



March, 2010  
News for Members of GGC, Ontario Council

### **Key Dates**

**March 1** – Cookie All Stars Prizing/Recognition Site opens - <http://netsell.com/ggoc09/>

**March 1** – Unit transfers for Rally Day registered participants processed. Unit transfers will be done as new registration takes place from March 1 to March 27 on an ongoing basis.

**March 2** – Rally Day registration opens for Adult only registration (those not travelling with a Unit or volunteering already)

**March 20** – Spring 2010 cookie deliveries begin in Ontario

**March 17 – 21** – Cookie Selling opportunity at Toronto Sportsmen's Show – Shift times still available. Please contact Carol Mattea at [chrysler300L@hotmail.com](mailto:chrysler300L@hotmail.com) for more information.

**March 27** – Registration closes for Ontario Rally Day

**March 27- 8:30 p.m.** – participate in Earth Hour <http://www.earthhour.org/Homepage.aspx>

**March 29 – April 17** - Watch for UNIT GUIDER INTENT communications coming to you by e-mail!

**March 31** – Deadline for Summer Camp Campership applications for Adelaide, Doe Lake, Woolsey and Wyoka

**March 31** – Deadline for Cheque Requests for Unit Meeting Space

**March 31** – Application deadline for Elected Council Member  
<http://www.guidesontario.org/about/provincialopportunities.htm>

**April 1** – Isabel Kerr Scholarship application deadline  
[http://guidesontario.org/forms/scholarship\\_instructions.doc](http://guidesontario.org/forms/scholarship_instructions.doc)

**April 13** – Spring 2010 cookie deliveries end in Ontario

**April 30** – Cookie All Stars Prizing/Recognition Site closes – no orders accepted after this date.

**May 15** – National Rally Day – Ontario hosting events in Ottawa, Sudbury, Thunder Bay and Toronto

### **Celebrating 100 years**

#### **Rally Day Confirmation Packages**

Confirmation package information for Rally Day is now online for Sudbury, Ottawa and Toronto. The confirmation for Thunder Bay will be online shortly!

If you have registered you received an e-mail with the correct link. If you or somebody you know has not received a confirmation package link consider:

1. the registration was not completed online correctly

2. the wrong e-mail has been entered during the registration process
3. the confirmation e-mail went into the "junk mail" folder

First check your "junk mail" folder and if the confirmation e-mail is NOT there, contact [program.admin@guidesontario.org](mailto:program.admin@guidesontario.org) to ensure we have the correct the e-mail address and your online registration was processed.

Haven't registered but still want to check out what's going on? Visit:

[http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/rally\\_day\\_sudbury.htm](http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/rally_day_sudbury.htm) - Sudbury

[http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/rally\\_day\\_ottawa.htm](http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/rally_day_ottawa.htm) - Ottawa

[http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/rally\\_day\\_ontario\\_place.htm](http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/rally_day_ontario_place.htm) - Toronto

Please note that Ontario Place will not be open to the public on May 15, 2010. Only pre-registered Rally Day participants will be permitted access. **You cannot pay at the gate or register on-site at ANY Rally Day location.**

### **Rally Day Artwork Contest**

We have started to receive artwork from across Ontario! If you have not entered then do it now! You and your Unit can win free registration to Rally Day! Submit to [program.manager@guidesontario.org](mailto:program.manager@guidesontario.org)

### **Camp GAMES and Songs for Rally Day**

We all love them! So send it your Units top 10 camp games to [program.manager@guidesontario.org](mailto:program.manager@guidesontario.org)

Hear **the new 2010 GGC song** Sisters for a Century

<http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/anniversary.htm>

View a Girl Greatness national **GGC video**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jcTB2\\_DaAok&feature=youtube\\_gdata](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jcTB2_DaAok&feature=youtube_gdata)

New Ontario Thank You for your Support certificate for download

<http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/anniversary.htm>

**Municipal Flower Beds** – Spring is fast approaching and several communities across Ontario will be helping to celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by planting flowers in the configuration of our logo or by choosing their own design. To date, the following municipalities have confirmed that a flower bed will be planted to recognize GGC:

- Guelph
- Niagara-on-the-Lake
- Ottawa
- Pakenham
- Stratford
- Toronto
- Welland
- Windsor

Thank you to all Members who helped make this happen. There are several other cities and towns that have been approached to plant flower beds and we are waiting for confirmation of participation. If you are aware of any other locations that will be planting flower beds to recognize GGC's 100th, please contact Barb French at [b.french@sympatico.ca](mailto:b.french@sympatico.ca).

**Geocaching Program - 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Geocoin** – Pathfinders and Rangers get ready to play the new game of HIDE, SEEK & TRACK with the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary geocoin. These special edition 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coins will be available for a Unit register to receive and complete a Geocache program in April 2010. Be sure to check out our website:

<http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/anniversary.htm#A2> in April for more information. Quantities are limited and the coins will be distributed while the supplies last.

\$3400 and climbing! Thank you to all that have helped support Ontario bringing a **patrol from South Africa to Guiding Mosaic**. For more info on how to donate click here <http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/anniversary.htm>

**Patrols Guiders registered for Guiding Mosaic** will be contacted shortly via e-mail by the Ontario GM Transportation team to learn about patrol needs as well as form a plan to transport girls and Guiders to GM. The approved travel costs for GM will be subsidized by Ontario Council. No firm plans will be in place until all girls who are individually registered for GM have been placed in patrols by the GM staff and arrival and departure times have been provided. This is anticipated by the end of March or beginning of April.

### **Exciting New Opportunities for Adults and Girls**

**Elected Member Application for Ontario Council:** Application closing date: March 31, 2010  
Visit <http://www.guidesontario.org/about/provincialopportunities.htm>

### **Rally Day Volunteers**

We need YOUR help! All four locations need volunteer power. A special plea to those wishing to help in Toronto as registration is over 7000. Many opportunities to volunteer exist in **Program Delivery, Security, Food Services, Site Services, Sleepover Coordination, Transportation, Campfire/Opening and Entertainment!** Click here to submit your interest: <https://secure.e-registernow.com/cgi-bin/mkpayment.cgi?MID=1213&state=step2direct&event=500000051944576>.  
You do NOT have to reside in the location in order to volunteer. There are many jobs just for the day!

**Once you have submitted your interest an e-mail is sent on a weekly basis to the site specific Rally Day Chairs who will then contact you.** If you have NOT been contacted please let [program.admin@guidesontario.org](mailto:program.admin@guidesontario.org) know and be sure to state which location you are considering.

**Volunteers need not pay for Rally Day – Registration fee is covered for all adult Members that volunteer for the full day.**

Getting on the bus? **We need Bus Captains** for the ride to and from **Rally Day**. If you are interested contact [program.manager@guidesontario.org](mailto:program.manager@guidesontario.org)

### **Spring 2010 Cookie Receivers**

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

Kirkland Lake – **129 cases**  
North Bay – **618 cases**  
Rockland – **130 cases**  
Stouffville – **100 cases**

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](mailto:cookie.adviser@guidesontario.org)

- Name and e-mail 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...)

### **2010 Provincial Recognition Ceremonies**

We are looking for local **volunteers to assist with planning and running the Provincial Recognition Ceremonies in Ottawa, London and the GTA** that will take place in **June**. If you are interested, please send an e-mail to [membersupport.coord@guidesontario.org](mailto:membersupport.coord@guidesontario.org).

**GTA** – Saturday June 26 at 3:00 p.m. at CNIB Centre, 1929 Bayview Avenue, Toronto, M4G 3E8

**London** – Sunday June 27 at 3:00 p.m. at Salvation Army Citadel, 555 Springbank Drive, London, N6J 1H3

**Ottawa** – Saturday October 23 at 3:00 p.m. at Council Chamber, Main Floor, Ben Franklin Place, 101 Centrepointe Drive, Nepean

### **Volunteers Needed!**

Girl Guides of Canada, Ontario Council is working in partnership with SNAP Newspaper Group across the province to increase Guiding's profile at the community level. SNAP is keenly interested in promoting and photographing events within the community. There are 45 SNAP locations, representing 28 of our 39 Administrative Communities. We are currently looking for volunteers to act as a liaison for each of the 45 locations.

As a SNAP liaison you will be the main contact for promoting local events within your community. Promote SNAP to Guiders in your community so they are aware that you can arrange media coverage on their behalf.

**EVENT PROMOTION:** Each issue of SNAP features an events calendar to promote local events. If an event is open to the public such as cookie sales or registration nights, these events can be posted to the SNAP calendar. As SNAP Liaison, you will be responsible for posting these events monthly. To appear in the print edition of the newspaper, events must be entered by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month. To appear online, events can be entered at anytime.

**ACTIVITY PROMOTION:** SNAP photographers are always looking for good news stories happening in the community. Guiders can request a photographer to promote their activities. As SNAP liaison, you will be responsible for collecting requests from Guiders and submitting them upon receipt to your local SNAP newspaper.

**MONITORING COVERAGE:** Each month you will be asked to pick up a copy of the paper and thoroughly check for Girl Guide coverage. You will be responsible for sending a monthly report to Mary Porto, Public Awareness Coordinator. This report will indicate the SNAP location, the month and a list of coverage including page number.

For more information or to sign-up as a SNAP liaison, please contact Mary Porto, Public Awareness Coordinator email [publicawareness.coord@guidesontario.org](mailto:publicawareness.coord@guidesontario.org) or call extension 2422.

### **Summer Camp bus stop volunteers**

We'll **need some friendly volunteers** to help us for an hour at **bus stops on Saturdays and Sundays** during our drop off and pick up times for our Summer Camps in **July and August in 2010**. Locations found in our brochure at [http://guidesontario.org/camping/sc\\_2010/forms/sc\\_brochure\\_2010.doc](http://guidesontario.org/camping/sc_2010/forms/sc_brochure_2010.doc)

We need **Summer Camp VOLUNTEERS** for our 2010 Camp Season! It takes lots of fun-loving adults to take care of our programs. You don't have to be a Guiding member to volunteer at Summer Camp (although we need some Guiders as well)! Please share the word with moms (or significant female adults) that there are volunteer opportunities at all of our camps. All volunteer and employee position descriptions, an organizational chart and applications are currently listed at <http://www.guidesontario.org/camping/campemployment.htm>.

We still have **key volunteer opportunities** for the following programs:

- Food Service (Food Prep, Cooking)
- Arts (Visual Arts, Dramatic Arts, Crafts)
- Land (Camp skills, initiative games, environmental studies, nature, geocaching)

- Adventure Trips
- Bus Programs

### **Exciting Events**

The ever-changing events calendar for Ontario Girl Guides! Online registration is fast and easy! Check it out at <http://www.guidesontario.org/events/ontarioevents.htm>.

Registering online for a GGC event and wondering why you didn't receive a confirmation via e-mail? Please check the "Junk" folder in your inbox. Depending on your filter setting the auto-generated confirmation from our event software may be hiding in there! If not contact [program.admin@guidesontario.org](mailto:program.admin@guidesontario.org)

### **Are you planning an event at camp this summer?**

Event Planners that are looking to plan an event at a GGC camp this summer should submit their event no later than March 15, 2010. This will allow enough time to post and promote your camp. Please contact Michelle Johnson via e-mail for assistance at [event.coord@guidesontario.org](mailto:event.coord@guidesontario.org)

**Travel Opportunity** - The International Local Special Community travelling to England in 2011 has room for 5 more girls. Do you know any Pathfinders or Rangers that might be interested? Visit <https://secure.e-registernow.com/cgi-bin/mkpayment.cgi?state=1211>) under "International Travel Opportunities".

There is a new local specialty community for an Adults only trip to Switzerland, France & England in 2011. Please watch the International Travel Opportunities on the events calendar at [www.guidesontario.org](http://www.guidesontario.org) for more information.

### **Membership**

#### **March 31 – deadline for Cheque Requests for Unit Meeting Space**

Girl Guides of Canada, Ontario Council covers the cost of regular weekly meeting space from a portion of girl registration fees. School board costs for 2009-10 have already been paid.

- If your unit meets at a public place other than a school and would like Ontario Council to cover the cost, please complete the form below to request a cheque and submit to the User Space Coordinator. If your meeting space requires payment of a specific amount, please include that information in your request. Please note that requests must be submitted each year, they are not automatically reissued.
- Note that cheques will be forwarded from the provincial office directly to the facility with an acknowledgement letter in May. Confirmation is not provided to Guiders; however, you can contact your Unit Administrator after May 15 to see if a cheque requisition has been submitted to the Finance department.

To obtain a Cheque Request form, click on the link below to download from MemberZone:

<https://memberzone.girlguides.ca/C12/Ontario/ProceduresManual/Unit%20Glider%20-%20Membership/Ontario%20User%20Space%20Cheque%20Request%20Form.doc>

### **Provincial Recognition Ceremonies**

At the provincial ceremonies the following Members are recognized:

- Girl Members who have completed their **Canada Cord**
- Youth Members who have completed their **Chief Commissioner's Gold Award**
- Youth Members who have received the **Outstanding Youth Award**
- Adult Members who have received the **Bronze/Silver/Gold Merit Award, Medal of Merit, Ontario Award, Honorary Life Award and National Awards**
- **Adult Members** who have completed **50, 55 and 60 plus years of membership**
- In **2010, Adult Members** who have received the **Centenary Award**

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Pathfinder and Ranger Guiders are asked to send the following information to their Unit Administrator as soon as a girl in their Unit completes her Canada Cord or Chief Commissioner's Gold Award

- girl's name,
- iMIS number,
- name of award and date of completion of the award.

as lists of girls to receive invitations to the provincial ceremonies are pulled from iMIS.

### **Local Recognition Ceremonies**

Ontario Council is pleased to provide funding for local recognition ceremonies.

In order to qualify for funding, all local ceremonies must include the presentation of Canada Cord and Chief Commissioner's Gold Award to eligible girl Members.

Additionally, Outstanding Youth Award, Bronze/Silver/Gold Merit Award, Medal of Merit, Ontario Award, 2010 Centenary Award, Honorary Life Award, National Awards and recognition of Members with 50, 55 and 60 plus years of membership may be part of your ceremony.

For more details see <http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/awards.htm>.

### **Awards**

Congratulations to the following Guiders who have received awards.

**Honorary Life Award** - Lesley Skelly, Toronto

**January 2010 Guider-of-the-Month** - Pam Townsend, 68<sup>th</sup> Hamilton Brownies

Why not consider nominating an extra special Guider that you know. Any Member may nominate a Guider for an award. More information is available on the website at

<http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/awards.htm>

### **Cookie News**

#### **Spring 2010 Cookie Deliveries**

Units will be receiving cookie delivery notices by e-mail during the month of March indicating the date of delivery, delivery location and contact information. Contact Guiders; please check your e-mail account regularly for this notice.

#### **Cookie All Stars Incentive Program**

Please remember that Cookie All Stars is running as a year-long initiative covering Mint 2009 and Classic 2010 cookie campaigns. Guiders are to track the actual number of cases each girl sells individually – no pre-orders, prizes are awarded based on the number of cookies sold during both campaigns. If your Unit is participating please ensure all girls participating in cookie selling receive the recognition certificate for participation. This recognition certificate is available on the Cookie All Stars section of MemberZone.

<https://memberzone.girlguides.ca/C11/Cookie%20All%20Stars/default.aspx>

More information regarding Cookie All Stars can be found at

[http://guidesontario.org/about/cookie\\_allstars.htm](http://guidesontario.org/about/cookie_allstars.htm)

### **Sears Day – April 24, 2010**

National is currently developing a new registration process for the upcoming Sears Day on April 24, 2010. Sears stores have asked that Guiders **do not** contact them prior to this day. All Unit booking and **registration communication with the stores will be through National GGC office only**. Please watch for more details to come regarding the new and improved registration process.

### **Spring 2010 Surplus Cookies**

Ontario will be receiving a limited number of Surplus Cases for any Unit requesting additional cases to sell during the Spring 2010 Campaign. Some of these cases will be available at a few of the Cookie Receiver Locations. If your Receiver Location does not have a supply of surplus and you would like to receive additional cases please send an e-mail request to Georgina Sigal at [cookie.coord@guidesontario.org](mailto:cookie.coord@guidesontario.org). Please include in your request your Unit name and the number of cases you are requesting.

### **Unit Excitement – Program**

Continue to Go Green at home or at camp on March 27. Earth Hour 8:30 p.m. on March 27 is a global call to action to turn off the lights and show leadership in being responsible for our future. Visit <http://www.earthhour.org/Homepage.aspx> for full details and to take the pledge.

Go Green in your Unit too! Don't forget to take the GGC, **Ontario pledge to Go Green** with your Unit and earn a complimentary patch upon completion. For more details on the Go Green Challenge visit [http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/green\\_challenge.htm](http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/green_challenge.htm)

Find great Unit meeting ideas, sleepover venues or discounted event tickets for Guiding Members on the events calendar under Community Resources. Visit <https://secure.e-registernow.com/cgi-bin/mkpayment.cgi?state=1211>

### **Summer Camps**

The Summer Camps Section is a group of Ontario Camps Association accredited camps that share central provincial volunteers, administration, management, budget, marketing, staffing and programming. Our programs at **Adelaide, Doe Lake, Woolsey and Wyoka** are filling up very quickly and we've even sold out of some programs already! Please encourage anyone registering to do so soon to avoid disappointment. Don't forget to look at our "Refer A Friend" incentive for both the referrer and the referee (details are on the front page of the Summer Camps application).

Deadline for Campership (subsidy) Applications is March 31, 2010. Some Camperships may be awarded on an as available and as needed basis after that time **if** there are subsidy dollars remaining.

We are in the process of hiring our seasonal camp employees! We have filled all of our Camp Director positions at this time. Employees must be born in 1993 or earlier. We encourage people over the age of 18 to apply so we can meet Safe Guide standards. Mature applicants are very welcome to apply. <http://guidesontario.org/camping/campemployment.htm>

**Special Guider Training Opportunity at Doe Lake.** 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 Active Games AND Dramatic Arts one session and the Outdoor Adventure Leadership PATH level the other. There is lots of time to finish the training modules with the other Guiders AND play at camp with the children. Full details will be available at <http://www.guidesontario.org/camping/summercamps.htm>.

## **Learning and Development**

### **Guiding TEAM Trainings**

Trainers are always posting training sessions on the event calendar so, for face to face trainings visit <https://secure.e-registernow.com/cgi-bin/mkpayment.cgi?state=1211>. Please note that all training registration needs to be done online via the Event Calendar. If you are having difficulty or know a Guider that does not have internet access, please contact your Unit Administrator for assistance.

### **E-Learning Certificates**

Guiders who have completed training via the Learning Library can now access their certificates of completion online. Guiders can do this by logging into their e-learning account at <http://www.learninglibrary.com/GirlGuides/indexnew2.asp>.

Instructions on how to access e-learning certificates online can be found on the GGC, Ontario Council website at [http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/faq\\_elearn.htm](http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/faq_elearn.htm).

### **Technical Support for e-Learning**

Have you selected e-learning as a method of training and experienced technical difficulty? While you are taking an online training module, please contact the Learning Library directly for assistance.

e-mail: [support@learninglibrary.com](mailto:support@learninglibrary.com)

Phone: 1-877-762-9322 Ext 222

### **Working with Junior Leaders?**

Our National GGC staff and volunteers have created a resource for working with Junior Leaders. Spark, Brownie, Guide and Pathfinder Guiders who have a Junior Leader working in their Unit will find this resource helpful. The resource document will be available shortly under "Guider Resources" at [www.girlguides.ca](http://www.girlguides.ca) in Member area (MemberZone).

### **First Aid Training**

Our partnership with the Canadian Red Cross is renewed for the 2010/2011 year. The rates for first aid training at branch offices at the CRC for this timeframe are as follows:

Standard First Aid \$71.76

Emergency First Aid or Standard First Aid Recertification \$47.87

These rates are not guaranteed for Authorized Service Providers of the Canadian Red Cross, they are for trainings at Branch offices only. For more information on first aid training please visit the GGC, Ontario Council website at [http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/1st\\_aid.htm](http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/1st_aid.htm).

## **International Friendship Corner**

Thinking Day has passed for another year but let's not stop thinking about our global community. It is so exciting to be part of our 10 million membership world wide in 145 countries.

*Thank you* to all for your continued efforts to contribute to the Canadian World Friendship Fund. Let's keep the CWFF in focus throughout the year. This fund supports many at home projects as well as WAGGGS.

All funds donated to WAGGGS go towards Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world, whether it's for:

- A solar panel in Peru, to allow girls the extra time and money for education
- A leadership program in the European region, allowing girls the opportunity to stand up and be heard on global platforms about issues that concern them and their communities
- Or WAGGGS HIV and AIDS training toolkit being translated into an African language so that more girls can share information and help to educate their peers in their own communities about ways of keeping safe, the facts about HIV and how to assist and care for those who are affected by the disease

Check out the WAGGGS website to learn more

[http://www.wagggsworld.org/en/support\\_us/whereyourmoneygoes](http://www.wagggsworld.org/en/support_us/whereyourmoneygoes)

**Say NO to violence against women campaign** - launched by UNIFEM together with WAGGGS and other international organizations. Found out how you can take action and get involved at

<http://www.wagggsworld.org/en/news/20022>. Share the knowledge!

## **Ontario Merchandise**

### **Ontario Crests and Merchandise**

You can now purchase Ontario crest and merchandise by filling out this online form: <https://secure.e-registernow.com/cgi-bin/mkpayment.cgi?MID=1211&state=step2direct&event=500000067071327>. To view the items for information go here: <http://www.guidesontario.org/shopping/shopping.htm>.

These items are not available through the National e-store.