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ENEWS Calgary Area

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Greetings from Calgary's New Area Commissioner

Ah. Those dog days of summer . . . they are wonderful but have to end or our kids would drive us crazy at home!! So its back to school time again **and with that starts a brand new Guiding year. Now that I've had a little** time to learn about our diverse and intriguing area, its time for you to learn a little about your new Area Commissioner.

My name is LEEANNE SMITH. I am married and have two grown girls, one of which made me a grandma in March. I have a B Ed degree and was this close to finishing my CGA designation. I love working with the girls and still help run my Pathfinder unit down near Spruce Meadows.



As my thoughts turn to Guiding this year, I challenge all of you to make it a **"Dream Year"**. **The dreams might be for your own personal development** (which we all can use) or they might be to make dreams come true for our girls. The wonderful thing about working with our youth is that they are all so full of dreams, ideas, and things they want to do. Tap into that, on whatever level the girls are at. I guarantee you it will make for an **exciting and fun year for them and you. Remember if it's not fun for everyone, its not Guiding!**

Yours in Guiding,
Leeanne

Heritage Park, Calgary Area 100th Birthday Party September 14, 2013

Tickets are available now to all members, families and friends. Tickets include gate admission and lunch consisting of an all-beef hot dog, bag of chips, cookie and soft drink or water.

10 – 5 pm. Lunch will be served from around 11 am to 1 pm.

Come as a family or come as a unit. Cost per adult is \$17.50 Cost per child is \$16.00

Ride bracelets are \$5.25. Tickets are only good for this day—rain or shine—and are non-refundable. Join us for a scavenger hunt (all participants will receive a jelly bracelet), wear uniform top and receive a crest, be there when we open the time capsule, and enjoy a short campfire. Archives will be on display, and we will have a limited number of crafts for the children to do. Enjoy the whole park, as you celebrate our 100 Year Anniversary. You can purchase the tickets at the Guide Centre deadline to purchase tickets is September 7th. Please note: Heritage Park will not sell the lunch tickets separately. If someone comes in with a pass, we cannot sell the lunch ticket separately but attendees with passes can get lunch on site easily. They can participate in everything else The tent will be open at 10 am for the games, activities and archives and will start to shut down at 4 pm. The time capsule will be opened after lunch.

Camp Orientations

Are you thinking about tent camping this Year with your Guiding group/and or Friends & Family? We have several site orientations scheduled. Call the Guide Centre to register. To camp at any of Calgary Areas sites you must complete an orientation first. Guiding fees are applicable in the summer months.



Pictured above Camp Westover Lake

Westover Orientation

Saturday **September 13th at 1:00pm** Meeting at the Lake Westover Site. Contact us at the Guide Centre to register & for Maps/Brochures & more information.

Jubilee Orientation

Sunday **September 29th at 1:30pm** Meeting at the Centennial Parking Lot. Contact us at the Guide Centre to register & for Maps/Brochures & more information.

Mockingbird Orientation

Saturday **October 19th time TBA** Meeting in front of the Lodge. Contact us at the Guide Centre to register & for Maps/Brochures & more information.

Please Note: If you are considering booking a Spring camp you must attend a Fall orientation.

Membership Adviser

Are you interested in seeing our membership grow? We are looking for someone who is interested in recruitment, This role involves attending area council meeting 10 times a year, chairing meetings as needed, attending the provincial meetings, and finding volunteers for staff recruitment . Apply by emailing commissioner@calgarygirlguides.com

Marketing Adviser

Are you the right person to take the lead with publicizing events and the media? Interested in making the public aware of our organization, and finding ways to advertise what we do and who we are? This role involves attending area council meeting 10 times a year, chairing meetings as needed, attending the provincial PR meetings attending public awareness events. Apply by emailing commissioner@calgarygirlguides.com

Program Committee

Events offered by Area Program Committee.

Between September 2013 and May 2014, Area Program Committee will be offering several events. Watch eNews closer to dates of events for more information. Mark your calendars now.

1. Youth Awards: Sunday, October 27th 2-4 pm.
Venue to be announced beginning of September. 3rd year Guides that have earned Lady BP **Pin; Pathfinder's Canada Cord; Rangers Commonwealth and Chief Commissioner Awards** will be honored at Youth Awards Day. Programs must be completed by September 30th. Invitations and more information will be in eNews beginning of September.
2. Growing Up With Money Smarts-November 2013. This is a program put on by Frogskinu and First Calgary for Guides . More information later.
3. Sparks & Brownies Arts Day: March 15th, 2014 Centennial House, Camp Jubilee. Morning sessions for Sparks and afternoon sessions for Brownies: Arts: Music, Crafts and Dance. Watch for more information in January 2014.
4. Pathfinder & Ranger Geocaching Event: May 10, 2014 downtown Calgary park location to be announced.



Submitted by: Annette Jaenen (Area Program Advisor)



TRAINING

The Training Committee wants to challenge you! Sessions will be offered at Guide Centre unless otherwise indicated. Anyone taking a session will get a nifty crest – so sign up today! Call the office at 403-283-8348 or email at ggcinfo@calgarygirlguides.com to register. Provide your name, iMIS number, branch that you lead, District, your phone number, your email address. Watch for more training sessions scheduled later in the fall.

SAFE GUIDE

Safe Guide compliance is part of all of our activities! That's why it is a mandatory session for all Guiders within your first 6 months. This session is devoted to understanding our responsibility as Members of GGC in ensuring safety while managing risks in activities. We'll explore the contents of the document – you don't need to know it all . . . you just need to know what to look for and where to find it! This session is geared to assist you with that!

Safe Guide Refresher

Has it been a while since you took your Safe Guide Training? Are you aware of all the changes that have occurred since its inception? Get up to date on the latest changes to Safe Guide and bring along those questions you would like answered!

All About Your Branch – Sparks (for new and returning Guiders)

Are you a new Guider leading Sparks? Or, are you a Guider moving to Sparks from another branch? In this session, we will introduce you to the Spark program and to the characteristics of girls ages 5 and 6.

All About Your Branch – Brownies (for new and returning Guiders)

Are you a new Guider leading Brownies? Or, are you a Guider moving to Brownies from another branch? In this session, we will introduce you to the Brownie program and to the characteristics of girls ages 7 and 8.

All About Your Branch – Guides (for new and returning Guiders)

Are you a new Guider leading Guides? Or, are you a Guider moving to Guides from another branch? In this session, we will introduce you to the Guide program and to the characteristics of girls ages 9, 10 and 11.

All About Your Branch – Pathfinders (for new and returning Guiders)

Are you a new Guider leading Pathfinders? Or, are you a Guider moving to Pathfinders from another branch? In this session, we will introduce you to the Pathfinder program and to the characteristics of girls ages 12, 13 and 14.



Some Sessions have a minimum number required so register now.

Building Unit Guider Skills (for new Guiders)

This session will give you the information you need to successfully run your unit – girl centered programming, working with other Guiders, keeping the unit a safe place, diversity and inclusiveness. A must for new Guiders!

Roles of a Guider/Unit Dynamics

Are you overwhelmed by all the tasks of a Guider? Do you know how to use your Guiders and parents to help complete those tasks? This session you will get a breakdown of all the "positions" that can be broken down as a Guider that will not only help you but the way your unit operates.

Outdoor Cooking

Come out and learn how to make a variety of simple outdoor cooking tools, and prepare food that you can have the girls preparing and cooking themselves.

Sleepover Planning

Never planned a sleepover for the girls before, or maybe you did and there was room for improvement. We will spend our time making a checklist on the do's to making sleepover planning a breeze (and the actual night too). These skills will also translate when you are ready to go camping!

Crafts to Enhance your Program - Sparks, Brownies, Guides

Join us and discover how to use crafts to complete program in a fun way. You will leave with ideas and samples that will help you to add fun to your meetings.

Crafts to Enhance your Program – Pathfinders, Rangers

For this workshop will be working with the theme of Turning Trash into Treasure in line with Operation Earth Action. Come and give new life to an old book and make an Art Journal, learn the technique of Zentangle, make a **"cofre tortuga" trinket box, and learn "mokume gane" to make gorgeous Christmas ornaments or jewellery.**

Financial Management

Learn to keep your books so that it is easy to keep them balanced and up to date. We will show the paper and the electronic methods of doing the books. You will leave with the knowledge to meet the deadlines to have your books reviewed with no stress.

Safe Guide

Wednesday, September 25 – 7:00 – 9:30 pm

Thursday, October 24 – 7:00 – 9:30 pm

Monday, October 28 – 7:00 – 9:30 pm

Saturday, November 16 – 9:00 – 11:30 am

OTHERS:

Tuesday, September 17 – Safe Guide Refresher – learn about all the new amendments to Safe Guide 7:00 – 9:30 pm

Thursday, September 19 – Roles of the Guider/Unit Dynamics 7:00 – 9:30 pm

Saturday, October 5 –Outdoor Cooking Noon – 4:00 pm

Thursday, October 10 – Sleepover Planning 7:00 – 9:30 pm

Saturday, October 26 – Crafts to Enhance your Program – Sparks, Brownies, Guides Noon – 4:00 pm

Saturday, November 23 – Crafts to Enhance your Program – Pathfinders, Rangers 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

We have scheduled a full day training session on **Saturday, October 19** for new Guiders, Guiders who are changing branches for the 2013-2014 Guiding **year as well as a session for unit and District treasurers. Don't forget your lunch** if you are registering for both morning and afternoon sessions! A fridge, stove and microwave are available.

Saturday, October 19

9:00 – 11:30 am

Safe Guide (for new Guiders)

Financial Management (for Treasurers or anyone interested in keeping the books)

Lunch from 11:30 – 12:00 (bring your own)

12:00 – 2:00 pm

All About Your Branch – Sparks (for new and Guiders changing branches)

All About Your Branch – Brownies (for new and Guiders changing branches)

All About Your Branch – Guides (for new and Guiders changing branches)

All About Your Branch – Pathfinders (for new and Guiders changing branches)

Break

2:30 – 4:30 pm

Building Unit Guider Skills (for new Guiders)

Is there something your District needs? Or, do you have ideas for sessions to be offered centrally at Guide Centre? Please contact the training committee at training@calgarygirlguides.com



Calling all Guides, Pathfinders & Rangers



Canoeing at Westover Lake Girl Guide Camp located ½ hour drive and ½ hour walk west of Calgary just south of Hwy 1, off Sibbald Creek Trail.

September 21 or 22, 2013 – pick one
(rain date: October 5)

Purpose: to introduce girls to lake canoeing and hiking into Westover Lake Girl Guide Camp

Registration:

- open now, first come, first serve to pick a time for canoeing with supervision
- canoe supervision will be for 1 hour minimum, starting at 10:00 am until 3:00pm
- fee is \$5.00 per girl.
- activities are held outdoors, with no shelter from the elements. A rain date is scheduled in case rain is predicted, but come prepared for all types of weather.
- all girls and adults who plan to canoe must have their 'swim test for boating' or 'swim' test on record with iMis. See page 101 of the (new) 2013 Safe Guide for details:
<http://forms.girlguides.ca/SafeGuide/Shared%20Documents/safe-guide-full.pdf>
- contact calgarycanoe2013@gmail.com now, to schedule a time to go canoeing.
Times will be assigned on a first-come-first-served basis.
- Safe Guide paperwork for canoeing will be prepared for you but Unit Guiders will be responsible to distribute, collect and return the necessary forms to Calgary Area as required. Units will be responsible for their own, non-canoeing ratio & activities and do their own Safe Guide paperwork for their other activities, travel, etc.
- Suggestions include wide games, hiking skills, camp cooking, map and compass

Deadline to register is September 13.

Return the following form with your unit's fee on or before September 13, 2013

Questions? Email: calgarycanoe2013@gmail.com or phone Susan at 403-281-8211

Canoeing at Westover – September 21 or 22, 2013

Unit: _____ District: _____ Contact Guider: _____

Guider e-mail : _____ phone # _____

Designated time to canoe* with supervision**: Date:----- Time: _____

Phone # _____ E-mail: _____

Payment Enclosed: # of Girls: _____ x \$5.00 = _____

*contact calgarycanoe2013@gmail.com or call Susan 403-281-8211 to book a time to go canoeing. One hour time slots will be booked on a first-come-first-served basis, from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm on either Saturday, September 21 or Sunday, September 22.

** canoeing without supervision is not permitted.

Fall Cookies

Well it is that time of year again!

Our delicious chocolatey mint cookies will be arriving in September and just a reminder that they sell for \$5.00 a box and have a 8 month self life - check the front panel of the box for the production code to get the best before sell date. If you are unsure how to read the date please email me at czuide-ma@shaw.ca



Any cookies that are stale dated should not be sold

Updating our Blue Boards

Marketing is looking for new pictures of all Unit & Guiding events for our Blue Boards. If you have any pictures you would like to submit for our promotional materials please email them to marketing@calgarygirlguides.com

Calling all Pathfinders

NITE TREK 2013

Mission: Impossible

October 19th-20th, 2013

Camp Mockingbird

Registration beginning September 1st

Deadline for all registration and paperwork is September 27th.

No late registrations will be taken.

Email us at: calgarynitetrek@gmail.com
for registration forms and more information including Station information for Rangers and adults, as well as trail information for other volunteers.

Upcoming for Guides:
Watch for your very own Nite event in
the spring!

