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ENEWS CALGARY AREA



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Next E-News September 5th. Please send your requests to E-News to marketing@calgarygirlguides.com

Please note: The cutoff for submissions is Thursday at noon, prior to each E-news.

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

Message from our Area Commissioner

I can hardly believe that it's been almost a year as your Area Commissioner. I want to thank you for all the support and encouragement you have provided me. This year has probably been one of the most eventful in my life in every aspect. We have seen both our membership numbers and cookies sold continue to grow which means we are doing the right things. We have cheered loudly at football and hockey games and continued to be a presence in our communities. As you look back over the year, remember the smiles and laughter. They are what makes it all worthwhile. So go now and recharge over the summer and enjoy your families. I'll see you in fall when we can again make magic happen.

Leeanne Smith

Looking for Casino

GGC Casino

When: Thursday November 27th and Friday November 28th, 2014.

Where: Cowboys Casino

What: Needing Volunteers!



Westover Lake Picture by: Susan Ryan

Cash Cage

2 Shifts per day – 11:00am to 7:30pm and 6:30pm to 3:30am

Positions per shift –

General Manager/Banker/Cashier (x2)/Chip Runner (x2)

Count Room

1 Shift per day – 10:30pm to 3:30am

Positions per shift – General Manager/Count Room Supervisor/Count Room Staff (x4)

Interested? Email Juli at admin@calgarygirlguides.com with preference.

TRAINING

The Training Committee wants to challenge you! All sessions will be offered at Guide Centre unless otherwise indicated. Register 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, you can receive a crest. Ask your trainer!!

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!

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.

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!

Financial Management (new and experienced Treasurers) 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.

Sleepover Planning Together we'll investigate all those bits to consider when designing a fantastic sleepover with your girls. You'll leave the session with theme based sample schedules, craft and activity ideas, menu thoughts, risk management strategies and sources for even more resources that are sure to make your unit sleepover memorable.

Singing for Sparks and Brownies Want to sing more with your Sparks and Brownies but don't think you are a singer? Come and learn some simple songs and how to incorporate this traditional element of Guiding into your program with confidence.

Outdoor Cooking Join us for a fun time learning to make and use simple outdoor cooking apparatus. We will cook and sample some meals that even the picky eaters in your unit will enjoy. You will leave with instructions to make the apparatus, recipes, and lots of ideas to get you started on moving your camp kitchen outdoors.

Crafts for Sparks and Brownies Join us and learn to use crafts to complete Spark and Brownie program areas. Make a craft to explain healthy eating, musical instruments, puppets, easy hat crafts for camps, a pioneer craft and international craft. You will make them and leave with ideas and instructions

Crafts for Guides and Pathfinders Explore some craft techniques to challenge the girls. Learn to make and use a simple two harness loom, try some dyeing techniques, learn to use the sun to decorate fabric, and use mirrors to create designs. Come and explore modified ways to do adult crafts with the girls.

GUIDER TRAINING DAY Saturday, August 23 – 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

9:00 – 11:30 am
Safe Guide (new Guiders)
Lunch Break – 11:30 am – 12:30 noon Includes time for craft and activity ideas
12:30 noon – 2:30 pm
All About Your Branch – Sparks
All About Your Branch – Brownies
All About Your Branch – Guides
All About Your Branch – Pathfinders
Break – 2:30 – 3:00 pm
3:00 – 5:00 pm
Building Unit Guider Skills (new Guiders)

Other Sessions

Safe Guide

- Saturday, September 13 – 9:30 – noon
- Thursday, September 25 – 7:00 – 9:30 pm
- Tuesday, October 7 – 7:00 – 9:30 pm
- Saturday, October 18 – 9:30 – noon

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Singing for Sparks and Brownies Held on : Tuesday, October 7 – 7:00 – 9:30 pm

Outdoor Cooking Held on: Saturday, October 25 – noon – 4:00 pm

Sleepover Planning Held on: Tuesday, October 28 – 7:00 – 9:30 pm

Crafts for Sparks and Brownies Held on: Saturday, November 8 – 9:00 am – noon

Crafts for Guides and Pathfinders Held on: Saturday, November 8 – 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Financial Management Held on: Tuesday, November 18 – 7:00 – 9:30 pm

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

Guide Centre Summer Office Hours



The Guide Center office hours are changing for the summer months. Hours are as follows:

June hours Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm, & Fridays from 9am-1pm. The office will also close daily for lunch hour from 1pm-2pm

July & August office hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm, Fridays the office will be closed. The office will also close daily for lunch hour in July & August between 1pm-2pm. Regular office hours to resume September 2.

Area Dinner Pictures Available

Area Dinner Pictures are available and have been uploaded to the London Drugs website. Have a look and order away.

Go to:

<http://photolab.londondrugs.com/>

Sign in:

Email: ggcinfo@calgarygirlguides.com

Password: calgarygirlguides



Fall 2014 Nite Trek

Calling all Pathfinders

NITE TREK 2014

Spies in the Night
October 18th-19th,
2014

Held at Camp Mockingbird. Registration begin-

ning May 1st

Deadline for initial registration with \$140 deposit due June 30th.

No late registrations will be taken. Please see provincial website for registration forms.

Contact:
Lesliejones@shaw.ca



Memorial Gove Update

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

Our memorial grove service was well attended this year we had eight names on the plaque and approximately 55 – 60 guests with us for the day, all sharing memories of their loved ones that we were honoring. I would like to extend

my sincere thanks to the Glee Club for their wonderful music that really adds to the day, and to the YNOT Trefoil Guild for their hospitality. Without their help we would not enjoy the refreshments and sharing time in Centennial

south that is such an important time. And thanks to all the family members who attended.

Cathy Mantika

Leaders

LEADERS NEEDED
1st Alberta Pathfinders meet inside the secure walls of the Calgary Young Offenders Centre. The Unit began in April 1999 and serves girls aged 12-18 who are in conflict with the Law. They could be held in custody pending trial, have been convicted and sentenced or have

breached release conditions. The aim of the Pathfinder program is to teach the girls every day skills and show them there is another path to follow than what they have chosen. We meet on Mondays from 6:30pm-8:00pm with a modified Pathfinder program. Our request is for a

group of leaders to rotate on a roster during the year. All leaders must be over 21, have a current Police Clearance, submit to a Child Welfare clearance (arranged by CYOC) attend an orientation at CYOC. You must be non-judgmental with the girls, yes they have committed crimes, however we are there to help them in reha-

bilitation. Over the 15 years the program has been in operation there are many success stories. If you are interested in discussing this opportunity further please contact guilemp@telus.net.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING NEW IN GUIDING?



THREE amazing Opportunities for you

Become a positive, contributing member of Calgary Area Council. Help shape our Area for tomorrow and support our Guiders and girls today. We are accepting applications for these positions until **July 30, 2014**. For more information on these exciting volunteer positions and to access the application form, contact:

Contact Nominations Search Committee: Donna Leonard Call :(403) 280-9467 or email: dlleonard@shaw.ca

In each position you will receive direct support and mentoring from your provincial adviser counterpart and part of the national network of advisers.

AREA CAMPING ADVISER As lead of the Camping Committee, you will help ensure that all Guiders have the opportunity for support in the planning of their outdoor activities, sleep-overs and camps.

AREA TRAINING ADVISER Working in close partnership with all district councils, you will lead the team of trainers in designing and delivering exciting training opportunities to support all Calgary Area Adult Members and Rangers.

AREA INTERNATIONAL ADVISER As you and your team promote awareness of the international aspect of great guiding you will be opening the eyes of all Members towards global issues, international travel opportunities, and the wider world of Guiding.

Canoeing at Westover Lake: Day trip for Guides, Pathfinders and Rangers



Day trip – September 27 or 28, 2014 – pick one

Rain Date October 3 or 4th

The Camping Advisers have arranged a canoeing activity at Westover Lake for late -September, 2014. Learn canoe strokes; practice embarking and disembarking from a canoe; experience canoeing on Westover Lake with qualified canoe personnel on hand. Your group will be given a minimum 1 hour time slot in the canoes plus dry-land time to organize life jackets etc.

Westover Lake is a Calgary Area Girl Guide Camp, about 30 km west of the Calgary City limits on Hwy 1 at Sibbald Flats. It is a wilderness site, with very little in the way of amenities –i.e. no shelter from the rain (or snow). There are tenting sites, picnic sites, sheds for food storage, camp fire rings, latrines, canoes, life jackets, paddles, lots of trees, the small, sheltered lake and that’s about all. It is a half hour hike from the parking area to the camp site. **THIS IS BEAR COUNTRY**, so appropriate wilderness behavior is expected.

Anyone (*girls and adults*) wishing to participate in canoeing **MUST** have either their “swim test for boating” or “swim test” registered with iMis within the past 5 years. An explanation of these tests can be found at <http://forms.girlguides.ca/SafeGuide/Shared%20Documents/safe-guide-full.pdf> - page 101 (swim test for boating) or page 82 (swim test)

- Swim and Boating test verification forms for individuals (WA.2) and groups (WA.3) can be downloaded at http://forms.girlguides.ca/SitePages/Home.aspx#sg_forms

To make it a full day, bring your lunch and drinking water; plan some extra activities such as shelter building, outdoor cooking, nature walks and compass work. Anything other than canoeing will be up to the individual units to plan and organise.

Backpack Camping at a Westover Lake camp site that weekend is an option, but it is your responsibility to organise and submit the usual GGC Safe Guide paperwork.

There is a small fee of \$5 per girl to cover expenses for the site.

For more information and to pre-register please contact Susan Ryan, Silverbirch District Camping Adviser ryan.susan@shaw.ca or phone 403-281-8211. Since this is just the second year for this event, there are no dumb questions. Feel free to ask so we have a chance to clarify. **Final registration will occur in early September. Notice will appear in Calgary Area e-news or direct-to-you if you pre-register.**