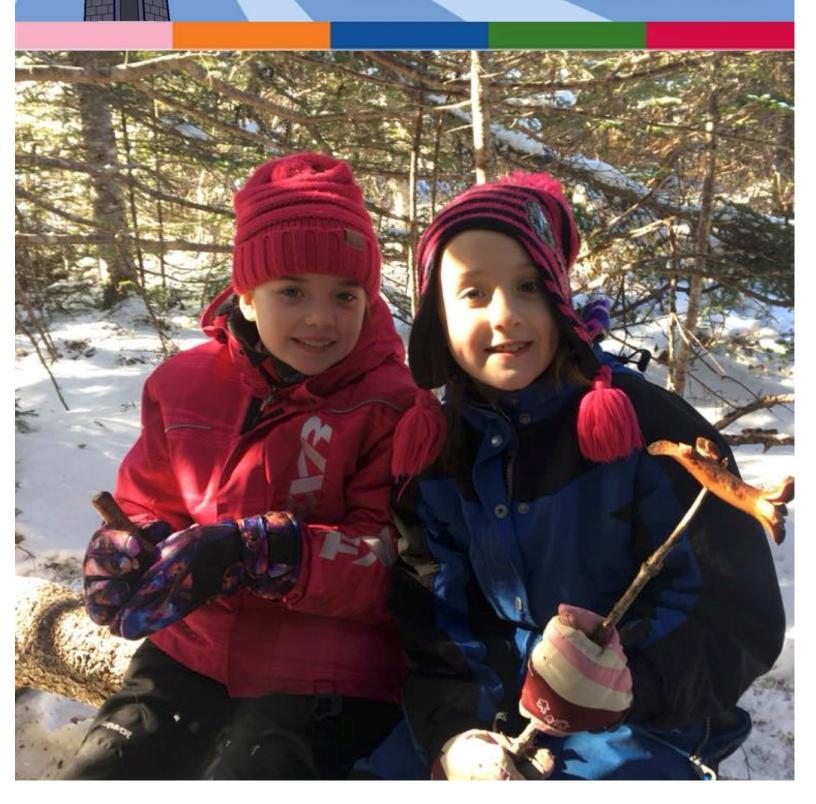




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Welcome everyone to the Winter Edition of The Signal. I am very pleased to be able to present you with the second edition of our newly designed magazine. I certainly hope you have enjoyed the first one and you can feel free to email me with any comments, suggestions, articles, and pictures to be featured.

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### Message from your Provincial Commissioner

As we brush away the final remnants of winter and move excitedly into our spring season with sunshine and flowers that are breaking through the earth with their vibrant colours we look forward to a season of regrowth, new beginnings and an opportunity to regenerate our bodies and minds. Guiding holds many of these experiences and characteristics as well. From weekly meetings, to winter sleep overs, outdoor adventures and celebrations too many to mention the girls bring us energy and wisdom far beyond their years.

Girls First, this is where we realize the true depth and breadth of this energy and wisdom, we know that there is no better expert than girls themselves so with the transitioning year for the new program we acknowledge and support putting the girls in the lead with a girl-driven approach that will be refreshing, energizing as well as an opportunity to listen to what the girls want to do within their own programs.

As we all have discovered our passion of becoming leaders and mentors, girl driven allows our youth members to focus on their own ideas and move forward with their planning, discover their passions and needs while taking the lead in deciding what she or her unit desires. Now is the time to engage in change, girls are changing every year, we as leader's now have to embrace this change and be the change that makes the difference.

Girls First Champions in our province are here to support all of us as we proceed into this year of transition. Girl-driven means letting girls take the lead and our Champions are all focused on being your support through this changing time. Every Area has been assigned a Champion and you will find this list on our Provincial Website, through our Provincial Newsflash and a list is also included in this edition of The Signal. These Champions are ready and geared up for you, they have information and resources to assist them in supporting you. They are now able to network with any Guider,

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group, or event that would like to host them to provide the opportunity to gain insight into the opportunities that will be coming out this fall. For those of you who have been test units, you have seen and experienced some change, however tweaking and change from your evaluations are being put into the new program. Thank you all for participating in this as your experience at the Grass Roots is what supports forward and positive movement.

In September, there will be an official Provincial Girls First Launch Event, stay tuned as more information will come out in the June newsflash. Take this opportunity to have the girls become involved and yes there will be a special crest for everyone who participates in either the Provincial, Area, District or Unit Launch opportunity.

Thank you all for being the Leaders of Today, your gift of time, patience and encouragement as a Volunteer, it is the foundation that keeps our girls involved and active. We believe in what Girl Guides has to offer and we believe in the girls who will take us into our next journey.

I hope you all have a happy, healthy and fun filled summer with lots of great weather and adventure. Stay safe and thank you all for your passion and mentorship.

Margot Walsh

**Provincial Commissioner** 

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Arriving in Ottawa with some Girls First Champions



Discovery District Holiday Service Project

Kayla N. Penney

### Ranger, 1st Catalina Guiding Unit

For the Christmas season, the Discovery District Guiding Units participated in a service project to help out families in need in the spirit of the holiday. The project was titled "Stuff a Stocking" and the goal was to provide stockings for children and make a few more peoples' Christmas a little brighter.

The project was advertised on social media platforms to encourage support from the public, which we are pleased to say brought in many donations from around the communities involved.

All 76 girls in the district from Sparks to Rangers participated in the

project and collected the donations of stockings and stocking stuffers from community members, organizations and businesses. There were stockings donated to boys and girls aged 7 months to 17 years and in total, 98 stockings were stuffed and distributed to recipients suggested by schools and community groups.

This service project was done as a part of the national 'Action on Poverty' service challenge, a way to get the Guiding groups across Canada to help those affected by poverty and teach the younger girls about the issues in the world today.

We'd like to thank all of those involved in the project for your contribution to the cause and for helping to make this possible.







## Green Grange District



















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## Eastern Bays Area

Eastern Horizons and Discovery District





























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Answer to the Brain Teaser in the Fall Edition: 'Missing U'



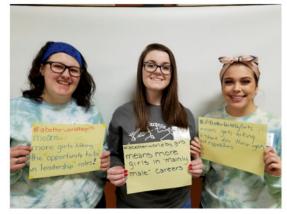




# Youth Forum News

# National Instagram Challenge #abetterworldbygirls







### Service Project

This year the Youth Forum has launched a service project focused on helping homeless and low income women across the province. We will be collecting many different hygiene products to fill "Feminine Empowerment Packages", and we encourage all districts to participate! Each branch has been assigned certain items to collet, and on a date chosen by your district you can all come together to fill purses with everything that has been donated. These purses will then be sent to women's shelters all across the province that will then be able to distribute them to women in need throughout the year. The locations where the packages will be donated are:

Metro – Iris Kirby House Central – Cara Transition House West Coast – Bay St. George Women's Shelter

Northern Peninsula – T.B.D Labrador – Hope Haven

#### Positions for Next Year

Our year on the Youth Forum is soon coming to an end, and applications will be open within the next few months for next year! The Girl Guides of Canada Provincial Youth Forum for Newfoundland and Labrador is comprised of six girls from all across the province who are selected from the qualified applicants. The main goal of the Youth Forum is to provide a link between girl members and adult members so that our voices can be heard, but we also plan Youth Conference, Service Projects, Province-Wide Challenges, and other things such as these. The roles on the Youth Forum are as follows:

Youth Chair – takes overall responsibility and leadership over the group and assists the Chair and Deputy Chair with any necessary tasks. To be successful in this position you should be confident, organized, and reliable, and be willing and able to follow up on your ideas and assigned tasks.

Youth Deputy Chair – assists the Youth Chair with any necessary tasks, and is responsible for posting on the various social media accounts and creating publicity for the various events planned by the Youth Forum.

To be successful in this position you should be organized, proficient in use of various social media outlets, and be a clear and concise writer.

Secretary – responsible for taking minutes at meetings held by the Youth Forum and distributing them to the other members in a timely matter, as well as assisting in any other necessary tasks, including organizing submissions to the Signal newsletter. To be successful in this position you should be organized, detail oriented, a clear and concise writer, able to respect deadlines.

### Activities & Service Project

Coordinator – responsible for organizing and delegating the provincial service project and the service project at Youth Conference, as well as any other necessary tasks. To be successful in this position you should be organized, able to plan and follow through, and be willing to delegate and follow up on tasks.

### Transitioning Member/Link Liaison -

responsible for keeping communication open between the Youth Forum and any transitioning/Link members in the province so that they may stay connected to activities and opportunities. To be successful in this position you should be organized and have good communication skills.

Pathfinder Liaison – responsible for keeping communication open between the Youth Forum and Pathfinders so that current Pathfinders remain interested in the program and stay in Guiding through Rangers. To be successful in this position you should be organized, have good communication skills, and be motivated to promote retention of Pathfinders into Rangers.

### Youth Forum Challenge

The Youth Forum has also launched a challenge this year! It focuses on Guiding in the five places where the World Centres are located, and has a goal of educating girls on Guiding around the world in a fun and enjoyable way. Each branch has been assigned a World Centre and have a list of activities from which they must select a certain number of activities to complete. Completion of the challenge can earn you a crest, and an abundance of knowledge about Guiding around the world! World Centre assignments are as follows: Sparks - England (Pax Lodge) Brownies - Mexico (Our Cabana) Guides - Switzerland (Our Chalet) Pathfinders - Sangam (India) Rangers - Kusafiri (Africa)



Youth Conference 2018, "Anywhere She Wants to Go", was an incredible success! Everyone in attendance had a wonderful time, and the weekend went off without a hitch. We began our weekend with a delicious supper, followed by our opening and icebreakers. Everybody got involved in the get-to-know-you games, and by the end of them the smiles that would not leave for the rest of the weekend were most definitely present on the faces of every girl.









Once everyone had had a chance to meet each other, it was time to tie dye our conference shirts! A new shirt is designed every year for our conference, and this year we chose to go with a plain white with a black design so that girls could tie dye them and really make them their own.

Everyone's shirt was unique and they all turned out amazingly well. The Forum unrolled and washed all of the shirts, and we were thoroughly impressed with each one.



This year, we also introduced the idea of trader bags instead of the previous "warm and fuzzies". Each girl was asked to bring enough traders for everyone, and we set out these colourful bags to be filled with them. By the end of the weekend, everyone's bag was full to the brim with exciting new traders from new friends to bring home.



We ended our first night at camp with a fire - the first outdoor fire of the year at Max Simms! It was a bit cold, but we still sang our songs and roasted our marshmallows, and everybody had a great time. We especially loved Abbey's rendition of 3 Charcoal Buzzards, by the end of it our sides were aching from laughing so hard.

The next morning started with an early breakfast, then reflections and flag raising, followed by our first session of the day! This year we chose to bring in presenters to speak to the girls in attendance about issues that girls may face, and how seriously they can affect girls in countries less fortunate than the one we are all lucky to call home. Our first session featured two public health nurses speaking on sexual health in girls and women, which was very interesting and incredibly informative. The second presentation was by the same women, but this time they spoke on body image in young girls and women today. This topic is a very relevant one, and the session was helpful while still being fun. Our third session took place after lunch, with a presenter coming in to speak with the girls on mental health and stress management. Again, this session was very informative, and I am sure everybody learned a few tips on how to keep their stress under control.

Our fourth session was an exciting one, with two Zumba instructors from Gambo coming in to teach us some of their moves. While everyone was a little bit shy at first, they quickly got into it, and by the time it was over nobody wanted it to end.











After Zumba it was time for our Annual General Meeting. We heard from all of the Youth Forum, as well as special guests Provincial Commissioner Margot Walsh and Deputy Provincial Commissioner Deanna Cain -Hewitt, as well as our

attending Link member, Kim Power. At the AGM, each girl was gifted a bath bomb, their conference crest, and a popsocket with the crest design on it. While the roast beef was not everyone's favourite meal, we still held a very successful AGM. After this, we got a very exciting Girls First presentation from Margot and Deidra, and participated in the #ABetterWorldByGirls challenge. We ended the night with a movie that reflected our conference theme, "The Sisterhood of the Travelling Pants".



The next morning was our last together. After breakfast and morning reflections, Abbey led us all in a game that taught us about trading natural resources in various countries which everybody really enjoyed. Prior to our Guides Own, we drew the winner for the crest jar, and our four grand prize winners for the Random Acts of Kindness ballots that we had been giving out all weekend. Following this, we began our Guides Own which featured inspiring readings based on empowering women and girls, as well as everybody's favourite goodbye songs, such as "Linger". It was incredibly hard to say goodbye to all of the new friends we had made and the old friends we had seen on Sunday morning, but we could not have asked for a better weekend. Everything went according to plan, and all of the girls in attendance had the best time doing what Girl Guides do best - sharing n the sisterhood of Guiding. We would like to thank all of the girls who came this year, and we cannot wait to see you all again next year!

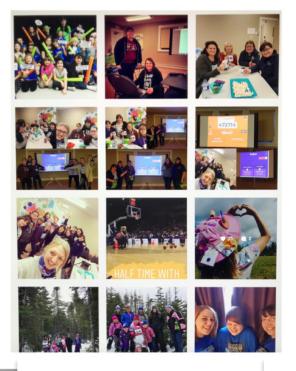






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# Social Media Update





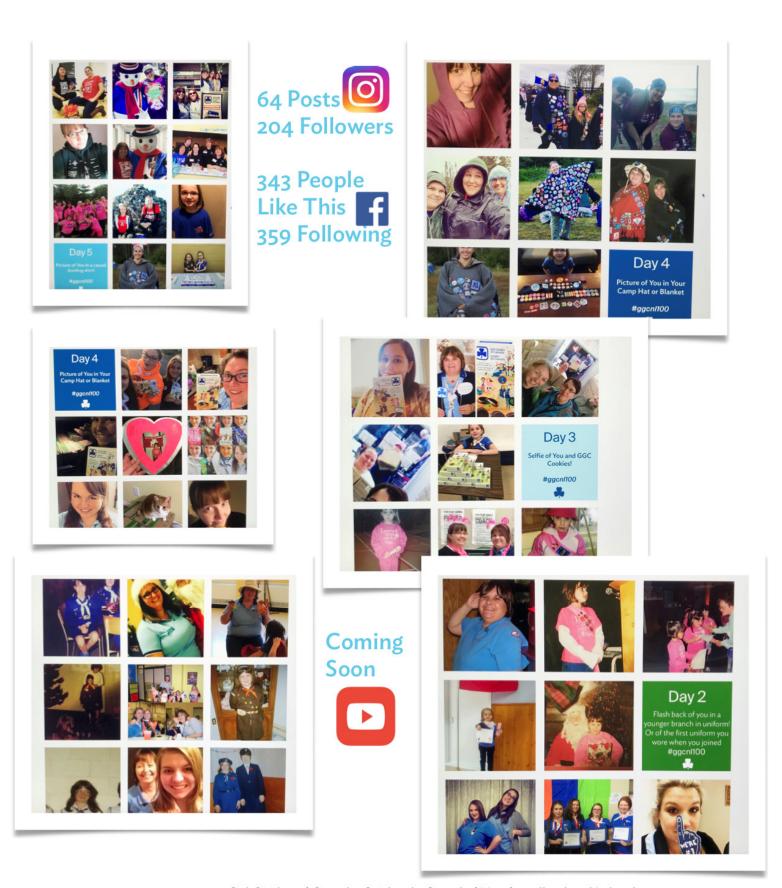












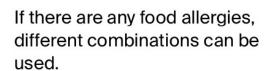
### Instructions:





Addison Mayo lives in Cape Broyle. Her favourite things to do are go to dance class and go to Guides with her friends.

- 1. Lay out sheet of foil.
- Place one fajita on top of foil.
- 3. Spread nutella mostly in the centre of the fajita, leave about 2 inches around the outside with no nutella on it. (It will get extremely messy if you spread it to the outer edges.)
- Add marshmallows, slices of bananas, and chocolate chips on top of nutella.
- Roll it up like a normal fajita and then roll it in foil.
- 6. Place in a 350 degree oven for 10 minutes turning midway or if cooking over a fire use a fire rack and turn midway.



Strawberries, chocolate chips and marshmallows

Or

Cherry pie filling (can) and chunks of cream cheese (The leaders like these)











Camp Recipe

### **Dessert Fajitas**

### Ingredients:

Fajita shells
Nutella
Miniature marshmallows
Bananas
Chocolate chips
Foil wrap
Fire rack

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Dear Guider,

How ya gettin on? I'm sitting on da front porch lookin at dat load of cookies dat got dropped off. Lard thunderin!! Who's gonna buy all them? Please help!

Cookie Crazy

### Dear Cookie Crazy,

You need not be overwhelmed with your cookie situation. There are plenty of ways to help your girls sell those cookies. Here are just a few;

Ask permission from your local supermarket to set up a table to sell cookies. Girls should wear their uniforms forms when selling.

Door to door sales are a fantastic way to sell cookies while promoting Guiding at the same time.

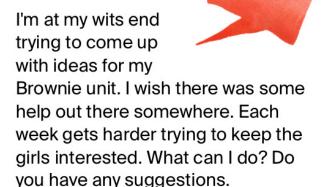
Have a drive thru on a busy Saturday.

Offer an incentive to your units like a small prize or crest for selling the most cookies.

Use social media, flyers and church bulletins to advertise your cookies with the option for delivery.

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### Dear Guider,



Witty Brown

### Dear Witty Brown,

Don't feel alone. There are many Guiders in your situation. I have a great solution for you. You should register for the upcoming Guider Conference in October. This is a great opportunity to learn songs, crafts, games and meeting ideas for your Brownie unit. You will also meet many other Guiders who have similar interests to you. This will be a great place for you to learn and share with Guiders from all over the province. So what are you waiting for? The application can be found on our Provincial website. Have fun!





### Dear Guider,

I am a District Commissioner and I had a wonderful year. I am very fortunate to be working with an awesome group of Guiders. I would like to reward the Guiders at our Year end celebrations. Would it be weird to award those new Guiders who have only been with me a year or two?

Feeling Happy

### Dear Feeling Happy,

It makes my day to hear that you have an awesome District and that you want to award your Guiders. It is most certainly acceptable to award everyone. As a matter of fact I would suggest doing it each year. Guiders will stay around longer if they feel appreciated for their volunteer hours. A list of awards can be found on our Provincial website. If nothing there is suitable then create your own award. Guiders will feel valued and loved no matter what you give them. Let's celebrate Guiding by celebrating your awesome Guiders and don't forget to give your self a pat on the back.

Please send in your questions and concerns to Dear Guider and she will be sure to answer you in the next issue.

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# Out and About

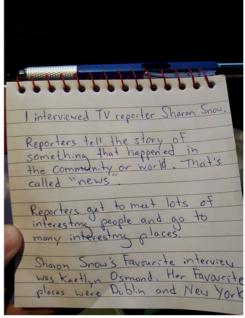
A "reporter" heading off to career day at Sparks. Leslie had some special help from Sharon Snow at NTV News.

- Places to Go with Sharon Snow













4th Lewisporte Girl Guides completed the requirements for the World Thinking Day Badge. As part of this they created the poster some of the girls are posing with.





Lewisporte Guides working on their part of the poster.





Lewisporte Guides, Jasmine & Cara doing their part of the poster.

-Submitted by Sandra Whiteway



At the Thinking Day Rally, Make a wish Tree. Guide Sarah Genge wore her mother's Girl Guide Dress!



Happy Valley-Goose Bay

The 2nd Happy Valley Brownies from Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Labrador held a winter "Labrador" themed camp on March 3 & 4. Our main objective was to complete the NL Provincial Heritage Challenge. We focused mainly on Labrador Heritage and tweaked some of the challenge criteria to suit our unit!

The Brownies had a blast spending two beautiful sunny winter days outside. The favorite activity was a "place names relay race" where each team spent 30 minutes running around outside trying to find 25 different Labrador community names and trying to place them on the map! The girls also really enjoyed making traditional inukshuks out of snow. To shape the blocks we used plastic containers and cardboard boxes. We lucked out and had perfect sticky snow for this activity! For our historical figures, the Brownies learned about 6 Labrador women who helped shape our culture. With Labrador having such a small population, the girls were excited to learn two of the women were grandmothers to two Guiders at camp.



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At our campfire, the girls sang Ode to Labrador and lots of other traditional songs. We made 'orange cakes' by scooping out oranges and filling them with chocolate cake batter and leaving them to bake inside the fire. To our surprise, the cakes turned out quite tasty, but next time we'd leave them in just a little longer. After campfire, we went inside and read "Borrowed Black", a traditional Labrador folk story. We had a backwards supper, and started our meal with dessert, which was snowballs. The girls made the snowballs themselves and we made them allergy friendly by using oats to coat them, instead of coconut. For breakfast, we had flummies (toutons) topped with butter, jam, and cheese whiz! It was a quick breakfast we had never tried at camp before and the Brownies loved it! We now highly recommended having flummies at camp for any meal Of course, what camp would be complete without a hike? Luckily our campsite was just a short walk from a ski/ snowshoe club. We went hiking, without snowshoes, on their snowshoe trails. The Brownies breezed through the trails, but the Guiders had a little more difficulty staying trudging almost waist deep in the snow! Everyone had a good laugh about it, and the Brownies were very willing to help dig (or should I say drag) the Guiders out! We had some seal crawl and owl hop races, two traditional Inuit games (which are played during the Northern Games at the Labrador Winter Games). Sunday morning, the Brownies got to wake up their two Junior Leaders with megaphones. The Brownies thought it was pretty funny, the Junior Leaders however did not, but they were good sports about it!

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This camp was to complete the Heritage Challenge, but before camp we made dreamcatchers, and baked redberry muffins using berries we picked at a meeting last September. If you'd like more details on our camp, or any of the activities we did for the challenge, please contact Unit Guider, Heather, at heathermesher@yahoo.ca.













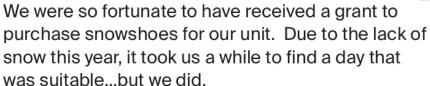








We had such a great weekend snowshoeing that I thought I would share it:)



We had a great morning hiking to Lookout Park in Catalina. We had girls from Sparks to Rangers and several Guiders. We strapped on our shoes and headed to the park. Along the way we talked about the different types of trees that we saw and different plants. Yes I said plants...believe it or not but some were visible. We also enjoyed singing along the way.

The girls even had to perform first aid on Miss Sherry who 'fell' and hurt her arm. Luckily Ranger Kayla was prepared with her first aid kit and quickly put her arm in a sling.

Once we arrived at our destination the girls directed by Ranger Kayla Penney - made a snow girl followed by a snack with yummy hot chocolate.

It was a great day for all!!











# Chamberlains









Community service for Impact on Poverty has been eye opening, fun and rewarding. For many of the Rangers, food drives each year have been a part of their guiding or every day life. Now as Rangers they are applying the Action on Poverty NSP in an innovative 360 degree way. A festive Halloween collection was the first step. Then delivering, starting with the larger picture, it was off to the Community Food Sharing Association (CFSA) to learn about the province wide need and how CFSA works to meet the need. The big picture learning experience resulted in boxing up over 8000 lbs of food to be shipped out to the 52 provincial food-banks.

Then the annual Christmas collection with the Kin-Club evolved into our District Impact. The Rangers planned the WTD2018 Impact Rally and included a food drive resulting in a collection of over 100 items for the CBS/Paradise Food Bank. Localizing the need meant learning about the collection and delivery process daily to meet our local community's needs. That same week, this group of girls partnered with Dominion Long Pond for their Annual Spring Food Drive. There they handed out flyers, bagged groceries and accepted prepackaged food bags purchased by customers; bags which contained items they learned just 2 days before were in low supply at our area food-bank. Imagine their delight when cash donations coming in? This enabled to the Rangers to shop for more needed items.

It may not be the traditional service project, but rather journey learning with passion and intent to make an impact. An impact that is two-fold in their community and in their lives.

More #thisisimpact to come.

# Chamberlains District makes Impact during World Thinking Day

World Thinking Day 2018 completed the triennium theme of Connect-Grow-Impact, by celebrating the Impact Girl Guides has on the lives of members and communities, as well as recognizing the Impact Girl Guides have to bring about positive change. On February 18, 2018, the triennium theme became the foundation of the World Thinking Day Rally and celebration for the various levels of Guiding active in the Chamberlains District. With colourful artwork depicting the five world centres along with flags from the respective countries made by the various units decorating the Villa Nova Parish Hall. Sparks through to Rangers – along with Provincial Commissioner Margo Walsh and Deputy Provincial Commissioner Deanna Cain-Hewitt gathered to Connect and celebrate as Girl Guides.

The 1st Chamberlains Rangers spearheaded the rally, organizing displays and activities, and taking a leadership role in moving the more than 50 girls through various stations depicting the history of Guiding, and activities that focused on the world centres, various cultures and STEM

Through each initiative, the girls were able to Grow in their understanding of Guiding past, present and future. "The various units of the Chamberlains District have taken on many projects over the past year, each having a tremendous Impact on their lives, and those of the people around them," said District Commissioner and Ranger Guider, Coreen Bennett.

From the Rangers collecting hats and mittens for homeless youth and raising awareness of the cause; Pathfinders partnering with other community groups to raise funds and food for the food bank; Guides volunteering to fill Christmas stockings for the homeless; Brownies hosting a food drive; and Sparks living up to their motto to share and be a friend by designing and distributing bedtime kit bags for the Single Parents Association, each level of Guiding in Chamberlains District has made an Impact.

During Rally day, the units continued this Impact with a collection for the World Friendship Fund and a food drive for the CBS Food Bank, which was accepted and delivered by the Rangers.

Lady Baden-Powell Challenge Event 2018 Ocean's Edge Area

From April 6-8, 2018 our annual event for 3rd year Girl Guides took place at Mobile Central High School, Mobile, NL. Thirteen eager girls from four units and a leader from each of their units attended what would be a fun filled event which would help them learn more about the actual life of Lady Olave Baden-Powell, WAGGGS, international cuisine, community service, themselves and trying new things.

This event was the brain child of Denise Hennebury from Mt. Pearl District eighteen years ago to help girls complete requirements for The Lady-Baden Powell Challenge Award. Denise coordinated the event and I joined as Quartermaster along the way. I didn't realize it at the time but she was grooming me to take over and after ten years she passed the reins over to me.

We always relied on Guiders from the units who had girls attending to look after the kitchen and we scrambled each year to find adequate staff but four years ago I recruited Leah Stone whose culinary skills are second to none: she recruited Deidra Howlett as Administrative Coordinator and Ashley Mercer as her Kitchen Assistant. Their enthusiasm for this event has brought it a long ways in the past four years and both the girls and staff truly enjoy their efforts. We have found that feedback from the evaluations completed by the girls at the end of the event have been a valuable tool for planning the next year's event.



We have found that girls have their own agenda and food is at the top of their list. This year we enjoyed meals and snacks from the five regions by sampling foods from the United States, Africa, France, India, Japan, Ireland and Canada (Newfoundland). Very little food was left on plates and they often came back looking for seconds. One idea Leah tried out this year was putting a small table outside the kitchen and leaving three different snacks on it for girls to serve themselves if they were hungry in between meals; one of the items was always a fruit choice. Drinking water was encouraged and water jugs were located in the cafeteria and in one of the hallways which was a great help for the kitchen staff as some of our meals were pretty elaborate. Having consistent staff there is great.









This year's event began with introductions and house rules which was followed by a safety audit of the school. We had a substantial snack as we are aware that girls might not have had a full supper that evening and we had a Mug Up later in the night. Campfire songs were prepared for them that night and they were given our Ocean's Edge Campfire Song Books to plan Saturday night's campfire which worked out really well.

Every year we are finding that more and more girls have already completed the requirements for attaining the Lady Baden-Powell Challenge Award so it has become more of a fun event with girls engaging with other girls within our area to learn more about Lady B-P and WAGGGS. If some girls need activities to be completed we try our utmost to fit them in to our program.



This year's activities included making traders, WAGGGS Escape Room activity, sewing a recyclable bag and learning about the basics of quilting, LBP Kahoot activity, Paint Night with Cindy Stone and Kim Mercer, All About Me poster activity, distributing individual Camp Awards (Cindy created them) and Event Evaluations. Our service activity included the girls and staff bringing some items for the Breakfast Program at the school where we held our event. These items were greatly appreciated and will be matched by the School Breakfast Program.









The highlight of our event is always a Tea Party with a few invited guests which include a modern day Lady Baden-Powell (a.k.a. Tanya Murphy). This year Deidra shared information about the life of Lady B-P with the girls and afterwards our own Lady B-P sat informally with the girls and they had a question and answer session about her life and they discussed her two visits to Newfoundland. One of the girls, Alicia, invited her to our Tea Party afterwards. Lady B-P accepted, of course, and was most impressed with the wonderful spread that had been prepared by Leah and Ashley and also the decorating by Deidra.

Thanks to the leaders from our Area who encouraged girls to attend and accompanied the girls from their units and helped out in any way they could throughout the event; Madonna Ryan (First Aider) from Fermeuse/ Renews, Kristen Kelly and Janice Janes from Mt. Pearl and Christine Young from Witless Bay. Special thanks to Deidra who handled the administrative tasks and shopping; Leah for doing all the work from preparing the menu to serving the delicious food to all of us and for assisting Deidra with shopping and Ashley for being her loyal assistant in the kitchen. Thank you also for support from Area and Provincial Office.













Custom LBP crests!



The town of Pouch Cove Mayor Joedy Wall signed our declaration today. Spark Olivia Green, Brownie Emma Barry, Guide Kennedy Quigley, Ranger Leah Murray... Spark leader Abigail Green and myself Catherine Barry Tuckamore Area Commissioner







City of Mount Pearl

Lady Baden Powell Goes to Town April 6-8, 2018

This April, Grade Six girls from the Avalon Peninsula got to experience a special three-day event. This adventure was designed especially for senior Guides, to give them a chance to meet new friends from across the region, challenge themselves with new adventures, and to give them a taste of Guiding outside their own units and what Pathfinders might have in store for them.

The event was modelled on a long history of successful Lady Baden Powell events, originally conceived and organized by Denise Hennebury from Ocean's Edge Area. After a bit of a hiatus, a core team of Guiders from Jellybean Row District, Tuckamore Area decided it was time to reestablish this fantastic event. Several enthusiastic Guiders from other Districts also volunteered to help run program and cook for the group.

When registering, each girl sent in a record sheet detailing the parts of the Guide program she had already completed. Programming for the event was then planned to cover as many sections as possible that the girls needed to complete the Lady Baden Powell Award.







Our home base was Gower Street United Church in downtown St. John's. This setting was perfect for being able to get out in the community and explore. We navigated to Bannerman Park using only a map and the available street signs and landmarks. We had presentations from young women entrepreneurs, an environmental educator, and a past Chief Commissioner. The girls each had an opportunity to teach a game or skill to the group, which ranged from Irish dancing to origami! We did a service project to support Heavenly Creatures, made board games about Lady Baden Powell, visited Choices for Youth to learn about their work in the community, participated in aerials (circus skills) at iFly, investigated accessibility of Atlantic Place, and did a woodworking project. A highlight was our high tea, with special guest, Lady Baden Powell herself!

The event was a huge success. It was truly exciting to watch the girls developing their leadership skills, listening respectfully to one another, and taking pride in their accomplishments. We're hoping to run it again next year and would welcome collaboration from other Guide leaders in the region.

