

Key Dates

September 1 – Safe Guide 2008 version in effect. Use the new forms and ensure each girl has submitted the new Parent Consent Form – New A.5.

<http://forms.girlguides.ca/appregrec/A5.doc>

September - 2009 Thinking Day Postcard Exchange Begins

The Thinking Day Postcard Exchange has been running for 12 years and the 2009 exchange will begin the first part of September 2008. Last year, the exchange had 2961 U.S. troops and 1057 International Units (from 49 countries) participating. To learn more about the program or to sign up, please visit

www.mythinkingday.com.

September 12 - Submission deadline for “Design the WAGGGS Our World, Our Climate, Our Food Youth Education project”. For more information click here

<http://www.guidesontario.org/forms/drawing%20contest..pdf>

September 13 – Open Houses for new adult volunteers. Click here to view flyer.

http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/enews/online_may/openhouse1.gif

September 13-21, 2008 National Registration Week – For information on September Registration Events in Ontario click here– Link to our Events page where all the registration events are posted

http://www.guidesontario.org/events/ontarioevents_table.htm#S

Let us know about your upcoming registration events and we will be happy to post them in the website listing. Contact the provincial Local Event Coordinator at event.coord@guidesontario.org.

View details in Membership section, further below.

September 19 - Provincial Annual 2008 Registration Deadline – An adult weekend of getting informed, getting involved and being inspired! It's not too late to get your registration in for the Provincial Annual! There are still spots available in many communities.

Registration deadline is September 19th

The event is on November 21-23, 2008 at the Holiday Inn Select Toronto Airport

To view brochure, click:

http://www.guidesontario.org/forms/provincial_annual_2008.pdf

To view registration form, click:

http://www.guidesontario.org/forms/prov_annual_reg.pdf

Mid September - Forms and What to Do With Them

Guidelines for the management of Safe Guide, membership, international, training, and other forms in Ontario will be available by mid September on the

new Forms page of the Ontario website, at <http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/forms.htm>. Stay tuned!

September 20 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Ontario Council

Doe Lake Camp, Sprucedale ON

Click here to view flyer for more details

http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/enews/july_august_online/AGM.doc

September 16 to 20 - International Plowing Match, Teeswater, ON

View details in Membership section, further below.

September 25th - sell cookies along side the Toronto Argos Players and Cheerleaders at Union Station

[Click here](#) for details.

[Click here](#) for flyer.

October 2 to 5 – Markham Fair, Markham, ON

View details in Membership section.

October 19 – Provincial Recognition Ceremony, Ottawa

View details in Membership section.

October 2008 – Everything's Gone Green – Photo Contest deadline

For information on this national contest click here www.girlguides.ca/green

October 2008 - Dominica Adopt-A-Unit

Monthly packages to Dominica will continue again in October 2008. To see what items have already been mailed to the Units in Dominica, a supply list is posted on the Provincial website at

<http://www.guidesontario.org/forms/Supply%20List.doc> and is updated each month as packages are mailed.

For detailed information on the following, please view the "International" and "Twinning" pages of the Provincial website:

<http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/international.htm> and

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

November 3 – International/Interprovincial Sponsored trips – Deadline for application submission to Ontario Guide House. To view fact sheet, click;

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

November 16 – Provincial Recognition Ceremony, Kitchener-Waterloo

View details in Membership section.

December 31, 2008 - Unit/Guild banking converted to Centralized Banking System

Click here (http://www.guidesontario.org/forms/keepingbooks_original.pdf)

(6.83MB) to access *Keeping the Books* training manual.

Click here (<http://www.guidesontario.org/forms/FIN%20CB%20001%20-%20INITIAL%20UNIT%20BANKING%20SET%20UP.pdf>) to download the Initial Unit Banking Set Up Application

SAFE GUIDE 2008 – IMPORTANT!

Safe Guide Update

The recent edition of *Canadian Guider* delivered in August 2008, included a CD-Rom on the inside back cover. This CD includes your copy of Safe Guide 2008 including a new set of forms. As you may have heard the new Safe Guide categorizes activities into three activity levels: Green, Yellow or Red. If you have any concerns with how this relates to the old “level” system, you can refer to the transition guide posted on the National website in the MemberZone at <https://memberzone.girlguides.ca/C5/Safe%20Guide%202008/default.aspx>

After September 1, 2008, activities should be submitted on new forms

All activities submitted on old forms before September 1, 2008, will be accepted. Guiders will not need to re-do the forms. After this date, use the new forms which are user friendly and easier to complete.

Assessors who receive forms for activities that no longer require authorization will get in touch with the Guider to confirm that she has the new Parent/Guardian Consent form signed for girls in the Unit so that the activity can go ahead. If not, the Guider will need to have the new Parent/Guardian Consent signed before the activity can proceed (A.5).

How to submit Safe Guide forms in Ontario

Ontario’s various Safe Guide Assessment teams are made up of dedicated volunteers. Lori Prospero is the Volunteer Provincial Safe Guide Coordinator. If you have questions on the Safe Guide process in Ontario you can email Lori at sgacoordinator@guidesontario.org

Forms for Yellow and Red activities should come to an Assessor through the provincial office by emailing safeguide@guidesontario.org or faxing your forms to 416-920-1440 ATTN: Safe Guide.

Emergency Response Plan (SG.4): The phone number to fill in on both the ‘Commissioner or ACL’ and ‘Provincial Office’ lines is 1 877 323 4545 ext 2350 OR 416 926 2350

SAFE GUIDE 2008 AMENDMENTS Over the Counter Medication (OTC)

With the introduction of Safe Guide 2008 there was an amendment which included the administration of over the counter medication (OTC) for girl Members while travelling. The change in procedure was enacted as a protection for both the Guider and the girl Members. Safe Guide 2008 as posted on the website and distributed through Canadian Guider included a procedure where girls under the age of 12 would require a note from their doctor in order for Guiders to be involved in the administration of over the counter medication. The administration of over the counter medication would then follow the procedure in place for prescription medication. Our consultation informed us that girls do choose to take over the counter medications with their parents' consent, therefore, the procedure also included that girls over the age of 12 can direct their own care. A process to manage this is included in Safe Guide.

This amendment has raised dialogue within the field which was brought forward for further consideration. We have compiled the feedback and research on the issue and will forward it to our Board of Directors. A decision will be made on this issue at the Board meeting in October 2008.

Until the final decision is made on a Guider's role in the administration of medication, GGC is asking that all Guiders follow the Safe Guide 2004 procedures on medication, including over the counter medication. If you are unaware of the procedures in the 2004 document, please see the Safe Guide page on MemberZone.

Police Records Check (PRC) for Home Contact Person

Please be advised that the requirement for a Home Contact Person (HCP) to have a PRC has also been changed. HCPs will no longer require a PRC to assume this role. An HCP will be required to register as a non-member volunteer. The process has been revised, The Non-Member Volunteer form (A.7) will be revised to include a confidentiality statement. Information from the A.7 will be entered into iMIS.

Safe Guide reminders

Over the past several months, Safe Guide Assessors have shared common questions and misconceptions received from members. As a result, please review the following reminders to help make our assessment process more efficient and less time consuming for you.

- Our Program Administrative Assistant, Marika Hill, monitors the safeguide@guidesontario.org e-mail address and is a great support to all Members and our Safe Guide Assessment teams. However, please note that she is not an assessor and therefore must forward your paperwork and any questions to a member of our team for response.

- Safe Guide Assessors do not have access to iMIS and therefore cannot look up qualifications in iMIS. If requested please forward hard copies of qualifications.
- In some cases, the Safe Guide Assessor will contact you by e-mail or phone to request clarification or additional information. Please follow up with her as soon as possible so that she can complete the assessment of your activity.
- After you submit your activity for review please contact: safeguide@guidesontario.org if you have not heard back from an assessor within one week of your submission. Don't wait until the day before to confirm whether or not your forms were received.
- If you have not received authorization for your activity at least three days prior to your activity date, please contact safeguide@guidesontario.org to request a status update.
- If taking a first aid course or recertifying your qualification, please review the Safe Guide to ensure that you are taking the correct type of first aid training. Some activities require or recommend Emergency First Aid; others require or recommend Standard First Aid training. If you have received a certificate for a First Aid training your Unit Administrator can also update your iMIS record if you forward her a copy of the certificate!
- If you have received notice that your police records check (PRC) has expired please submit a new one as soon as possible. Your Unit Administrator can help you with this! You must have a current PRC to participate in Guiding activities.
- Please confirm with Non-Member volunteers that they have submitted a current PRC. It would be helpful. The Non-Member needs to complete an A.7, be recorded in iMIS by the Unit Administrator and complete and submit a PRC. Your Unit Administrator can help you with this process.

We thank you for all the time and hard work you put into following the Safe Guide procedures and especially for all the great fun and exciting activities that you offer as part of the Guiding program in your community. We are confident that Safe Guide 2008 will ease the burden on our Members and know that together we can have a smooth transition.

Membership

IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR SEPTEMBER 2008

For safety and risk management purposes, it's important that we have accurate records for all Members. In order to improve the accuracy and timeliness of membership records, Girl Guides of Canada is implementing the following changes to the girl registration process:

- The new A.5 Girl Registration Form and Parent Guardian Consent has been modified to include all branches and Lones. The new A.5 form is available on the national website at <http://forms.girlguides.ca/default.aspx>.
- As part of the new Safe Guide, the A.5 also includes a new blanket parent/guardian consent that covers common, community-based Guiding activities. This form must be signed for all girls, including those who registered at the end of the last Guiding year.
- Completed A.5 forms must be forwarded to the local community office within 30 days of the date received. The information must then be entered into iMIS within two weeks (14 days).
- Guiders will be able to access their up-to-date unit roster within three weeks of submitting their A.5 forms to their local community office.
- Guiders will only retain the H.1 Personal Health Form for girls in their unit. The H.1 now includes the permission to pick up girl section. The H.1 will also help to keep track of girls in a unit while the information is being entered in iMIS. The new H.1 form is available on the national website at <http://forms.girlguides.ca/default.aspx>. This form should be securely destroyed at the end of the Guiding year.
- A girl may only attend one unit meeting before submitting her A.5 form. A letter to parents is posted on MemberZone to help facilitate the registration process.
https://memberzone.girlguides.ca/Document%20Library/Invitation_Support_Reg.doc

These changes will help to streamline the registration process and will ensure that up-to-date records are available at all times throughout the year.

If you have any questions about the changes to the registration process, please email the national Membership Department at membership@girlguides.ca.

REGISTRATION FEE SUBSIDY

The Request for Fee Subsidy form is now available and can be found online at <http://www.guidesontario.org/forms/feesubsidy.pdf>.

Subsidy Available: The registration fee for the 2008-2009 Guiding year is \$125. Families are required to pay a minimum of \$45 for each girl registering. The remaining \$80 is eligible to be considered for subsidy.

How to Apply: Registered girls are welcome to attend meetings with their unit while the application is being processed. At the time of registration, parents are asked to identify on the payment form that subsidy is being requested and submit the minimum payment of \$45 with the subsidy application. This payment can be made in installments, according to the schedule outlined on the Annual Registration Fee Payment form. **Please note that the \$45 is non-refundable and non-transferrable.**

PROVINCIAL RECOGNITION CEREMONIES

Ottawa – Sunday October 19

Kitchener-Waterloo – Sunday November 16

A reminder to Pathfinder and Ranger Guiders

It is not too late to submit the names of girl who have achieved their Canada Card, or Chief Commissioner's Gold Award and/or Commonwealth Award. Membership is committed to providing every girl in the province who has achieved these awards in 2007-2008 with their Canada Cord certificate or Chief Commissioner's Gold Award certificate and letters from the Premier's and Lieutenant Governor's offices.

If you have not already done so, please send the following information to your Unit Administrator by **email or letter as soon as possible**, for all girls in your unit who have completed their Canada Cord, Chief Commissioner's Award and/or Commonwealth Award during 2007-08:

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

OUR MEMBERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following Guiders who received awards during the 2007-2008 Guiding Year.

Honorary Life Award

Margaret Evans, Orangeville
Marni Pedersen, Hartington
Ruby Veysey, Schomberg

Ontario Award

Jean Davis, Dorchester
Carol Hirst, Ancaster
Linda Meyer, Willowdale

Medal of Merit

Susan Moore, Komoka
Judy Pavlis, Guelph

Gold Merit

Kimberly Bates, Vankleek Hill
Valerie Dawson, St Eugene
Elaine Lewis, Wallaceburg

Tammy Oswick-Kearney, Vankleek Hill
Gloria Tyo, Cornwall
Lisette Verbeem, Denfield
Bev Walkling, Sarnia

Silver Merit

Mary Jarman, London
Judith Land, St Thomas
Patricia Masson, St Thomas
Angela Mullaney, North York

Bronze Merit

Jill Johnson, Hamilton
Kerri Kelly-Hazlitt, Peterborough
Darlene Lalonde, Cornwall
Stephennie Seaby, Cornwall
Susan Shoebottom, Ilderton
Sarah Shoebottom, Ilderton
Tracy Van Kessel, Delaware

Why not consider nominating an extra special Guider that you know. Any Member may nominate a Guider for an award. A new version of the awards booklet will be available on the website soon.

Ensure that girl awards are tracked in iMIS

As girls complete awards, Guiders are asked to forward the girl's name, iMIS number, name of the award and date of completion of the award to your Unit Administrator for entry into iMIS.

The awards that can be entered include:

- **Canada Cord***
- **Chief Commissioner's Gold Award***
- **Commonwealth Award***
- Gold Thanks Pin
- Valour and Fortitude Awards
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Bronze/Silver/Gold

***Note:** Award certificates will be presented at provincial recognition ceremonies for Canada Cord, Chief Commissioner's Gold Award, and Commonwealth Award.

See the information above regarding provincial recognition ceremonies (add anchor here)

KINDERSTART PILOT PROJECT

Membership Development, in partnership with the Kinderstart Task Group and Communities 34 and 37, are piloting the Kinderstart Project this month. Based on an initiative done in Newfoundland, the aim of the Kinderstart Project is to

attract Spark-aged girls to Guiding. A letter outlining the Sparks program has been sent to targeted schools in Communities 34 and 37. The letter invites parents to consider the Sparks program for their daughters. Details of the results of this pilot will be collected to determine the success of the pilot and the potential for expanding this for 2009.

GUIDING ADS REACHING NEARLY 200 COMMUNITY PAPERS!

Membership Development has partnered with Girl Guides of Canada for additional advertising opportunities. The following Girl Guide ads were placed in community newspapers through the Ontario Community Newspaper Association. For a complete list of papers [click here](#).



GIRL GUIDE OPEN HOUSE – ADULT RECRUITMENT DAYS

On Saturday September 13th we will be hosting Open Houses across Ontario. The goal of the day is to increase our adult membership and support those who have already started the application process.

Potential Members can drop in and find out what Guiding is all about, what it means to be a leader and what we have to offer. Guiders will be on hand to answer questions and help women complete the adult membership process.

Would you be interested in spending the day (or part of the day) helping us to recruit adults in your community? Please email membershipdev.adviser@guidesontario.org and let us know if this is something that interests you. Please let us know the location and date/time that you could be available.

September 13th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, at:

- **Hamilton** Guide House, 360 Queenston Road (at Parkdale S)
- **Kingston** Guide House, 216 Mowat Avenue (at King St W)
- **London** Guide House, 4096 Meadowbrook Drive, #104 (Exeter & Wharncliffe Rd S)

- **Mississauga** Guide House, 1563 Dundas Street West (east of Mississauga Rd)
- **Newmarket** Guide House, 38 Parkside Dr, #9 (Davis Dr & Yonge St)
- **Oshawa** Guide House, 121 Simcoe Street South (south of King W)
- **Ottawa** Guide House, 453 Parkdale Avenue (south of Wellington)
- **Sudbury**, St. Stephen's On the Hill Church, 1248 Lauzon Street
- **Toronto** – Ontario Guide House, 14 Birch Avenue (Yonge & Summerhill)
- **Windsor** Guide House, 5760 Malden Rd, LaSalle

Click here to print flyer for distribution -

http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/enews/online_may/openhouse1.gif.

Volunteer for the day! If you are interested in supporting this membership initiative, please contact: membershipdev.adviser@guidesontario.org or call 416-486-8721 Ext. 2472.

HELP WITH TRADESHOWS NEEDED!

September 16 to 20 - International Plowing Match, Teeswater, ON

This year, the International Plowing Match and Rural Expo will be hosted in Teeswater. This event moves around the province from year to year and offers a wonderful opportunity for Girl Guides of Canada, Ontario Council to showcase our talents. The Membership team is in need of local expertise and assistance at this event:

- Be part of a team to staff the GGC booth,
- There are many shifts to cover...the more the merrier!
- Free admission for the day - enjoy the match and/or crafts and displays before and after your shift.

If you live, work, or vacation in this area and are willing and able to help out, please contact the Membership Development Adviser at membershipdev.adviser@guidesontario.org.

October 2 to 5 – Markham Fair, Markham, ON

Markham Fair is one of Canada's oldest country fairs! Since 1844 the fair has been providing the community with a showcase for talents and products in a friendly competitive spirit. We are looking forward to joining in the fun!

This fair is held annually on the weekend before Thanksgiving, and hosts upwards of 60,000 attendees.

A local organizing team is already hard at work and they would welcome your participation. If you are in the region and would like to help out, please contact the Membership Development Adviser at membershipdev.adviser@guidesontario.org.

MEMBERSHIP PINS

The Membership team is making preparations to distribute membership pins in the fall. Before we send them out, we want to make sure that we have the correct information for each of you in your iMIS database profile. You can check this yourself and update your profile directly on the MemberZone website at <https://memberzone.girlguides.ca/default.aspx>.

Review and update your adult member profile

We know that things change and it's always a challenge to keep track of everyone we need to inform. Whether you've moved or changed your cell phone number, we want to make sure that we can keep in touch.

Please update your profile by September 19, 2008, and remember to update your youth years so that you receive the correct membership pin!

To update your youth years, and other information in your profile, click on the link and follow the steps below:

<https://memberzone.girlguides.ca/eSeries/default.aspx>

Step 1: Sign in to Member Zone.

Step 2: On the top menu bar, click on "Discussion Board, Profile & Unit Roster"

Step 3: Click on "more info" at the top right of the note paper

Step 4: Click on the "Demographics" link

You're in!

Step 5: If your youth years are not included, or are not correct, highlight the number and change it to the correct number of years.

Step 6: Click "update"

Step 7: A window box will appear saying, "Demographics Inserted Successfully"

Step 8: Click OK

You've done it!

Step 9: Have another look at your profile to make sure that everything else is current and correct. If so, that's all there is to it. If not:

Step 10: Click "edit" and make your revisions. Go back to Step 6. (If you don't see the information you're looking for, click "more info" again and look in the "Member demo 1" link).

If you don't have access to the internet, we can update your profile for you.

Please let us know:

Unit Guiders - contact your Unit Administrator at [unitadmin.\(enter Admin Community Number\)@guidesontario.org](mailto:unitadmin.(enter Admin Community Number)@guidesontario.org). (e.g., unitadmin.1@guidesontario.org).

Trefoil Guild Members – contact the Adult Administrative Assistant at adult.admin@guidesontario.org or call 416-920-6666 Ext. 2488.

Link Members - contact the Adult Administrative Assistant at adult.admin@guidesontario.org or call 416-920-6666 Ext. 2488.

Members-at-Large – contact the Membership Administrative Assistant at membership.admin@guidesontario.org or call 416-486-8721 Ext. 2474.

Other Members – contact the Membership Administrative Assistant at membership.admin@guidesontario.org or call 416-486-8721 Ext. 2474.

Add girl membership years to my iMIS record

See instructions above.

Cookies

2009 - First national Girl Guide Cookie Selling Rewards Initiative in place for the Classic 2009 Cookie Campaign.

[Click here](#) for details.

(http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/enews/september_online/cookies.pdf)

How do I....?

Sign Documents on Behalf of GGCON

A reminder that any contract, agreement or permit required for space use must be forwarded to the provincial User Space Coordinator for signature. The User Space Coordinator is the only person with signing authority for these documents. Click the link for further details of this procedure:

<https://memberzone.girlguides.ca/C12/Ontario/ProceduresManual/Unit%20Guide%20%20Membership/User%20space%20agreements%20contracts%20for%20onetime%20use%20signature.pdf>

Contact:

User Space Coordinator

Girl Guides of Canada, Ontario Council

303 – 250 Merton Street, Toronto, ON

E-mail: userspace.coord@guidesontario.org

Tel: 1-877-323-4545 ext. 2473

Fax: 416-486-4290

All contracts for any other type of use must be signed by the Executive Director and should be forwarded to:

Girl Guides of Canada, Ontario Council

Attention: Executive Coordinator

14 Birch Ave., Toronto, ON M4V 1C8

Offer an international trip opportunity to girls from multiple Units?

You can also access the Procedures for this in the Procedures Manual at:

Topic: International Local Specialty Community - Planning Independent Trips with Youth Members from Several Different Units and/or Communities

SC-IN-1

Get a crest or item with a GGC logo on it approved?

Ontario has a new form to complete should you be considering producing a crest or other item that includes the name or symbol of GGC.

Click on this to find out the new process:

<http://www.guidesontario.org/forms/crest%20approval%20process.pdf>

Click here to download the form to complete and forward:

<http://www.guidesontario.org/forms/crest%20approval%20application.pdf>

Get my fundraising idea approved?

For information on the Fundraising Process, click here:

<http://www.guidesontario.org/forms/Fundraising%20Procedure.pdf>

For the **NEW** Fundraising Application, click here:

http://www.guidesontario.org/forms/Fundraising_Approval_Application.pdf

Move my Unit of Guild to the Centralized Banking System?

All Guilds and Units have been sent a document entitled “*Keeping the Books*” which provides access to self-guided web-based training and a form to begin the process of setting up the Unit or Guild on the new system. This conversion must be completed by December 31st 2008.

Download Keeping the Books here:

<http://www.guidesontario.org/forms/FIN%20CB%20001%20-%20INITIAL%20UNIT%20BANKING%20SET%20UP.pdf>

Get help planning my registration events?

Let us know where your events are happening and we will post them in the provincial events listing on the GGCON website!

http://www.guidesontario.org/events/ontarioevents_table.htm#S

We know you have great ideas for your local events. Please share them with the Membership Development team, as well as your ACL. The best plan for your Community may be a centralized event or a number of smaller events based on your Community’s identified need.

Membership Development wants to provide support for your events and there is some funding available. Please include the following information in your application:

- Contact for the event – Guider name, phone number and e-mail
- Date and time of the event
- Administrative Community and location of event
- How many Units are participating – please include the names of the Units
- Is this event only for registration, or combined with another activity?

To apply for support for registration events, contact the Membership Development Coordinator at membershipdev.coord@guidesontario.org or call 416-486-8721 Ext. 2472.

Advertise for fall registration?

In addition to supporting your registration events, there is also some funding available for advertising registration. Please include the following in your application:

- Provide as much detail as possible regarding the actual ad or flyer, i.e. size of ad, focus on girl/adult/both, date to be published, approx. cost, existing artwork
- Will the paper create the ad or do they require that you submit camera-ready copy?
- Artwork must be pre-approved for funding to apply, therefore, please allow enough time for your submission to be reviewed by the provincial Membership Development team.

To apply for advertising support, please contact the Membership Development Coordinator at membershipdev.coord@guidesontario.org or call 416-486-8721 Ext. 2472.

Exciting Events

It's not too late to apply! To view a complete listing of ALL Guiding events, please go to the Events page of our website at:

http://www.guidesontario.org/events/ontarioevents_table.htm

CHECK FREQUENTLY AS NEW EVENTS ARE ADDED CONSTANTLY!

Calling all Guiders!

Join us at Camp Ma Kee Wa for the traditional training weekend, BONANZA! Mark your calendars for September 19-21 and be prepared to learn lots of Guiding and camping skills, crafts and songs as well as enjoying our Saturday evening entertainment. For more details about this and other training events look at Ontario Events and Training on the Ontario website

http://www.guidesontario.org/events/ontarioevents_table.htm#R

Catch the Laughter Camp (for Guides)

September 19 - 21, 2008

Camp Wyoka

Clifford, Ontario

41st Annual International River Crossing

September 27, 2008

Cundick Park

Sombra, Ontario

Just Between Friends Camp (for Pathfinders)

September 26 - 28, 2008

Camp Wyoka

Clifford, Ontario

Leading the Way – Ranger Launch Program

October 3, 4 & 5, 2008
Camp Woolsley (Crown Point, near Ottawa)

Fall Into Fun

October 3, 4 & 5, 2008
Camp Conestogo
Dorking, Ontario

GUIDING ROARRS ...with the Hamilton Tiger Cats

October 4-5, 2008
Ivor Wynne Stadium
Hamilton, Ontario

Girl Guide day at the Argos!

October 18, 2008
Rogers Centre
Toronto

Great Wolf Lodge Getaway

January 17 & 18, 2009
Niagara Falls, Ontario

Special Cookie selling opportunities!

TTC Cookie Blitz – Toronto (various stations)

Thursday, October 23 (4-7pm)
Saturday, October 25 (9am-5pm)

http://www.guidesontario.org/events/ontarioevents_table.htm#A

Cookies on the GO!

Several GO train stations

Friday, October 24

http://www.guidesontario.org/events/ontarioevents_table.htm#A

GLOBAL EVENTS

34th World Conference

The 34th World Conference will be held in Edinburgh, Scotland in 2011.

WAGGGS now has 145 Members

Six new countries have become Full Members of WAGGGS including our twinning partner Dominica. The other countries were – Burundi, Chad, Hungary, Malawi and Russia. The Democratic Republic of Congo, Lithuania and Syria were granted Associate Membership. Unfortunately Samoa and Vanuatu's memberships were cancelled.

Centenary Theme Announced!

The Centenary theme is "girls worldwide say 100 years of changing lives"

2010 is **Plant – introduce**

2011 is **Grow – Expand**

2012 is **Share – pass on**

These themes set the tone, goals and challenges for the Member Organizations and WAGGGS to help the Movement towards achieving its goals.



There will be a series of Centenary Badges – one for each year and one base one.

A Celebration Day will take place on April 8 from 2010 to 2012 - the 100th day of the year and we are encouraged to address the centenary elements and friendship, fun and challenge in our celebrations.

A Young Women's World Forum will be held in each of the centenary years for 18 – 25 year old Members. In 2010 it will be in the UK, in 2011 at World Centres and in the USA in 2012.

Global Action Theme 2009 – 2011

Girls worldwide say "together we can change our world" is the new WAGGGS Global Action Theme (GAT) which is based on the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which aim to improve the lives of the world's poorest people.

The key messages are:

girls worldwide say

"together we can end extreme poverty and hunger"

"education opens doors for all girls and boys"

"empowering girls will change our world"

"together we can save children's lives"

"every mother's life and health is precious"

"we can stop the spread of AIDS, malaria and other diseases"

"we can save our planet"

"we can create peace through partnership"

There will be guidelines and a Global Action Activity packs and badge available to all Member Organizations to help them to take action.

World Thinking Day Themes

The theme for the next three World Thinking Days are:

2009 - girls worldwide say "we can stop the spread of AIDS, malaria and other diseases."

2010 - girls worldwide say "together we can end extreme poverty and hunger"

2011 - girls worldwide say "we can save our planet"

For more information on WAGGGS click here;

<http://www.wagggsworld.org/en/home>

Exciting new Opportunities!

YOU can make a difference in Ontario by volunteering for one of the positions posted on the website and listed below!

Volunteer Application Form:

http://www.guidesontario.org/forms/volunteer_application.pdf

Volunteer Positions:

<http://www.guidesontario.org/about/provincialopportunities.htm>

Provincial Recognition Ceremonies Task Group Member

Work with the Provincial Membership Support Adviser and the Task Group Chair to identify appropriate locations in Ontario to hold ceremonies to present awards to girls and Guiders – consideration of larger populated centres may provide opportunities for venue selection and convenience for attendance.

International Showcases 2009 Task Group Chair

This Task Group Chair will be required to form a committee to plan an International Day to be held in fall 2009. The Task Group will be responsible for organizing activities and content for 5 International Showcase events which will take place on the same day across the province. The Showcases will target Guide age girls and educate them about what International Guiding is all about and include displays by previous travelers.

This task group will start January 2009.

Ontario Guide Adventure 2011 Task Group Chair

The International section is seeking two Task Group Chairs to form a committee to plan an International focused event to be held in Ontario that will promote International education and awareness with our younger Members. One task group will organize an event for Guide age girls and the second task group will organize an event for Pathfinder age girls. These task groups will start Fall 2009.

For more information about the above Task Group Chair positions, contact

International.coord@guidesontario.org or call 416-920-6666 Ext. 2485.

Watershed CSI Challenge Development Task Group

Enthusiastic Guiders with a passion for protecting our water are needed to create this fun, hands-on challenge.

- We are looking for Guiders with knowledge of watersheds and water systems.
- We need Guiders who have a strong knowledge of girl programs (representatives from all levels)
- Guiders should have a girl-centered, hands-on approach to programming!

- Creativity welcome
- Familiarity with water protection agencies an asset (although not required)

For more information, please contact the environment adviser at environment.adviser@guidesontario.org

Go Green Girl Challenge Development Task Group

We are looking for creative and environmentally passionate Guiders to develop this challenge which will encourage all girl and adult members to become more environmentally friendly within our Guiding Units and events.

- Need Guiders who have a strong knowledge of girl programs (all branches)
- Need adult Guiding member(s) to represent the needs and interests of Trefoil Guild and Link
- Must have a strong interest in/solid knowledge of environment and conservation issues and be willing to look at creative ways to apply this to our programs.
- Volunteers should have a girl-centered and hands-on approach to programming.

For more information, please contact the environment adviser at environment.adviser@guidesontario.org

Resource Guiders - ONGOING

Have you got a skill that you would like to share with the girls? Why not become a Resource Guider? Just check out the Ontario website to see how to become one for this upcoming Guiding year.

<http://www.guidesontario.org/forms/programoffer.doc> and send your submission form to program.coord@guidesontario.org or call 416-920-6666 Ext. 2485.

Local Specialty Community Leaders Wanted...

Are you interested in traveling internationally or interprovincially with girls from across the province but need help with the planning and organizing of a trip? Why not lead a local specialty community – travel group!!! You can decide on your own destination or choose from a list of suggestions!

If you are a Guider willing to travel in 2009 with girls outside of your own unit to lead trips to Canadian and/or international destinations and want to find out how to get started and what kind of planning assistance you will receive from the Provincial Office, please contact the International Coordinator at international.coord@guidesontario.org or call 416-920-6666 Ext. 2484.

You can also access the Procedures for this in the Procedures Manual at: <https://memberzone.girlguides.ca/C12/Ontario/ProceduresManual/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2fC12%2fOntario%2fProceduresManual%2fSpecialty%20Community%20%2d%20International&View=%7b69BC21BC%2d3471%2d4A5F%2d8A56%2d145EEAFE7897%7d>

We look forward to helping you in any way we can to plan your adventure!

Local help needed with Provincial Recognition Ceremonies

The Recognition Ceremonies Task Group (Membership Support) is pleased to announce the next two provincial awards ceremonies, now scheduled for the fall of 2008: Ottawa – Sunday October 19, 2008 and Kitchener-Waterloo – Sunday November 16, 2008.

If ***you live in the Ottawa or Kitchener-Waterloo*** areas and you are interested in working with the local organizers of these events, contact the Task Group Chair, Jenn Wallage, at mrswookiee@gmail.com.

Unit Excitement - Program

October – Canada’s Women’s History Month

Click here to read details. (This would link to a PDF reading what is below)
October is Canada’s Women’s History Month. A great time to celebrate women in our country with the girls. Read a book about a Canadian woman or discuss the accomplishments of a group of Canadian women. Your local librarian can help you find lots of books for any level of Guiding on this topic. Try researching Canadian women depicted on stamps or celebrate Canadian women Olympians. Websites; <http://www.heroines.ca/> is a site from a woman who lives in British Columbia. <http://section15.ca/> is a site with all sorts of good information on Canadian women. <http://famouscanadianwomen.com/> was a website established by a Guider in BC.

Consult Leaders Ladder (page 79, 5.42MB)

<http://www.guidesontario.org/forms/leaders%20ladder.pdf> for the information on 20 Questions - Famous Canadian Women activity.

Here’s our September Bright Idea for the month!

Dice and Token Relay – click here to read.

http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/enews/september_online/dice%20game.pdf

Craft Idea of the Month!

Guiding Frog - Click here to read.

http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/enews/september_online/guiding%20frog.pdf

Launch of a New Program Resources

The Program section is pleased to offer a limited number of “Bright Ideas” for Guides, Pathfinders and Rangers at this time. We are asking for all Guiders to send in some great activities, games or crafts you have done and would like to share. Please send your Bright Ideas to program.coord@guidesontario.org with the following information:

- Name of activity
- How many can participate in the activity
- Outdoor or indoor setting
- Time it takes to do the activity
- Equipment or materials needed
- Instructions
- Program work it covers, if applicable
- Any directions to incorporate Members with special needs, if applicable

Your “Bright Idea” will be placed in the next update. Updates are placed on the website, the first week of the month. Send your ideas in soon as the crest provided upon your submission is in limited supply.

The Program section is also pleased to announce an updated version of **Leader’s Ladder** is available on the Ontario Council website. Click here to access (<http://www.guidesontario.org/forms/leaders%20ladder.pdf>)

Community Resources

The Community Resource list provides Guiders with information on Service Projects, Local Events and Non-Guiding Program Activities ideas and contacts. We are looking for input to help this grow. Here is the current listing:

<http://www.guidesontario.org/formembers/communityresources.htm>. If you want to suggest information, contact program.coord@guidesontario.org. If you have been to any venue or event, please let us know what you thought of the place and the activity. Your feedback is important!

Don’t forget that there are Resource Guiders who are offering program activities. Please view the partial list here;

<http://www.guidesontario.org/forms/Unit%20Resource%20Activities.doc>

To view complete list, log on to MemberZone here;

<https://memberzone.girlguides.ca/C12/Ontario/Program/Unit%20Resource%20Activities.doc>

Get yourself a 2Fer Duke of Edinburgh

Calling all girls 14 years old (or almost 14) to 25 years old, get yourself a 2Fer! What’s a 2Fer? A 2Fer is getting 2 things for the work of one. Did you know that your program work in Pathfinders and Rangers runs parallel with the requirements to earn your Duke of Edinburgh Award? To complete your Duke of Ed program you must learn a new skill, practice physical fitness, do a community service and go on an expedition. Hmmm, sound familiar??

Here is the website <http://www.dukeofed.org/on/index.html> or please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at all. Michelle Regimbal – guidermichelle@rogers.com.

Girl Greatness

In her own words...

Carleigh Milton, 16, is starting Rangers in Toronto this fall. This is a condensed version of the speech she gave at the June 2008 Canada Cord ceremony in Mississauga.

I have been through the first four branches of Guiding - Sparks, Brownies, Guides, and Pathfinders. That's 11 years!! That's a long time, yet I have been brought up with Guiding's morals and values all my life, what with my mom being a Scout leader turned Guider, and all my sisters involved with Guiding. Even though I am the baby of my family, I am the only one to receive my Canada Cord. Let's say I am just a bit more than pleased.

Guiding to me is truly a sisterhood.

In grade six I had a few bad days that happened to turn into a whole bad year! Yes, a tragedy – well, at least to me. During that year I changed the way I acted and spoke. I was changing to conform. Before that I had been the weird outgoing tomboy that everyone knew and probably liked. That year I became a main member of the “it” crowd. I was the girl the guys liked, I listened to the music everyone wanted to and I thought I was happy -- until I went to Doe Lake Girl Guide Camp. That summer probably turned me into who I am today. I tried to conform to the girls at Doe, act like they acted...and found that I couldn't. Everyone was so diverse and different that there was no way I could conform. I found myself turning back into the weird nerdy tomboy I was before, and all the girls and leaders there loved it!! They didn't care that I was smarter than them but younger (yes I am a BIG nerd), they just thought I was a fun, easygoing girl who didn't care what other people thought. Well that's who I turned out to be after that summer.

The next summer I felt I needed a change. I still wanted to go to Doe, but I decided I would join the tripping section. That was probably one of the best choices I have made in my life so far. Not only did it help me accomplish more than half of the work I needed to do for my Canada Cord, but the friendships I made with the leaders and the other campers are amazing. We talk to each other all the time. We only meet once a year for a two-week splurge at Doe, but really that's all we need. Spending every night in the same tent and every day canoeing together brings people together. Again, these people have made me into who I am today. It's like in science where every animal has their own niche; during each summer it's like I am making my own niche at Doe Lake. It's great to feel wanted and loved by family but almost-- ALMOST – better to feel so wanted and loved by friends.

Thank you to everyone for reading about my relationship with the Sisterhood. I hope you all had an excellent summer. I know I did. Another year at Doe Lake, as a Leader in Training – finally!!

Congratulations!

3rd Hamilton/Dundas Cadets closed their Unit this summer with a celebration which saw the three girls awarded the Commonwealth Award and one girl

Dianne Cowlin was awarded the Chief Commissioner's Gold award. She is thrilled to have been awarded both the Isabel Kerr Ontario Scholarship and a National Scholarship as she heads off to higher education this Fall.

Submitted by Jan Bignell, Community 11

WHERE in the WORLD are our members TRAVELING?

During the summer months, the following groups submitted an IT.2-Intent to Travel and approval has been granted to move forward in their trip planning process:

Trip Date	Destination	Community	Responsible Guider	# of Girls/ # of Guiders	Branch(es)
July 10-17, 2009	Arizona, USA	32	Annie van Dyk	6 Girls 2 Guiders	Trex
Dec 26, 2009 – Jan 5, 2010	Mexico	9	Kathy Meehan	16 Girls 6 Guiders	Pathfinders & Rangers
August, 2010	England	20	Suzanne Anderson	15 Girls 3 Guiders	Rangers & Trex

For a more detailed list of where our members are traveling, log in to MemberZone on the National Website: www.girlguides.ca, under the [Ontario](#) section.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS...

The following members have been selected at National for exciting travel and leadership opportunities:

WAGGGS Around the World – Sangam World Centre, India – February 2009
– Melissa Wyseman

WAGGGS Western Hemisphere Region Young Ambassadors Seminar - Costa Rica – November 2008
- Nomusa Taylor-Dube

Congratulations ladies!! We know you will be excellent representatives of both Ontario Guiding and Girl Guides of Canada.

ONLine Found It! Contest

Congratulations to **Cindy Zondervan** of the New Dundee Brownies - the winner of July/August's ONLine "Found It!" contest.

For the September contest, find the mystery link word "Ontario" somewhere within this ONLine document. When you find this hyperlink, click on it and send us an e-mail in the window that opens with the subject: *Found It!* We will choose one winner randomly for a \$25 credit for our Online Guide Store or one of our two

Ontario Guide Store locations. Good luck! The September winner will be announced in the October ONLine.

Community Chatter and Trefoil Tidbits

Community Chatter and **Trefoil Tidbits** will now be featured on the Provincial website rather than ONLine. Each month this will be updated to showcase that month's "community news." You can find this on the "News and Publications" section of the Provincial website -

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