

February 11th, 2016

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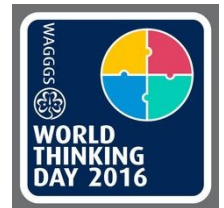


Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Thinking Day!! Our Founders would be amazed at the way we are growing and changing. The vibrancy of our organization is amazing!

During this last week you probably saw an

email come out about even more changes we are about to embark on. Your DC's will have more answers for you towards the end of February about how it might impact you. Remember, these changes do not change who you are as you are still a valued member of our organization no matter what your role, but there may be some new opportunities opening up to you. Currently we have open positions as Area Commissioner, Area Program Adviser, Area Cookie Adviser, and Area PR. I also know there are going to be some District Commissioner roles available as we implement the 3 year max on our terms. As we go forward we will have a lot of new faces on Area Council so its a exciting time as change brings with it a renewal of energy and enthusiasm to our Area. Please take the time to consider being a part of that energy!

Leeanne Smith



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Next E-News
MARCH 3, 2016

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

Who will be our next Area Commissioner?

Start the New Year with a great leadership OPPORTUNITY! The position of Area Commissioner provides a chance to share your strong, collaborative team leadership and management skills as you ensure stewardship of Calgary Area.

As spokeswoman for Calgary Area you will represent our area in internal and external relations. Help shape and grow our Area for tomorrow and support our Guiders and girls today. Applications will be accepted until **February 28, 2016**

For more information on this exciting volunteer position and to access an application form: Contact: Donna Leonard Robb/Nomination Search Committee Chair at dlleonard@shaw.ca

TRAINING 2016

The Training Committee wants to challenge you! All sessions will be offered at Guide Centre unless otherwise indicated. **You MUST register for training sessions by calling the office at 403-283-8348 or email at ggcinfo@calgarygirlguides.com.** We now have an online way to register directly for the session <http://goo.gl/forms/5LE3SuTWiF>. **Provide your name, IMIS number, branch that you lead, District, your phone number, your email address.** We have a Training Challenge crest. Anytime you take a training session, you can receive a crest. Ask your trainer!!

Training Schedule 2016

February 27 – Pysanka 10-3pm

April 3 – Tent Camping at Jubilee 10-4

April 4 – Financials for Review 7-9:30pm

April 4 – Building Strong Teams 7-9:30

April 9 - Needle & Wet felting 10-3pm

June 11 – New Guider Day includes Safe Guide, All About Your Branches and Building Your Unit Guiders Skills (More information to come)

All [About Your Branches Training \(ABB\)](#) will introduce you to the characteristics appropriate for the girls' ages and the program for each level Spark, Brownie, Guide, Pathfinder or Ranger. It is an invaluable tool to assist you in your chosen branch.

[Building Your Unit Guider Skills](#) 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!

[Pysanka: 3 hour session but we have the room for 5 hours if you want to play for longer on February 27, 2016](#)

Join us and learn to do Ukrainian Easter Eggs. You will learn some traditional designs and how to create your own designs, how to prepare the eggs, and take it through to the finishing varnish. You will have the chance to do a few eggs as you learn to use the tools and dyes. We will talk about how to do this with the girls, including making sure all your Safe Guide is handled.

[Finance \(with focus on doing reviews\): 2.5 hour session on April 4, 2016](#)

We will discuss how unit and district finances are to be managed. In this session we will go over how to

complete a review. Find out what to look for in a review, what needs to be included in a set of books, and the steps you need to take to complete a review.

[Felting: 3 hour session but we have the room for 5 hours if you want to play for longer on April 9, 2016](#)

Join us as we try wet and needle felting to make felt, felted pictures, cards and felted animals. We will cover the different techniques and then you can play with one or try all the techniques. You will learn ways to take this back to the girls - and some can be done with even our younger girls.

Trainers will come to your District to give sessions to you closer to home. Contact the training committee at training@calgarygirlguides.com to book a training day for your District! Be sure to give about a month's notice so the best trainers can be found for your sessions. Happy Guiding.

CAMP COMMITTEE

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Ranger Camp – March 4-6, 2016 – **See registration information below**

Sparklefest – April 9, 2016 – **Registration is full. Email gginformo@calgarygirlguides.com to be added to the waitlist .**

Camp Quest (Guide Skills) – April 29-30, 2016 – **See registration information below.**

Beginner Backpacking – June 3-5, 2016

Check out our camping page on the Calgary Area website!



CAMPSITE FACILITIES

Keep those campsite use forms coming! We are working diligently to improve our campsites. Your feedback is important and we do act on all issues!

Remember Mockingbird fridges are smaller than household fridges. Plan accordingly.

There is plenty of deadfall in the woods at Mockingbird – if the wood box is empty, go for a short walk. Leave campsite better than you found it (i.e. if you noticed something dirty / out of place – clean /remove it)

The new Namiyi crest is in! Contact the Guide Centre if you would like to purchase Namiyi Crests for one of your camps.

Spark camp looking to share Pallesen

Jubilee (Pallesen) Available for Saturday April 16-17th, One Night

The 250th Pathfinders are doing a Spark Camp on Friday April 15th - Saturday April 16th. It is only one night and will end about 2pm Saturday. We are looking for another unit to take the Saturday night and split the cost with us. If you would like to take the Saturday night, please email Laura at 250pathfinders@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sparks unit looking to share a sleepover booking at the Zoo

Koreen Graumann's sparks unit that is going to the zoo for a sleepover. We have a small unit and are struggling with fulfilling our minimum numbers. I was hoping to see if there is another small sparks unit looking for a fun sleepover? The event information is: Penguin Plunge - Zoo sleepover held on April 22/16 - April 23/16 5:00 pm - 8:30 am and the Cost: \$70/pp. The Sleepover program includes mini-guided tours of the penguin building and the Canadian Wilds (outdoors), a penguin themed craft, interactive activities and story-telling, bed-time snack, a night in the Karsten Discovery Center, pancake breakfast in the morning and an extra Zoo Day admission to be used on any day. We are looking for a maximum of 14 people to fill this spot. We have booked the event and the deposit has been made. Contact: Koreen Graumann kgraumann@shaw.ca for more info 403-275-2166.

<http://www.calgaryzoo.com/events-activities/kids-families/sleepovers/private-sleepovers/penguin-sleepover>

CAMP QUEST

(Guide Camp Skills)

\$40 / girl
 includes: bus from Calgary,
 materials for stations, Fri-
 day night snack, Saturday
 lunch and dinner, crest,
 and GST



Friday, April 29 – Saturday, April 30, 2016 at Camp Jubilee

Purpose: To introduce Guides to camp skills and cover various parts of “Fun in the Outdoors” Guide program badges.
 To give Guides the opportunity to experience tent camping and to practice new skills.



Girls will:

- ◆ learn about tents and shelters
- ◆ learn new cooking methods
- ◆ practice axe and fire building skills
- ◆ practice compass & trail skills
- ◆ learn about camp safety
- ◆ participate in camp ceremonies
- ◆ play night games
- ◆ have fun

Requirements:

- ◆ Girls must register with a unit. The unit must provide ratio and appropriate first aider(s) as per Safe Guide
- ◆ Activities are held outdoors and units will be tenting overnight. Girls and adults must **dress for the weather**, supply their own water bottle and camping gear.
- ◆ Units must provide tents, a stove for heating water and Saturday morning breakfast.
- ◆ All Safe Guide paperwork will be prepared for you. Unit Guiders will be responsible to distribute, collect and return the necessary forms to Calgary Area as required.

Registration will open on Monday, Feb. 1 at 8 AM, first-come, first-serve.

Please register by using the following link: <http://www.123contactform.com/form-1753212/Camp-Quest-Registration-Form>. You will receive a confirmation email which will include payment instructions. Do NOT take payment to the Guide office until AFTER you have received the confirmation email. **Deadline to register: Thursday, March 3, 2016.** District / unit cheques only. (No refunds after March 24.)

Calling All Adult, Ranger and 3rd year Pathfinder Volunteers!

Would you like to help with the upcoming Camp Quest, a Guide camp skills event on April 29 – 30, 2016?



We are looking for a few energetic people to assist with activity stations and parking.

If interested, please register using the following link: <http://www.123contactform.com/form-1753230/Camp-Quest-Volunteer-Registration-Form>

Deadline to register: Thursday, March 3, 2016

Spring Ranger Camp

Calling all Rangers, 3rd Year Pathfinders, and Trex Members in grades 9-12. Ranger Camp - March 4-6th – Centennial House South, Camp Jubilee, Cochrane. Come and join us for an Amazing Race Adventure

Please use the link to register for camp.

<http://goo.gl/forms/SoqXKwBFuY> or Please email calgaryrangercamp@gmail.com with questions.

SPARKLEFEST Info

SPARKLEFEST - Saturday April 9 – at **Camp Jubilee (Cochrane)**

Theme: Feeling Upside Down/Inside Out

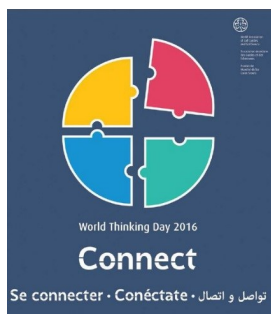
This is a fun day of camp activities for interested Spark Units – crafts, games, snack. Girls must be accompanied by Guiders with ratio. Registration is now full. Email: gginfo@calgarygirlguides.com to be added to the waitlist.

International Committee News

World Thinking Day 2016: Thinking Day is coming up on **February 22nd**! The theme for World Thinking Day 2016 is 'Connect'; connect with your friends, connect with Guiding, connect with the world. For lots of wonderful information and activities download the activity pack available on the [WAGGGS website](#).

Twinning 2020 Thinking Day: Celebrate World Thinking Day by connecting with our Twinning partner, Guyana, using the activity pack available on the [Twinning 2020 website](#).

Friendship Flyer: Girl Guides of Canada is celebrating Thinking Day with their Friendship flyer, available [online](#) or in the Winter 2016 issue of the Canadian Guider magazine.



Twibbon Campaign: Support Thinking Day on your Twitter or Facebook account by adding a Thinking Day border to your profile picture. Join the campaign on the Twibbon website. <http://twibbon.com/support/girl-guides-of-canada-2/twitter>

CWFF: The Canadian World Friendship Fund is an initiative designed to support projects in developing countries to improve the lives of girls and their communities and offers financial assistance to members representing Canada in international events. There is an [Alberta Girl Guides crest](#) which can be earned by contributing to the fund!

International Women's Day: The next Make a Difference Day is International Women's Day on **March 8th**! The theme is 'Women Writing History' and focuses on girls and women who have changed the world around them and continue to inspire girls to endeavour for a better world. There is a new Instant Meeting available on the [national website](#).

Girls Making a Difference: There is no official crest for International Women's Day, however there will be a 'Girls Making a Difference' crest available on the GGC store in March.



International Committee News

Juliette Low Seminar 2016: The Juliette Low Seminar is a wonderful opportunity for young women to develop their leadership skills in a supportive environment. This program offers great experiences in a cross-cultural context. This year it will be held in **Ghana** from **May 30th to June 5th**. Applications are due on February 26th and are available on the [WAGGGS website](#).

Travel Advisories: All Girl Guides of Canada Guiders and girls travelling internationally are counselled to keep an eye on the travel advisories issued by [Government of Canada](#). For more information on Girl Guides of Canada's policies in regards to these advisories, check the [national website](#).

International Website: Check out the [International website](#) for information World Thinking Day, WAGGGS, CWFF and other helpful International information. Come by once a month for new Instant Meetings and fun travel tips!

February Travel Tip: Treat your feet well! You will be walking, running and standing on your feet for your entire trip, so bring comfortable and sensible shoes.



February Instant Meeting: Poland. Play the winter away with these European games and crafts!

THINKING DAY 2016 INVITATION

To Trefoil Guild Members, and current and former Guiders
in and around Calgary Area:

CONNECT with the WestRockers Trefoil Guild
in sisterhood, reflection, song

and a special presentation about Guyana, Alberta's twinning country,
by Alberta Twinning Lead Enidd Isaac and Girl Co-Lead Carly Russell

as we celebrate

World Thinking Day 2016
Saturday, February 20th, 1:00 pm sharp – 3:00 pm
Calgary Guide Centre, 2188 Brownsea Drive NW

No RSVP is required. Uniform is optional.

We will accept donations to the Canadian World Friendship Fund
and essential items in support of INN FROM THE COLD:
gift cards, and NEW only clothing for children & infants, parents & teens.
E.g., pajamas, socks, hats, lined gloves & mitts, and underwear.

For many more suggestions,
visit www.innfromthecold.org then click Donate then Wish List.

We look forward to welcoming you!





**SISTERHOOD OF GUIDING
PAST MEETS PRESENT CALGARY AREA
FEBRUARY 27TH, 2016**

1PM-5PM

***GIRL GUIDE CENTRE
2188 BROWNSEA DRIVE NW CALGARY AB T2N 3G9***

Have you ever wondered what Guiding was like 10, 20 maybe 50 years ago?

Girls would you like to chat with someone about what has changed, what is the same, what they remember most? Did you ever want to ask someone who had been Guiding in Canada or elsewhere in the world what their favorite campfire song or memory was, and more.

FREE EVENT, RSVP requested for treats

Join us for treats and social time in an informal gathering of Guiding Sisters.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: SHANNEN HOFFMAN
(RAINBOWHOFFMAN@AOL.COM)

Plan Ahead for Upcoming Events in Calgary

Are you looking for easy, fun and cheap activities for your unit? There are many events coming up in Calgary that are very suitable for Guiding units of all ages to attend. The Program Committee encourages you to check them out. You would be amazed at how many program and badge requirements you can complete at these events. All of these events are FREE and open to the public.

Law Day (<http://lawdayalberta.weebly.com/calgary.html>)

Saturday, April 16 @ 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Calgary Courts Centre (601 – 5 St. SW)

Branch Level: Better for Brownies and up

Their website does not have a detailed schedule of activities for 2016 yet. In the past, this event has typically included mock trials (one was with Harvey the Hound!), tours of jail cells and lots of interactive stuff. Perfect way for Guides to complete their Law Awareness badge but all ages will find useful stuff.

Disaster Alley



Sunday, May 8, 2016 (tentative) @ 11 am – 3 pm

East parking lot of McMahon Stadium

Branch Level: Good for all ages

Free event that informs families how to prepare for an emergency. There will be over 30 exhibitors including the Calgary Fire Department, Calgary Search and Rescue, STARS Air Ambulance and many more groups who provide assistance in emergencies and disasters. Depending on how in depth the girls interact with the exhibitors, you could probably complete the Alberta Emergency Preparedness Challenge.

Heritage Park event

Rally in the Alley 2016 will be themed around Heritage Park's exciting temporary exhibition;

Reflections in Chrome – A Motorcycle Retrospective

This exhibit looks at motorcycles; from first rides to dream machines, pleasure rides to police cycles, racers, choppers, cruisers and a whole lot more. Take your picture on a motorbike and look at cool photographs of motorcycling in Alberta, and vintage advertisements; explore motorcycles in pop culture through music and song, check out and try on vintage riding gear and uniforms. Reflections in Chrome features loads of hands-on, interactive fun!

Spring Rally in the Alley runs from March 18th through the 28th, 10:00am to 4:00pm

Ride over to Gasoline Alley for a rally like no other. Roar 'round the course and complete a whole highway of motorcycle themed challenges. This is guaranteed to be full throttle fun for riders of all ages.

The event is suitable for Day Camp groups with children aged 5 to 17 years and will provide a fun, two hour outing (not suitable for Preschool Groups). You will need to divide your children into groups of four to six kids, with a leader to guide them, in order to participate in the hands-on activity stations. These small groups can also take time to enjoy the various exhibits within the museum including the Husky Service Station, Family Gallery with 1950's games and crafts, Upper and Lower Showrooms with over 200 visible gas pumps, 60 antique cars and trucks and interesting gasoline memorabilia. In all, your group could spend up to 2 ½ hours comfortably engaged in activities in the museum. Heritage Plaza in front of the Museum contains several stores for unique gifts and the Railway Café which has snacks, drinks and light lunches. The main historical village is **not open** during this time, so we recommend only a maximum of a half day visit. Lunch space is limited but if you book early, we can arrange a location for your group to eat their bagged lunches, either before or after you complete your museum activities.

We would like to offer you a special group rate of \$4.50 + GST per child to enable you to take advantage of this special programming for the children in your care. This includes one complimentary adult supervisor admission for every 8 children. In order to obtain this group rate, you must have a minimum of 15 children registered and you must book in advance of the event (booking deadlines are on the registration forms for each event). Bookings will be filled on a first registered, first served basis to a maximum number of groups per day. We hope to see you in Gasoline Alley!

Best Regards

Bob Pearson

Special Programming Coordinator 403-268-8614

**HERITAGE PARK
Spring Rally in the Alley**

March 18th-28th 2016

BOOKING FORM

Return by fax to (403) 268-8574

Or E-mail at bpearson@heritagepark.ab.ca

Name of Youth Group: _____

Address of Group: _____

Booking contact: _____ Alternate contact: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____ E-mail: _____

Age of children (5+ yrs old): _____ Note: This event is not suitable for Preschool Groups.

Please select a day and time for your visit:

Friday March 18th to Monday March 28th/ 10:00-11:30; 12:00-2:00; 1:30-3:30

Date Requested: 1st Choice _____ Time _____
 2nd Choice _____ Time _____
 3rd Choice _____ Time _____

Fees

Group Admission to the Gasoline Alley Museum/Spring Rally:
 Children: \$4.50 + GST/ Adult: \$8.00 + GST (15 guests or more)

Coupons, promotional discounts and Annual Passes do not apply to this pre-registered program.

Lunch space is limited. Please book early. We will need a lunchroom: yes__ no__

_____ # of Children X \$4.50 + GST admission each \$ _____

_____ # of required Adult Supervisors at no charge (Ratio: 1 free adult per 8 children)

_____ # of additional Adults X \$8.00 + GST admission each \$ _____

Total Number of Guests: _____ Total (admission) \$ _____

NOTE: Refunds will not be issued for cheque overpayments due to a change in student numbers. We recommend your cheque be completed for 90% attendance and pay any shortfall by cash or Visa.

Questions? Please contact Bob Pearson, Special Programming Coordinator at (403)268-8614

We understand and accept the limits, regulations, and information as stated in the information package. We ensure that the children will be supervised at all times while visiting Heritage Park.

Group Leader's authorization: _____ Date: _____