



January, 2010
News for Members of GGC, Ontario Council

Key Dates

Beginning January 1 - We are pleased to announce that **Electronic Funds Transfer** is now available for manual expenses! To find out more and to sign up, please go to:

<http://guidesontario.org/formembers/financetraining.htm>

Now until March 27 – Register for Rally Day

http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/rally_day.htm. Visit

http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/rally_day.htm#B1 for great pre-Rally Day craft ideas and contests.

January 5 - Online cookie ordering website opens in Ontario for Spring 2010 Classic Cookie Campaign

January 21 - Ontario's online cookie ordering website closes

February 1 - Deadline for submissions to be a session presenter at Provincial Annual ([Click here to submit](#))

February 22 - Last day to make changes to registration for Rally Day – contact program.admin@guidesontario.org to change existing registration information.

February 22 – Thinking Day – Great new resource now available!

http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/thinking_day.htm

February 28 - Centenary Award application deadline

http://guidesontario.org/formembers/2010_centenary.htm

March 1 - Last day to submit artwork for Rally Day Contest

March 1 - Transfer of Rally Day fees from Unit Bank Accounts

March 2 – Rally Day registration starts for Members-at-Large, Trainers and other Non-Unit Guiders.

March 27 - Last day for Units to Register for Rally Day

May 15 - Rally Day!! - http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/rally_day.htm - Sudbury, Thunder Bay, Ottawa and Toronto are the locations in Ontario.

October 15-17- Provincial Annual

Exciting New Opportunities for Adults and Girls

Spring 2010 – Sportsman Show – Looking for Volunteer Coordinator

Now that we are beginning to plan for the Spring 2010 Classic Campaign we are looking for a volunteer who would be willing and able to coordinate cookie selling at the upcoming Toronto Sportsman Show – March 17 – 21, 2010. This is a large selling event that takes place over 5 days. The Event Coordinator will be responsible for the following:

Arrange transport of cookies to event (with help from Cookie Coordinator)
Advertise selling opportunity to all Units
Arrange shift coverage for all five days
Deposit cookie money and provide financial report to Cookie Coordinator
Arrange for PR and display materials

Please note that the Coordinator of this event must have access to a Centralized Bank Account.

If you are interested in coordinating this event please send your request to Lynda Chapple at cookie.adviser@guidesontario.org

Receiver Locations Needed for Spring 2010 Campaign

Ontario is looking for Cookie Receivers and Cookie Receiver Locations in the following cities for the upcoming Spring 2010 Campaign:

Atwood	North Bay
Belleville	Oakville
Burlington	Orleans
Courtice	Port Perry
Ennismore	Rockland
Gananoque	Shawville
Ignace	Sioux Lookout
Kanata	Stouffville
Keswick	Thunder Bay
Kingston	Woodstock
Kirkland Lake	

Should you or anyone you know be willing to help with cookie delivery in the spring, please forward the following information to Lynda Chapple at cookie.adviser@guidesontario.org

- Name and email address
- Delivery Location Address
- Mailing Address so we can send the cookie receiver package
- Special Instructions (Directions, days of the week not able to receive, Office or Home, do not leave the pallet, must go down stairs, etc...)

Exciting Events

Events and trainings in Ontario are all listed on our calendar. Online registration is fast and easy! <http://www.guidesontario.org/events/ontarioevents.htm>.

Celebrating 100 years

Rally Day Registration

3000 and counting! 3000 Girls and Guiders have registered for Rally Day so far. Have you registered? Did you know you can register now and pay later? For full details visit

http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/rally_day.htm.

For a sample letter to go home to parents click here.

<http://www.guidesontario.org/forms/Letter%20for%20Guiders%20to%20provide%20to%20Parent%20with%20transp-Rally%20Day.doc>.

FREE trip to Rally Day

Your Unit can win free registration to Rally Day! Wondering how? It's easy! Together as a Unit, create a piece of artwork that embodies the spirit of 100 years and the Guiding Movement! Submissions can be photographs, PowerPoint presentations, videos or anything else as long as it can be e-mailed! The submission must be e-mailed to program.coord@guidesontario.org. The deadline is **March 1, 2010**. A random draw will be used to choose the winning Unit. Submissions will be used at Rally Days across the province, so please make sure that if you are using pictures of girls, that they have their IR.1's recorded in iMIS.

Rally Day Hype

Get the girls excited for Rally Day by creating some hype! Here are some cool ideas to try with your girls:

Rally Day **banner**, click here for instructions:

<http://www.guidesontario.org/forms/Rally%20Day%20Banner.pdf>

Rally Day **hair band**, click here for instructions:

<http://www.guidesontario.org/forms/Rally%20Day%20Hair%20Band%20Craft.pdf>

Rally Day SWAPS, click here for instructions:

<http://www.guidesontario.org/forms/Rally%20Day%20Swap%206%20craft%20ideas.pdf>

Provincial Annual - Toronto, October 15-17, 2010

Session Presenters Wanted! You don't have to be an Ontario Trainer to submit your intent to present a session at the Provincial Annual in October this year. [Find out more information](#) on suggested topics, logistics and how to submit!

South African Patrol coming to GM2010

Thanks to continued support to provide funds from Ontario Members to bring a patrol from South Africa to Guiding Mosaic this July! Over \$2,000 has been raised so far. To make a donation click here. <http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/africa.htm>

Ontario 100th Anniversary Crests

Ontario will celebrate 100 years of Guiding with a crest of its own! Crests were mailed out the week of December 14 to 19. Thank you to the 1st Thornhill Trefoil Guild and the Agincourt Trefoil Guild for making this happen! We are sure you will wear this beautiful crest with pride; the design is representative of the activities that are happening in 2010. Cindy Brownlee and Carol Szabicot of North Bay worked very hard on its creation. Units received one extra crest because we know that your Unit will grow by One More Girl! If you are a Unit Guider and have a question or concern about the number of crests you have received contact your UA or if you are a member-at-large, Trefoil Guild Member, Trainer or Resource Guider contact membersupport.clerk@guidesontario.org.

Share your Story

Visit the Ontario website and share your fondest memory of the time you have spent Guiding during the past 100 years! <https://secure.e-registernow.com/cgi-bin/mkpayment.cgi?MID=1213&state=step2direct&event=500000054170235>

Show us your GGC!

Star in a special 100th anniversary GGC video by shooting a 30-second video clip that shows everyone what GGC means to you. Submissions will be accepted from September 1, 2009 – January 31, 2010. Click here for full information:

https://2010.girlguides.ca/uploads/File/celebration_events/Show_Us_Your_GGC.pdf If you have questions e-mail, ggc2010info@girlguides.ca.

Event, Trainings and Camp Bookings on May 15th

As Rally Day will be the focus of the May 15 weekend, Guiding properties across Ontario will not be available for booking unless it is a sleepover accommodation for those attending Rally Day. We also request no other events/trainings run that weekend to ensure that all Members have the opportunity to attend this once in a lifetime event.

Membership

Congratulations to Jean Davis, a 60+ year Member, who has been awarded the Ontario Medal of Good Citizenship. Click here to read more <http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/awards.htm>.

Guiding is Growing, Thank you!

There is exciting membership news on the horizon. Our current data shows that we have already slightly exceeded last year's girl census numbers and there are still registrations coming in. The official count doesn't happen until the end of January but we are confident that the news will be positive. Thank you!

Shortly, the Units that have grown by one more girl between May 15-December 15, 2009 will be getting their *One More Girl...Wonderful!* phase two patches. Thank you for the work you did to make that happen.

Thank you to all the Units who have completed phase one of the challenge. For those of you who did it last year, remember you can do it with your girls again this year....same challenge, different patch as a reward!

For those of you who have not yet done the challenge here are some tips for integrating the challenge into your unit activities for the up coming Guiding year!!

- Encourage girl members to chat with their friends at school about guiding
- Encourage non-members to be involved in a current Unit activity
- Invite the media or a photographer to an exciting Unit event
- Invite the parents to a unit activity to engage them in the spirit of guiding
- Plan and host an event that would help make a difference in your community

For more information on the "*One More Girl...Wonderful Challenge*" contact Kate Robinson, 1-877-323-4545 ext 2423 or email her at onemoregirl@guidesontario.org

Let's Keep Growing!!!

Cookie News

Cookie All Stars Incentive Program

As you are planning your orders for your spring cookies, please keep in mind the success the Cookie All Stars program is having at increasing cookie sales. The average cookie sales per girl have increased in both campaigns in 2009 and we expect that it will continue to rise. Not only are girls excited about selling cookies, they are happily displaying their marketing, budgeting, and money-handling skills. Please remember also to track your girls' cookie sales both individually and as a Unit to assist you in ordering their Cookie All Stars prizing in the spring. For your convenience, the Cookie All Star tracking forms can be obtained in MemberZone at https://memberzone.girlguides.ca/C11/Cookie%20All%20Stars/Document%20Library/Unit_Tracking_Order_Form_2009_2010.pdf.

The prizing and recognition website is being revised to make it easier for Guiders to enter their requests. As Unit information will be pulled directly from iMIS, **it is very important to have all the girls entered into iMIS by January 2010.**

More information on the Cookie All Star Program can be found at:
<https://memberzone.girlguides.ca/C11/Cookie%20All%20Stars/default.aspx>

Fall 2009 Surplus Still Available

Wondering where you can pick up extra cases? If your Unit is still looking for more selling opportunities and requires additional cases, we have supplies of extra cookies at various locations throughout the province. Please visit <http://guidesontario.org/formembers/cookiesguider.htm> for more information and a list of scheduled drop-in times at Community Office locations to pick up cookies.

Unit Excitement – Program

World Thinking Day

February 22 – Celebrate 100 years and Guiding around the world. Girls worldwide say “together we can end extreme poverty and hunger”. To help you with your planning see http://memberzone.girlguides.ca/Important%20News/thinking_day.aspx or take a look at the **NEW** Thinking Day Winter Olympics Template to help you plan three Unit Meetings, a Bridging event or a large event:
http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/thinking_day.htm

Aluminum Can Recycling Information Request

StewardEdge is working with the Ontario Blue Box program to track data on recycling of aluminum cans from residential sources. If, in the past, you may have been involved in a can drive to support fundraising efforts and have any records kept of the number or weight of the cans, please contact Liz Parry, Technical Services, StewardEdge, Tel. 647-777-3369 or e-mail: lparry@stewardedge.ca.

Learning and Development

Have you ever wanted to learn how to make hamburger in a tin can, lead a night hike or wildlife game? 120 Winter Outdoor Activity Workshops participants learned these skills and more over the November 20-22 weekend. Skills like these and similar ones can be learned in the OAL training. **Register now for the OAL Trail weekend, May 28-30, 2010 at Camp Kienuka** by visiting the Event Calendar: <https://secure.e-registernow.com/cgi-bin/mkpayment.cgi?state=1211>.

Contact your ACL or learning.adviser@guidesontario.org to request an OAL training or other TEAM training that you feel would be beneficial to Guiders where you reside!

For a cool winter-themed activity and a favorite of the Winter Activity training weekend held across the province in November 2009 visit:
http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/ideas_meetings.htm and click on Winter Scrabble.

Girl Forum

Introducing the Girl Forum for the current Guiding year! Members are: Jillian (Sudbury), Brittany (Mildmay), Amanda (Woodstock), Megan (Mildmay), Christine (London), Madeleine (Barrie), Kayla (London), Sarah (Sarnia) and Charlotte (Sudbury). Members of the Girl Forum are between the ages of 14- 17 and are active members. The length of membership on the Forum is up to two years.

This year's Forum members are Pathfinders and Rangers and can be seen helping out in Units. The wealth of experience in the group is amazing. We kicked off the year with participation in the Forum meeting in October.

Topics such as *One More Girl* Challenge, Advocacy, Growth Strategies, and Guiding Ambassadors were explored along with participating in discussions with the Provincial Advisers on upcoming 2010 projects. Film critiques on the short films on the GGC website "Perspective on a Girl" section were completed and sent on to the National Public Relations Adviser. Also discussed was the topic "Girl Recognition" and "what does it mean to me"? We will continue to meet via internet groups and work on the 2010 agenda we developed.

International

Fivers for Friendship

Pennies don't go as far as they used to so GGC is encouraging each girl to donate \$5 to the Canada World Friendship Fund. In Ontario, Units can make the donation by selecting Unit to Province transfer on the web banking form and click CWFF.Travel Opportunity

The International Local Special Community travelling to England in 2011 has room for five more girls. Do you know any Pathfinders or Rangers that might be interested? Find more information at <https://secure.e-registernow.com/cgi-bin/mkpayment.cgi?state=1211>) under International Travel Opportunities.

Summer Camps

The Summer Camps Section is pleased to announce the line up for the 2010 provincial summer camps. Come camp with us at:

1. Camp Adelaide, Haliburton
2. Doe Lake Camp, Huntsville
3. Camp Woolsey, Ottawa
4. Camp Wyoka, Clifford

Highlights of our upcoming camping programs include MORE:

- leadership programming for a broader age of girls
- bussing pick up and drop off locations
- weekend programs
- touring programs including a Guide program at Wyoka which will visit Guiding Mosaic
- opportunities for Mom & Me programs

- arts programming
- camp programs for Sparks, Brownies and Guides
- geocaching programs
- co-ed Family Camp opportunities

At the end of January, we will mail our print brochure to all girl members' households, last year's non-member participants and to each Unit Contact Guider. We will also e-mail a link to our web pages to all adult members.

Volunteer and employee applications for the four camps listed above will be available at www.guidesontario.org in the Summer Camps Employment/Volunteering web pages in mid-January.

Special Guider Training Opportunity at Doe Lake

New in 2010! We'll be offering two, 4-day programs of Guider Mom & Me programs in conjunction with Girl Guides of Canada's TEAM training program this summer. We'll offer quality camp programming for little guys and gals under the age of 10 while the Guider moms (or significant female adults) learn. We'll offer the Enrichment Module's Dramatic Arts one session and the Outdoor Adventure Leadership PATH level during the other. There is lots of time to finish the training modules with the other Guiders AND play at camp with the children. Watch www.guidesontario.org summer camp tab for more details!

Store and Merchandise

Online shopping for all National merchandise is available at <https://thegirlguidestore.ca/>.

New way to order Ontario challenge crests, CD resources and the Ontario Friendship pin!

Submit your order easily using this online order form <https://secure.e-RegisterNow.com/cgi-bin/mkpayment.cgi?MID=1211&state=step2direct&event=500000066900292>.

Units and Trefoil Guilds must use Unit transfer option. Please **do not use the P Card** like a credit card for **ordering Ontario** merchandise items.