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ENEWS CALGARY AREA



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

Message from our Area Commissioner

It feels like Spring!!! I can't decide which I am more excited about Spring or St. Patrick's Day. Between the luck of the Irish and the thought of spring flowers how can you not help but be optimistic. It was really neat to attend the Brownie STEM Day at Guide House. The session leaders did an amazing job helping the girls to understand concepts of clouds, erosion, tones of color, DNA, tie dye with sharpies, black lights and numerology. Who knew 7 & 8 years olds were so smart?? Looking for other great ideas? There are many challenges out there to do with your girls. Many of those challenges tie into our own badges plus offer their own badges for completing the challenge. Hmm . . . which to try first . . . the Chocolate Challenge from Quebec or the Expelliarmus Challenge from the UK??

Leeanne Smith



Shredding Dates at the Guide Centre

We are holding our annual shredding here at the guide Centre, March 16th. Please bring your paperwork, binders, etc., you do not have to take it out of the binders or remove the clips, the shredders take it all. We are accepting your shredding materials from now at the Guide Centre until the 15th of March. Please identify your shredding with an 'S'.

Camp Orientation

The next **Jubilee Orientations** will be held: **Sunday, April 19th 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.

IASG orientation will be held **Saturday, May 2nd at 11:00am** Meeting at IASG Gate at the site.

New Volunteer Opportunity?

Are you passionate about Calgary Area campsites? Would you like to have input on campsite improvements & maintenance? Would you like to physically help maintain the campsites?

If the answer is "Yes!" read on...

Calgary Area is creating a **Campsite Facilities Committee**, a subcommittee of the Camping Advisers. The goal of the Campsite Facilities Committee is to:

- Prioritize camp improvement & maintenance activities
- Organize and participate in camp work parties
- Promote pride and ownership in Calgary Area campsites.

For more information, contact Laurie McIntosh
(mcin2002@telus.net)



AREA DINNER 2015

Please save the date as our annual Area dinner will be held this year on May 26th, 2015 at the Carriage House Inn. Tickets will be available to purchase **April 7th** for \$25.

We are looking for volunteers to help out with the event. Did you have a table game that you'd like to share? Please message Sommer at the Guide Centre if you'd like to lend a hand.

What have your Unit's been up to 2014/ 2015?

Calgary Area is looking for your pictures and videos to share in our Enews and Area Dinner presentation. Show us what you and your Unit's have been up to this year! We are excited to receive all your great photos, and any short 15 second or less videos you may have to share as well. Please submit to marketing@calgarygirlguides.com

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! **Upcoming Sessions – watch for details in future e-news!**

Saturday, May 9 Watch for information on a OAL training day on May 9. Sessions will cover the basic residential modules and outdoor cooking. More information will follow once planning is completed.

District Commissioner – Getting Started We will be presenting the five **District Commissioner – Getting Started** modules in June. Anyone who is a new Commissioner or who is thinking of taking on this role will benefit from these sessions. The modules are

- Foundation of Your Position
- District Administration
- Human Resources
- Risk Management
- Building Your District

These sessions will be held on

- Tuesday, June 2 – 7:00 – 9:30 pm
- Saturday, June 6 – 9:00 – 11:30 am and 12:00 – 2:30 pm
- Tuesday, June 9 – 7:00 – 9:30 pm
- Thursday, June 11 – 7:00 – 9:30 pm

***** Watch for details and information about when each session will be scheduled. *****

New Guider Training Day – Saturday, June 13

9:00 – 11:30 am

Safe Guide

12:00 – 2:00 pm (choose one)

- All About Your Branch - Sparks
- All About Your Branch – Brownies
- All About Your Branch - Guides
- All About Your Branch – Pathfinders

2:30 – 4:30 pm

Building Unit Guider Skills

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.

Upcoming Events in Calgary

Are you looking for easy, fun and cheap activities for your unit? There are many events happening around 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.

Earth Science for Society (www.esfscanada.com)

Sunday, March 15

Noon – 5 pm

Big Four Building, Stampede Park

Earth Science for Society (ESfs) showcases the importance of Earth Science in our everyday lives. Presenters at the four themed pavilions, *Resources and You*, *Energy for Us*, *One Dynamic Earth*, and *Our Future!*, will give dynamic demonstrations and have interactive exhibits for experiential learning. The ever-popular Yukon Dan gold mining exhibit and the Burgess Shale fossil hunt will be returning! Better for Guides and up. This would cover all sorts of badges related to STEM and the environment.

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

Saturday, April 18

9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Calgary Courts Centre (601 – 5 St. SW)

Their website does not have a detailed schedule of activities for 2015 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 ([click here](#))

Saturday, May 9th, 2015

11 am – 3 pm

East parking lot of McMahon Stadium



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 choose to interact with the exhibitors, you could probably complete the Alberta Emergency Preparedness Challenge. Good for all ages.

Training Provincial News

CHALLENGE YOURSELF & HELP OTHERS BECOME A TRAINER

Are you looking for a new and challenging way to acquire the knowledge and skills need for effective leadership in Girl Guides of Canada?

Come join us in Red Deer for our Annual Trainers Workshop being held April 24 – 26, 2015. While seasoned Trainers are attending sessions to increase their awareness, understanding and effectiveness in adult learning, you will complete the Trainer foundation modules. Topics in the Trainer Stream include training design and delivery and understanding the adult learner, all covered in a fun, relaxed and hands on manner. At the end of the workshop, you will be presented with your Trainer Stream pin, and if you choose, linked with a mentor and be ready to complete the final on the job sessions in your own Area. Cost for this weekend for the Trainer Stream is \$240.00 + GST. Deadline to register: March 27, 2015

International

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



Words in Action in Calgary

Calgary Area has decided to collaborate with Calgary Reads to help units meet the goals of our Words in Action National Service Project. [Calgary Reads](#) is a local not-for-profit organization that brings together people, schools, community partners and business to make reading a priority. They will be holding their annual used book sale on May 22-23. This is an enormous event and Calgary Girl Guides are going to help make it even more successful! Here's what you can do....

Fill Cookie Cartons with Used Books (all units, all ages)

- 1) **COLLECT!** Start collecting good quality, gently used books right away. Books can be for children or adults. You can simply ask your families to donate, or go big and do a book drive through your neighborhood. The [NSP website](#) has tips for doing a book drive.

Sorry, the following are NOT accepted: dictionaries, encyclopedias, text books, harlequin romances, Reader's digests, book tapes, cassettes, magazines and agendas.

- 2) **DELIVER!** Put the books into cookie cartons and bring them to the Guide office from April 20th to May 8th. Yes, you can use other boxes but we are Girl Guides after all! Just imagine what a mountain of books in cookies cartons will look like! Please don't use bags. Calgary Area will deliver the books to Calgary Reads for their book sale.
- 3) **LOG YOUR BOOKS!** Log your books on the [National Service Project website](#), then order your crests from the online store.

Help at the Reading Tent (Pathfinders and Rangers)

The Reading Tent is a place where parents can drop off young children while they shop at the used book sale. We need teams of Pathfinders and Rangers to read stories and make a simple bookmark craft with the children in the tent. Each team should have 2—6 girls plus at least one Guider.

The book sale takes place at the Calgary Curling Club (720—3 Street NW). We would like to staff the tent on Friday, May 22 from 5—9 PM and Saturday, May 23 from 9 AM— 9 PM. Shifts will be 2 hours long starting on the odd numbers. Please email Donnelle Watson at donnellew10@gmail.com with your unit details, contact information and your preferred time slot.

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 May 2-3, 2015?

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

If interested, please complete the form below and return to the Guide Centre by March 17, 2015.

Name (first and last, printed): _____

iMIS #: _____ email: _____

Guider Ranger (_____ year) 3rd yr Pathfinder

Will help with: Option 1: _____

Option 2: _____

Option 3: _____



Ribbon & Buttons Needed

Calgary Program Committee needs cloth ribbon and buttons please. Any colour is fine. The ribbon should be at least 1.5 cm wide. No skinny ribbon please. Drop it off at the Guide Centre by the end of April. Thank you!



Girl Guides Flames Ticket Special

Tickets to the following game are \$25!

Press Level tickets, best available upon securing your seats

March 17th vs St. Louis Blues @ 7:00pm

- In game announcement for Girl Guides of Calgary
- Block seating in the press level



To purchase tickets call Matt Ostash (403)777-5321 or email mostash@calgaryflames.com to secure your seats