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

Message from our Area Commissioner

Thinking Day is upon us. This day like no other makes me reflect on where I am at in my Guiding. The Guiding year is feeling like its dragging on a little and my spirits need a lift. Why not take it easy on yourself and check out some meetings inbox that are scattered through out many different Guiding websites? It also makes me feel thankful. Thankful for all the wonderful ladies I work with and that I need to take some action to recognize them in some way. Take a moment and write up an award to recognize that person in your unit who works so tirelessly to make it happen. It also makes me excited! Excited about the things to come. Within the last week we have seen the archives room get their own space and although it is currently empty, I can feel the spirit of the Baden-Powell's and our history and I get excited about the possibilities. I love Thinking Day!

Leeanne Smith



Register for Spring Ranger Camp

Camp is held on March 6-8, 2015 weekend! Registration deadline Feb 18th
Open to all Rangers, 3rd Year Pathfinders, and Trex (Girls in grade 9 and up)
You may register as individuals or as a unit. Cost \$50/girl
Please email calgaryrangercamp@gmail.com for a registration package.

TRAINING

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. Provide your name, iMIS number, branch that you lead, District, your phone number, your email address.** We have a new Training Challenge crest for 2014/2015. Anytime you take a training session, you can receive a crest. Ask your trainer!!

Safe Guide

Wednesday, March 4 – 7:00 – 9:30 pm

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!

There are still about 60 (or more) new Guiders who have not completed Safe Guide training. Anyone who registered in September must take Safe Guide before the end of February or in early March in order to continue working with the girls.

Financial Management (new and experienced Treasurers)

Monday, February 23 – 7:00 – 9:30 pm

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.

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.

Contact Guide Centre at ggcinfo@calgarygirlguides.com to register for these sessions.

Camp Orientation

Thinking about taking your unit to camp?

"To book & go camping at any of the Calgary Area Campsites, you must attend a site orientation first"

The next Jubilee Orientations will be held: **Sunday, February 22nd at 1:30pm**

Please meet at the Jubilee site in Cochrane at the parking lot between Buffalo & Badger. Contact the Guide Centre to register as well as for camp Jubilee brochures & more detailed information about the site.

Mockingbird orientation will be held **Sunday, May 3rd at 10:30am** Meeting at Mockingbird Lodge site.

First Aid

Emergency FIRST AID for Pathfinders, Rangers and Leaders.
Qualifies for Canada Cord and Safe Guide.
3 year Certificate from St. John Ambulance.

What better way to take your first aid with other Guiding friends.

Sunday, March 15th
only 12 spots left, first come first get basis.
Crossroads Community Hall

One time only price of \$60 per girl and \$80 for adults
Payment must be received by March 1 to register.

Make payment to:
Elaine Lingnau
1704 10th Ave N.E.
Calgary, AB
T2E 0Y1

Contact for questions: saracenca@yahoo.ca or text to 403-828-1575





Sleepover at Canmore Hostel for Guides

Sat, April 11 – Sun, April 12

Come try a new way to travel! Calgary Area Program Committee in conjunction with Hostelling International is pleased to offer a Sleepover Program for Guides and their Guiders at the Canmore Hostel. Hostelling is an alternative form of travel that is cheap, fun and safe, and an opportunity to learn about other cultures from around the world.

The event will include:

- Charter bus transportation from the Calgary Girl Guide office to Canmore and back.
- Saturday afternoon at the Canmore Nordic Centre. The Nordic Centre offers the opportunity for tobogganing, frisbee golf, snowshoeing and geocaching at no additional charge. We will supply the snowshoes and GPS units.
- Saturday supper, bed time snack and Sunday breakfast at the hostel
- Hostel staff will provide a full evening of fun activities to complete all the requirements of the Go Hostelling Challenge. Click [here](#) for more details.
- Go Hostelling crest for each person

A detailed itinerary will be provided upon registration. We will prepare all Safe Guide forms for you.

Fees & Registration

- The sleepover costs \$75.00 per person (GST included). Guiders pay as well as girls.
- Registration fee does not include the cost of X-Country Skiing. This would require purchasing a trail pass for approx. \$6-10pp depending on age. Ski rentals are available onsite for \$6-25pp depending on the size of equipment and length of rental period. Please see the [Canmore Nordic Centre](#) website for details.
- Units need to supply Guiders to meet 1:7 ratio.

Interested? Please contact michele.harding@shaw.ca to let us know you're interested and how many spaces you want. We'll explain the next steps needed to register.

There are only 19 spots left. Please reply ASAP!

INTERNATIONAL WEBSITE:

Check out the newly updated International website at <http://www.calgarygirlguides.com/international.html> for information about the new Twinning Countries and Challenges, WAGGGS, Travel Opportunities and other helpful International information. Come by every month for new Instant Meetings and fun travel tips!

January Travel Tip: When travelling with extra shoes, stuff socks into them to maximize space in your bag!

January Instant Meeting: Afghanistan. Take your unit on a trip to Central Asia with these fun crafts, games and recipes!

Questions? Contact international@calgarygirlguides.com

<p>WAGGGS WORLD</p>	<p>Trefoil Guild Members, current and former Guiders, Come join the WestRockers Trefoil Guild to celebrate</p>
	<p>Thinking Day 2015 Saturday, February 21st 1:00 – 3:00 pm Calgary Guide Centre 2188 Brownsea Drive NW</p>
<p>Together we can make a difference</p>	<p>We will accept donations to the Canadian World Friendship Fund and collect new socks for the homeless.</p> <p>No RSVP is required. Uniform is optional.</p> <p>We look forward to welcoming you!</p>

TWINNING 2020 – GUYANA:

This Twinning project is very different from what has been done in the past. There is no “giving” component from Canada – it is a partnership between us and our twinning country. It is “a WAGGGS pilot partnership to enhance engagement of girls in WAGGGS initiatives, extend adult leadership opportunities through Twinning innovation and to learn, understand and adopt the WAGGGS approach to youth learning”.



Our Vision is “A world where girls can easily connect and bring about their own empowerment”.

Resource material e.g. provincial/country information and the WTD activities will be put up on the Alberta website and there are plans to create a Twinning 2020 Alberta – Guyana Group Facebook Page monitored by both Alberta Council and Guyana Girl Guides. Check the Area website for information about Guyana and an Instant Meeting coming soon!

**WORLD THINKING DAY 2015: FEBRUARY 22nd**

Please consider doing one of the following with your Unit to celebrate Thinking Day with our Twinning partners in Guyana.

Take a picture of your unit participating in one of these activities and send it to twinning@albertagirlguides.com. These will be shared with our Guiding sisters in Guyana.

Play the WAGGGS Thinking Day Game from the WAGGGS

Thinking Day Activity Pack <http://www.worldthinkingday.org/en/resources/document/view/25466> and take an interesting photo.

Do one of the activities/questions from the WAGGGS Thinking Day Game.

Share your [#guidinglight](https://twitter.com/guidinglight). For example, light a candle, use a spark from two pieces of flint, organize a campfire, a sparkler, even use a flashlight or your mobile phone, or capture the light of the sun! Think of a message you would like to share with this amazing worldwide Movement you are part of on WTD. Your Guiding light ceremony can be small and simple, or make it part of your bigger WTD celebrations.

If you have any questions please send them to Enidd Isaac, Alberta Twinning Lead at twinning@albertagirlguides.com

Interested in a slide show and crafts for your Unit?

Presenter is willing to present material at a scheduled meeting, where girls are interested in learning about the Canadian Arctic. A seasoned guider (involved from Brownies through to Links) will present photos and a slide show of the following:

- ✦ Map of the Arctic, highlighting Yellowknife, the Mackenzie River, Cambridge Bay, Iqaluit and a hike across Baffin Island
- ✦ Presenter lived in the NWT/Nunavut for 5 years

Presenter successfully completed a 15 day trek through the Auyuittuq National Park on Baffin Island with one other female, 70 lb packs, 24 hour daylight and no wood to burn.

If you are interested contact: Anna-Marie Iles, duffanna@shaw.ca Call: 403-230-1903h or 403-660-2979c

Ranger/Trex Opportunity & Adventure Camp

Join up and have an adventure this summer at Sylvan Lake. The basic premise of the camp is to build a water craft capable of taking it's crew and a couch across a lake, camp for the night, hang around the campfire on couches and then return the next morning. As crazy as it sounds, we have done it before.

Held Date: July 4 & 5, 2015

Cost: \$15.00

Ages: 16+

Race Start Location: Marine Drive boat launch, Sylvan Lake Camp Location: Camp Woods, Sylvan Lake

Objectives:

- To transport a couch by water to the destination campground and back out.
- To show that learning traditional scouting skills (paddling, lashing, pre-planning, teamwork, etc) does not mean boring activities.
- To encourage creative thinking and problem solving in the real world.

Description: Using one non-motorized watercraft of the team's choice, the team must transport a couch and at least 2 crew from the start point across Sylvan Lake (3.7km) and back out the next morning.

Website: cerberus.ca/arc

Contact: Scott Gordon (403) 861-7371

Feb 20, 2015: Please note the following amendment to the Feb 12th Enews:

Canadian Guiding does not condone/approve or sanction the "Adventure Camp at Sylvan Lake July 4-5, 2015", held by Scouts Canada. Should any units wish to participate, proper Safe Guide paperwork will need to be filled out and approved.

Please note that assessors will consider this a high risk activity as it is considered Adventure Tripping.