chest, underneath the toadstool.
Pop your pennies in the chest, in the chest, in the chest,
Pop your pennies in the chest, underneath the toadstool.
Round and round the Brownies go, dancing lightly on each toe,
Showing where the pennies go, underneath the toadstool.

Brownie Wings

In the old program, the wings were earned by completing the Golden Bar and Golden hand. If you had done this and were of an age, you “flew up” to Guides. If you hadn’t completed the Brownie Program, you “walked” up to Guides.



The wings were replaced by the Key Pin which is given to Brownies upon completion of the Brownie program, and can be worn on the Guide Sash.

Roles in Units

Brownie Circle Leader and Circle Second

Each Brownie circle has a leader and a second (or helper).

Six

A group of six Brownies.

Sixer

The leader of the Six, a group of six Brownies.



Second

The Sixer’s helper.



Tweenies

Little girls who have not yet been enrolled as Brownies yet.

Patrol

A Patrol is made up a group of Guides.

Patrol Leader

The Patrol Leader has a great deal of responsibility and leadership skills. She must weld her patrol into a working unit. A Patrol Leader is chosen by an election by the whole company or by the individual patrols.

Patrol Second

The Patrol Second is chosen by the Patrol Leader to assist her in her many duties.

Enrolment & Membership pins

Enrolment Pin

The **Enrolment Pin** is given to a member of Guiding at the Enrolment Ceremony. The pin is worn on the badges sash.

Service Star

Stars were introduced in 1912 to award good attendance. They were a felt badge with a star on it.

In 1913, the attendance badge was replaced with a service star. They were presented to all members—girls and Guider.

In 1968, Guiders no longer wore service stars, but instead wore Long service Bars which were presented as awards rather than attendance and service.



Membership Pin

The **Membership Pin** was introduced in 2005, replacing service stars and the adult long service bars.

They are numerical pins that continue through all levels from Spark to



adult, and reflect **ALL** years of membership. Adults add their youth service years to their adult years to calculate the total membership years.

Membership pins are presented at the beginning of the Guiding year to reflect which year of Guiding you are currently in.

Girl Awards

Cords

The **All Round Cord** was an award that girls could receive up until 1993. It was a blue and white cord. Originally, it was earned by being a First Class Guide, holding the Little House Emblem as well as several other badges.



The **Gold Cord** could not be earned until the girl had turned 15 and had completed all requirements. According to 1962 requirements, she had to be recommended by the Court of Honour for her company, her Captain and the Guider in charge of her Guide Camp. The cord was Gold and white/



These awards could be earned both at the Senior Guide and Ranger levels. The pins for the awards could be worn instead of the cord as well as part of their adult insignia should they become a Guider.

The Canada Cord for Pathfinders replaced the Gold Cord in 1991 followed by the introduction of the Chief Commissioner’s Gold Award for Rangers



LEGEND OF THE TOADSTOOL

Source: *Brownie Program Activities Book (1993)*

Many years ago, Lord Baden-Powell suggested the name "Brownies" for the younger girls in the Girl Guide Movement. He wanted the Brownies to have a Totem in which they could hide their pack's secrets – something that could be used at every Brownie meeting in the centre of the Brownie Ring. He chose the **Toadstool** with its large cap and strong stem. We think he had a very special reason for this choice. We would like to tell you what we think the reason was:

First, our Chief laid out the plans for his groundwork. **This is the grass.**

Upon this, he put a firm foundation, which is our Promise and Law. **This is the stem.**

Our chief knew that if we kept our Promise and Law we would wear a crown of joy and happiness. **The cap of the toadstool.**

He also knew that we would acquire wisdom and knowledge from the wise owl that sits on the toadstool. **This is the owl.**

When we have kept our Promise and Law and have gained wisdom, we are ready to lend a hand to help others. As we help others and spread joy and happiness (**good turns**), beautiful blossoms of friendship grow in our Magic Garden.

The Brownie who can do all this may dance around the Toadstool in the Brownie Ring, wearing the Brownie smile. She may see herself in the magic pool at the side of the toadstool.

The legend of the Toadstool could be adapted to use as an enrolment ceremony.

Each Circle Leader could play a role with a narrator or each Brownie could read what the part is used for.

FLAGS

Brownie Flag

Brownies have their own special flag. The toadstool is brown. The background and the leaf are yellow.



World Flag

The World Flag is displayed at WAGGGS gatherings and at the five world centres. The World Flag is blue with the orange World Trefoil design at the upper left. The orange design on the blue background represents the sun in the blue sky shining over the children of the world. The **three golden orange squares** represent the threefold Promise. The **white blaze** in the corner symbolizes world peace, which all Girl Guides and Girl Scouts work for in their families, communities, and the wider world.



WORLD SYMBOL

World Trefoil

The World Trefoil symbol is a unifying symbol of WAGGGS.

Golden trefoil on a bright blue background = the sun shining over all the children of the world

Three leaves = three-fold promise

Base of the stalk = flame of the love of humanity

Vein pointing upwards through the centre of the trefoil = the compass needle pointing the way

Two stars = the Promise and the Law



CANADIAN WORLD FRIENDSHIP FUND

Source: *The Brownie Program (1988)*

Girls, leaders and friends of Guiding make voluntary donations to the Canadian World Friendship Fun each year. This money is used to:

-help send Canadian Guiding representatives to international events.

-bring participants from other member countries to Canada.

-help develop Guiding in other countries where this help is needed.

-help maintain the World Centres.

-give assistance to our sister Guides in times of national disasters.

WORLD SONG

The World Song was adopted at the 13th World Conference in Oxford, UK, 1950. The music was adapted with the approval of the Finnish composer, Jean Sibelius, from his March, Opus 91b. It was originally composed as the march for one of Finland's oldest Scout companies. First published with English words by Gavin Ewart in 1952, the World Song highlights the principles and spirit of the Movement.

*Our way is clear as we march on,
And see! Our flag on high,
Is never furled throughout the world,
For hope shall never die!
We must unite for what is right,
In friendship true and strong,
Until the earth,
In its rebirth,
Shall sing our song!
Shall sing our song!*

*All those who loved the true and good,
Whose promises were kept,
With humble mind, whose acts were kind,
whose honour never slept;
These were the free!
And we must be,
Prepared like them to live,
To give to all,
**Both great and small,
All we can give***

GIRL GUIDE COOKIES



Girl Guides Cookies are the official fundraiser for Girl Guides. The Chocolatey Mint Cookies are sold in the fall, while the Classic Vanilla and Chocolate Cookies are sold in the spring.

Cookie History Timeline

1927 The first GGC cookies are sold in Regina, Saskatchewan.

1929 GGC begins selling cookies as the official fundraising activity for the organization.

1946 Vanilla crème, maple cream, and shortbread cookies are introduced.

1953 Classic chocolate and vanilla cookies make their first appearance.

1960 A special box commemorates the 50th anniversary of GGC.



1966 The classic vanilla and chocolate cookies are back.

1967 GGC centennial cookies are sold.



1991 During the Gulf War, every Canadian soldier is given a box of GGC cookies upon arrival in Saudi Arabia.

1992 Former Girl Guide and Canadian astronaut, Roberta Bondar, juggles GGC cookies in space.

1995 Chocolatey mint cookies are sold in all provinces across Canada.

2003 All classic chocolate and vanilla and chocolatey mint cookies are produced in a nut-free and peanut-free bakery.



2009 GGC launches reduced trans fats in the chocolatey mint cookies.

2009 GGC launches first national cookie-selling rewards initiative, Cookie All Stars.

2010 A special 100th anniversary commemorative box is produced. The classic chocolate and vanilla cookies are now 0 g trans fat per serving.



2011 GGC cookies gets its own Twitter account, @girlguidecookie.

2012 The GGC cookie box gets a new look, featuring fun illustrations tracing the journey from Sparks to Rangers.



2014 GGC classic chocolate and vanilla cookies are certified as Kosher.

UNIFORM

History of Girl Guide Uniforms

Source: "Now We Are" 75 (1984)

The advantages of belonging to a uniformed organization are realized by most of its members and, for the most part, the uniform in any branch is worn with great pride.

As the Movement developed uniform became standardized. Uniform has changed frequently to keep up with current styles and fabrics. Hats varied from the earliest Scout type to a hard navy blue felt with a stiff brim to soft berets until they finally disappeared as part of the uniform in 1979.

The original Girl Scout uniform was a direct copy of the boys' with the replacement of long, heavy skirt for trousers. Even the hats and staves were duplicated for the girls.



By 1919, however, permission has been granted to various groups to wear navy instead of the khaki serge, with middy blouses of a lighter and less scratch fabric. Guiders as a rule wore suits and hats with sturdy chin straps. Commissioners were further adorned with braid shoulder cords and splendid cockades in their headgear.



Later the girls' dresses became one piece, made of navy or brown cotton, but long black stockings continued until the early 1950s when both girls and Guiders rebelled and ankle socks for the girls and neutral nylon stockings for adults were approved. Chin straps and Scout hats by then had given way to felt hats of a more modern style – which assumed wild and exotic shapes in the damp weather; then, in the 1950s, these too were succeeded by berets.



The 1960s saw the introduction of the Guider dress, still in the familiar navy, and later culottes for Guides and a two-piece dress for Brownies. Badge scarves and less formal ties were also



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innovations for the girls – as well as Copen blue camp skirts for their elders.

The 1970s brought in an A line navy skirt for Guiders, worn with a white blouse, and the very popular blue checkered blouse for camp. This decade also saw the demise of hats – for all age levels. Pathfinders, new in 1979, adopted a green scarf with their white blouse and navy skirt – or slacks!



And the 1980s have brought the new pale blue summer dress uniform for Guiders.

Source: *Girl Guides of Canada*

Ties have changed from a folded triangle in Company colours to a red, white and blue scarf, to the present blue and white tie.



Brownie ties were originally dark brown triangles, folded in the same way as the Guides', then changed to a nylon scarf of orange and white, and, finally, an orange and white tie.

Older girls' uniforms varied from being the same style as the Guides', with a distinctive coloured tie, to recent contemporary uniform choices which are more like those worn by adults.

Today, girls can choose from a variety of uniform pieces including pants, shorts and T-shirt or sweatshirt..

GUIDING PUBLICATIONS

History of Thunderbird, Pipeline and Canadian Guider

Source: "Now We Are" 75 (1984)

Thunderbird was the provincial publication distributed to all BC Guiders for many years. It contained program ideas, crafts and music and provided an excellent resource for those actively involved with the girls. A very attractive two colour cover was adopted in 1948 and Woodward's stores produced these in thousands as their gift to Guiding.

As numbers grew, however, it became apparent that the expense of frequent regular issues was insupportable, so one annual magazine was produced with Feathers sent at three monthly intervals.

Finally, these too were discontinued as the **Canadian Guider** filled the need for program aids nationally and the **Pipeline** provided a vehicle for headquarter announcements and other information provincially.

Pipeline was the name given to the Provincial newsletter when it was started in 1960. It is sent free of charge to every Guider in the province on a regular basis. It is the most important direct link with the provincial administration and those working to bring the program to the girls in the field.

Today, both Canadian Guider and the Pipeline continue to be important methods of communication within Guiding, and although they are still sent out to all Guiders, some may opt for an electronic copy.



1981 Canadian Guider Magazine

Provincial Events

Hands Across the Border

Source: "Now We Are" 75 (1984)

Each year, Guiding members from throughout BC join their sister Girl Scouts from the Pacific Northwest states in a parade which takes nearly an hour to pass through the huge Peace Arch at the US/Canadian Border. Flags are exchanged on both sides, bands play, dignitaries mark the occasion, and Girl Guiding/Scouting is very visible and impressive as a Movement dedicated to peace, understanding an international friendship. 2018 marks the 97th anniversary of this event.

Provincial Thinking Day Tea

Each year, Provincial Council holds a Thinking Day Tea at Guide House in honour of our Founders' birthdays.

More recently, this has been divided into two separate events:

1. The first event is for girls and includes a round robin of activities throughout Guide House. The girls also have the opportunity to meet and talk to members of Provincial Council including the Provincial Commissioner and Deputies, Area Commissioners, Elected Members and Advisers.
2. The second event is for older girls (Pathfinders & Rangers), as well as all adults including Guiders, Link and Trefoil. A youth member who has gone on an international trip is invited to share her experiences at this event. Special guests at this event have included past commissioners, the Chief Commissioner and the CEO for Girl Guides.



Other Provincial Events

Each year, Province supports a variety of events hosted by the Provincial Committees.

- ◆ **International** hosts trips to World Centres, Me to We trips as well as ones to other WAGGGS Countries. This year their events include Colours of the World, Discover Japan, and Me to We Take Action Academy.
- ◆ **Camping** hosts a variety of camps. This year, those opportunities include the Mount Assiniboine Webinar Slides, ROAM, Guide Jubilee, and Pathfinder Paddles—Murtle Lake,
- ◆ **Program** hosts yearly events for Guides, Pathfinders and Rangers including GUEST (Guides Exploring Science and Technology), Pathfinder Summit and Ranger Revolution.



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