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

Message from our Area Commissioner

Happy New Year everyone!! Over the Christmas holidays I was working on the Calgary Annual Report. I was once again impressed with all we do. Did you know that we were 5,448 members strong in 2014? That's an increase 105 girls and 22 adults!! Or that 688 Guiders received trained this year? Or that we donated over 4,000 stuffed animals to the Calgary Police Services? Or that we sold almost 33,500 cases of cookies? An increase of more than 630 over 2013. 334 guiding units went camping, and as the New Year starts we have units that are camping already! 2014 was fantastic but 2015 is shaping up to even bigger and better. I can't wait!! You ladies rock!



Check out the latest issue of the Canadian Guider for a great article written by local Guider Pat Guillemaud! http://www.girlguides.ca/Documents/GGC/media/publications/Winter_2015_Guider.pdf

Have fun cheering at the Hitman game this weekend everyone!

Leeanne Smith

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

Saturday, January 10 – 9:30 am – noon

Tuesday, January 27 – 7:00 – 9:30 pm

Saturday, February 7 – 9:30 am - noon

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!

***** District Commissioner Getting Started Modules *****

Saturday, January 17 – 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

The morning session (9:00 am – 12:30 pm) will cover “Foundation of Your Position” and “Building Your District”. We'll talk about understanding the work of and resources available to the DC; long and short range planning; time and stress management; succession planning; communication with community; recognition and retention; mentoring and motivating your Guiders.

There will be a break from 12:30 – 1:00 for lunch – please bring your own.

The afternoon session (1:00 – 5:00 pm) will cover “Administration”, “Risk Management” and “Human Resources”. We'll talk about screening; records management; council meetings; insurance and incident reporting; Safe Guide; what your signature means; girl protection; Performance Conduct; conflict management; effective communication; and difficult conversations.

These sessions are open to all current District Commissioners, District Co-Commissioners and Deputy District Commissioners – or anyone who is thinking about taking on this role in the future. Please register at ggcinfo@calgarygirlguides.com by Wednesday, January 14.

Understanding the Adult Learner

Wednesday, February 11 -7:00 – 9:30 pm

Are you interested in becoming a trainer? This is the place to start. We will talk about how adults learn, discuss learning preferences and styles and explore your role in facilitating learning. The session will give you a better understanding of the role of a trainer.

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.

Calgary Area has residential campsites availability!

Camp Jubilee has the following residential sites available these weekends.

February 13-15th weekend, Centennial North & South

February 20-22nd weekend, Centennial North & Namiyi

March 6-8th weekend, Centennial South

April 10-12th weekend, Namiyi

April 17th-20th weekend, Centennial North & Namiyi

April 24-27th weekend, Centennial North

May 22-24 weekend, Centennial North & Namiyi



Please contact Sommer at E: marketing@calgarygirlguides.com or P: 403-283-8348 ext 226.

Guiding Mosaic 2016



GM 2016 Information Meeting

Are you interested in taking a patrol to GM 2016? This meeting will go over information we know to date about the event, how to prepare your patrol, role of the patrol guider and what to expect at camp. People who attended GM 2010, as well as people who know the Camp Woods site, will be there to help answer questions.

Dates:

Tuesday, Feb.3 – 7:00 pm (register by 4:00 pm Feb. 2)

Sunday, Feb. 8 – 2:00 pm (register by 4:00 pm Feb. 6)

Please register at (403) 283-8348 or camping@calgarygirlguides.com (name and contact phone number and/or email).

Questions? Contact camping@calgarygirlguides.com

Preregistration Information

Are you Intending to Attend? If so, please refer to the Guiding Mosaic page on the Alberta Girl Guides website (http://www.girlguides.ca/AB/More/Guiding_Mosaic_2016.aspx). Here you will find two documents “Preregistration and Registration Concerns” and “Guiding Mosaic 2016 Info Sheet” to assist you. More information will be coming out in the next Blueprint and at the Information Meeting listed above.

Note: The correct address for our provincial GM Liaison is GM.AB.liaison@shaw.ca who will be happy to answer questions.



CHALLENGE THE CHILL!!!

Calling all 3rd Year Guides, Pathfinders,
Trex Rangers & Links

CALGARY AREA WINTER CAMP

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 30 – FEBRUARY 1, 2015
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 Wednesday, January 14TH 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 23rd, 2015. 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 18th at Guide Centre.

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

Registration form on following page.



STEM Day for Sparks Registration Form

Registration opens Monday, Dec. 15^h
Deliver form and payment to Guide office

WHAT: Bring your Sparks for a half day where they will rotate through four stations of fun, hands-on activities and learn that Science, Technology, Engineering and Math are part of the every day world all around us. Stations will be led by enthusiastic and talented science volunteers. The event will complete the requirements of the Alberta STEM Challenge as well as the spirit of the Spark Exploring and Experimenting Keeper. Additional information will be provided after you register.

WHERE: Guide Centre, 2188 Brownsea Drive NW

WHEN: Saturday, Jan. 31st, choice of morning or afternoon sessions

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Spark Unit Number _____

Contact Adult Name _____

Contact Email _____

Contact Phone Number _____

ATTENDANCE & FEES:

- This will be a green event. Units must supply Guiders and/or other female adults for 1:8 ratio.
- The registration fee includes all activities, STEM crest and snack for all participants.
- Payment is by unit cheque ONLY. Make cheques payable to “Girl Guides of Canada — Calgary Area”. No post-dated cheques.
- There are no refunds but you may make substitutions.

of Adults Attending _____ @ No Charge

of Sparks Attending _____ @ \$8.00 / girl = _____

CHOICE OF SESSION:

Units will attend either the morning or the afternoon. Please circle your choice of session. The morning and afternoon sessions will be the same with a maximum of 100 girls per session.

Morning Session 9:00 am—Noon	First Choice	Second Choice	Doesn't matter
Afternoon Session 1:00—4:00 pm	First Choice	Second Choice	Doesn't matter