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Next E-News – Jan 10th, 2014 Please send your requests to E-News to markeing@calgarygirlguides.com .

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This e-newsletter is designed to forward information to Guiders on a bi-weekly basis.



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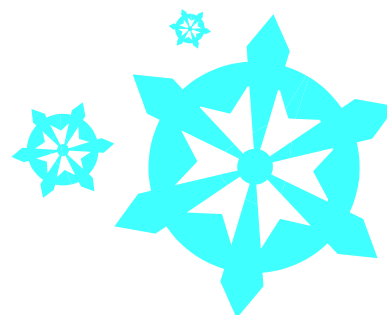
Message from our Area Commissioner

You know I love Christmas and the peaceful scenes of winter. I've decided though that the cold that goes along with it all can take a hike!! For anyone escaping to warmer climates in the near future I **am very envious!! Oh well . . . winter doesn't last forever right? Besides,** we are indoors doing lots of fun things with the girls right? Please remember if you are going on any outing that requires a contract to be signed, all contracts must be signed by the Area Commissioner (me). National just wants to make sure you are keeping Guiding safe by not committing us unknowingly to anything that could cost us. I know I have seen lots of interesting activities being planned simply by the contracts I have been seeing. So if it ever **warms up, enjoy the snow and see if you can't build yourself your very own Frosty the Snowman!**

Leeanne Smith

Guide Centre Christmas

Hours The Guide Centre will be closed for the Christmas season Dec 23 to Jan 5.



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

Camp

The following residential sites are available at Jubilee Spring/Winter 2014. Dates AVAILABLE NOW FOR WINTER CAMP: In 2014 the following residential sites are available at Jubilee: **Jan 3-5** Centennial & Pallesen, **Jan 24-26** Centennial North, **Feb 14-16** Namiyi & Pallesen, **Mar 21-23** Namiyi, **Mar 21-23** Namiyi, **Mar 28-30** Centennial & Pallesen, **May 16-18** Centennial, **June 6-8** Namiyi. Please contact Sommer to book. Email: Marketing@calgarygirlguides.com

Jubilee Orientation Sunday January 26 at 1:30pm

Meeting at the Centennial Parking Lot. Contact us at the Guide Centre to register & for Maps/Brochures & more information. Next scheduled orientation will be held January 26th, 2014. See pictures of Camp Mockingbird below. Spring orientation TBA for Mockingbird.



(LODGE)



(FIREPIT)



(INSIDE LODGE)

Calling for Volunteers at Brownie Camp Academy

We are looking for Adult, Pathfinder or Ranger members to assist with the upcoming Brownie Camp Academy to be held on January 11, 2014 at Camp Jubilee in Cochrane. We are looking for energetic helpers to assist with the stations. Calgary Area will provide the supplies needed for these stations...we just need your cheery faces to help us show the Brownies how much fun camping can be! If interested and or have any questions please email Jenn at: jda-vidson1@shaw.ca

TRAINING

The Training Committee wants to challenge you! Sessions will be offered at Guide Centre unless otherwise indicated. Call the office at 403-283-8348 or email at gccinfo@calgarygirlguides.com to register. Provide your name, iMIS number, branch that you lead, District, your phone number, your email address. Register early so session that you want is not cancelled due to low enrollment! 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 assisting you with that!

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.

Girl Protection and You

Page 20 of Safe Guide 2013 states that all adults must review with all adult supervisors the Girl Protection Procedures, noting that when there are reasonable grounds to suspect abuse, it must be reported. Join us for an informative session on how to recognize incidents that need to be reported as well as how to protect yourself from allegations of abuse.

Others

Tuesday, November 19 – Girl Protection

7:00 – 9:00 pm ***Cancelled due to inclement weather – will be rescheduled in New Year

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

Provincial Events

The provincial training weekend known as Multi-Faceted is normally in mid-March. 2014 will be slightly different. There will be a full Guider Conference held the weekend of May 23-25 at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. This weekend will be full of exciting training sessions and will also encompass the Provincial AGM and transition to the new Provincial Commissioner.

Are you an experienced Guider looking for further enrichment? You might consider registering for the Wild Rose session at the Guider Conference.

Are you interested in becoming a Trainer? You can register for the first step at the Guider Conference – the six Trainer Foundation Modules. Watch for details in the New Year.

CALGARY AREA WINTER CAMP

Calling All
3rd Year
Guides,
Pathfind-
ers, Trex,
Senior
Branches
and Links



Challenge the Chill!!!

Have you been tenting in January??? It's good freezing fun!
Ever played snoccer? Built a quinzee? Boiled ice cubes for water?
Come and triple your appreciation of the hot-after-camp shower!

JANUARY 31 – FEBRUARY 2, 2014
@ CAMP MOCKINGBIRD
BUS SERVICE PROVIDED

There will be some space available for those who would like to learn some winter skills but aren't quite ready to brave winter in a tent.

Call the Guide Centre to pre-register before Friday, January 17TH with a main contact name & number and the number of attendees for your Unit. Registration of \$30/girl and forms must be received at the Guide Centre by January 27th, 2013. Units must bring their own tents and food, as well as provide ratio and first aider. Individual registrants will be paired with other participants. Please contact Alana at (403) 254-4963 for additional information.

Pre-camp meeting will be 1-3 PM January 19th at Guide Centre.

Orientation is MANDATORY for all Guiders and girls attending Winter Camp for the first time.

Resource People

We need Resource People!

Can you sing or dance? Do you have a collection of games? Are you crafty? Do you have other skills? Are you willing to visit Spark, Brownie or Guide units to share your skills with the girls?

We need a list of people to call on when we get requests from unit Guiders for help with program related ideas.

Can you put your name and skills on this list, as well as which quadrant of the city you are located?

Contact Jan McCaghren at angelj@shaw.ca.

Thanks!



Zoolights Thanks you

Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets for Zoolights through Girl Guides. Your support to the Zoo is most appreciated. We sold 1430 tickets this year. Those who purchased should be aware that due to the cold weather for our chosen dates, the zoo will honour the tickets for any night

during Zoolights until January 5th, 2014, excluding Christmas Night (the **zoo is closed**) and **Zoo Year's Eve** which is a special ticketed event. Those not having tickets, who attend with those who have their special ticket, will need purchase tickets at the regular price. These extra tickets can be purchased at the gate or on-

line at the Calgary Zoo Website. The ticket stub for the hot chocolate and cookie will be able to redeemable at the Kitamba Café for hot chocolate and cookie only, no substitutions will be available.

Have a great time at Zoolights and Happy New Year to all.

Join us for Thinking Day 2014

WestRockers Trefoil Guild is planning a Thinking Day event, Saturday, February 22, 2014. Join us at the Girl Guide Centre. All Trefoil Guild members, adult Guiding mem-

bers and friends of Guiding are invited to attend. Please mark the date on your calendar. More details for the event schedule and times will be announced in the next

Enews going out January 10th, 2014.

THEME FOR 2014



"Education opens doors for all boys and girls"

Getting Outside with your Girls

TO ALL UNIT GUIDERS

Calgary Area Camping Advisers and Trainers have joined forces and are ready to come to your District to facilitate this great hands-on session for all Unit Guiders and Rangers.

The 1½ to 2½ hour session will provide you with lots of tips and tricks for taking your girls **outside: we'll cover things like day camps, outdoor activities to play at your meetings, safety,** planning nature walks and outings, dressing for the weather and hikes. The emphasis will be on resources you can have at your finger tips to make your role easier.

If you are interested, please contact your District Commissioner and let her know. She has all the details of how to set up your session.

This is one of four OAL (Outdoor Activity Leadership) sessions you need to complete your OAL training and earn your pin.

We'll be providing you with the opportunity to take the rest of the sessions in the late spring and early fall of 2014.

If your District is not able to host this session, watch for a session at the Guide Centre or contact training@calgarygirlguides.com and inquire about a session in another District that you could join.

