



Girl Guides

Newfoundland and Labrador Council

Annual Report 2021-2022

Provincial Commissioner team message

2021-2022 was a challenging, yet exciting year for Girl Guides of Newfoundland and Labrador, as it was characterized by a hybrid approach to meetings and events – moving from on-line to in-person multiple times throughout the year. This, however, did not stop our amazing volunteer base of Guiders and members from delivering a plethora of activities for the girls.

Spring 2021 started with Rangers “levelling up their ‘adulthood’ skills” with the #Lifehacks Virtual Ranger event that took place online. Participants learned from industry professionals and adult Girl Guide volunteers with interesting lived experiences. Following this, Connect Explore Evolve Virtual Provincial Camp was held, where 3 virtual “campsites” were set up for over 150 Guides, Pathfinders and Rangers to participate in activities such as hiking, photography, astronomy, rug hooking, paint nights and more!

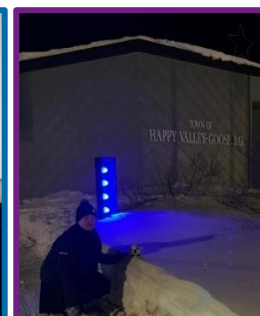
Thinking Day 2022 had a flurry of activity! Members wore their Guiding uniforms on February 22 and shared photos on social media tagging Girl Guides; “Guiding Lights Across NL” invited local landmarks across the province to light up in blue after dark; and the “Share your voice with the World” Thinking Day contest.

This spring Guides came together for the Lady Baden Powell Virtual Camp to work on the Lady Baden-Powell award. Girl Guides Work Miracles Day saw Lake Melville, Lewisporte and Paradise Districts raise funds for the Janeway by selling juice. The GGC-NL Provincial Youth Forum hosted the 2022 NL Youth Gathering and carried out the “Unit Takeovers” project and the “Lend a Hand, Give a Can” service project.

To round out the year, as part of the National Service Project: ReconciliATIONS, the NL Council took part in Indigenous Cultural Diversity Training by First Light and developed and launched the new Provincial 'Indigenous Spirit' Youth Award to recognize the efforts of outstanding Indigenous youth members of our organization. Council was delighted to receive nominations for all 3 of the branch categories: Sparks/Brownies, Guides/Pathfinders and Rangers, in the award’s inaugural year.

It was such a full year, and we couldn’t have done it without our dedicated members. So, thank you to our Guiders and volunteers for being “a catalyst for girls empowering girls”. By believing in “a better world, by girls”, we continue to empower each youth member to be “everything she wants to be!”

Yours in Guiding,
Brandi O’Keefe, Ashley Wright and Heather Brown
 Provincial Commissioner & Co-Deputy Provincial Commissioners



Con Ba Su Area - Andrea Greening

Long Pond District grew to seven units this year! Unit there made cards and biodegradable bird feeds, collected for the Food Bank, and filled Little Free Pantries for two months.

In Chamberlains District, Rangers visited Government House as part of the Commonwealth Award. One Brownies from Chamberlains met with Bahamas Girl Guide Association members.

Paradise District we planted 500 trees around the community. Sparks in Paradise District build a Rainbow Kitty Sparks City from recycling materials and held an outdoor day camp in November where they planted trees. Paradise Brownies enjoyed getting outside to make shelters and had a virtual engineering presentation from MUN Robogals. Guides had a special 4-legged visitor from the CNIB to learn about Guide Dogs and went glow bowling. Paradise Pathfinders supported their food pantry and Rangers had a visit from a mental health counselor and physiotherapist.



Eastern Bays Area - Sheri Higdon

In BNB District, members in Bay Roberts hiked around Goosepond, had games nights, and visits with the fire department. Bay Roberts Pathfinders baked cookies and muffins for kindness baskets.

Brownies in North River made peanut butter energy bites together online, held a science night, and planted seeds.

Heritage Run District had some units reopen in Marystown!

Burin Sparks and Brownies learned about different types of jobs with a female police officer and firefighter and learned about Guiding History from their Junior Leaders.

Guides, Pathfinders, and Rangers in Burin served their community by helping their food bank and made meals for community residents.





Northern Mosaic Area - Heather Brown (acting)

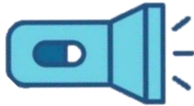
In St. Anthony District Sparks & Brownies completed the Winter Wonderland badge, Guides held a trivia night, and Pathfinders & Rangers spent most of their year as Junior Leaders with Sparks.

Lake Melville District participated in their community Pride Parade and kicked off the fall with an Autumn Amphibians event. Guiders learned new skills during the Sisterhood challenge. The District celebrated Thinking Day with a Parade of Blue on a very cold February 22 and ended the evening with fireworks! The District participated in the Girl Guides Work Miracles Day on May 1, raising \$1360.15 for the Janeway Children's Hospital Foundation. Sparks & Brownies attended three badge in a box events planned by Pathfinders and took tours of the community vet clinic.

Sparks made seed bombs for Earth Day. Brownies made bee houses, had a unicorn themed sleepover, and learned to use pocket knives at a campfire. Guides celebrated Pi Day by using math to make their own personal pudding pies, and they made Swedish snow lanterns. Pathfinders collected for the food bank five times, and held paint nights, made pebble art, and made flower hairpins. Rangers did a community photo scavenger hunt and had a pancake bake off.



Trefoil Central Area - Vacant



Long Range Trails Area - Maureen Tiller (acting)

Service Projects have included town clean-ups, cards for Veterans, crafts for our seniors and donations to Food Banks and homeless shelters. The Humber Valley District are in the process of setting up a Lend a Hand, Give a Can site. Many skills were learned, such as First Aid and Safety, Cricut, PowerPoint, yoga, pottery and painting. Stephenville Rangers had a virtual meeting night with Skills Canada where they explored careers in technology and skilled trades. Winter Olympics, skating, snowshoeing, nature walks, night hikes and horseback riding kept everyone physically active! Many units participated in Heritage as well as Truth and Reconciliation activities. In Blomidon District, a member of the Qualipu First Nations spoke about drumming, and they made medicine bags. Pathfinders and Rangers readily accepted leadership roles in developing, organizing and leading virtual campfires, crafts and other activities related to Thinking Day as well as a drive-thru cookie blitz. The Wreckhouse District plans to reopen again for the 2022-23 Guiding year.

Pinchgut Lake Campsite is open to camping this summer and units are planning day and overnight camps.



Ocean's Edge Area - Lisa Engram

Marconi District launched a Hope and Kindness Challenge in January with new challenge activities each month to keep spirits up; over 100 girls from all units in the District participated! Units also participated in service projects, including those in aid of St. Vincent de Paul, the Association for New Canadians, Naomi House, and the Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine.

Goulds District had great outings to places like the GeoCenter and Lester's Farms. They also invited in special guests from places like the turtle rescue and Skills Canada. The Ranger unit had two exchange students, from Spain and The Netherlands, join this year!

Witless Bay units had outings to The Rooms, MUN Botanical Gardens, and Clay Cafe. We also invited in special guests from MUN Let's Talk Science and ran a couple of service projects that included collecting personal items for Ukrainian families and a food drive for our local food pantry that kept it stocked with food for 3 months!

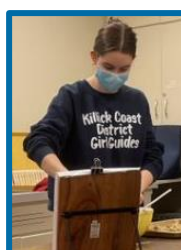
In Shamrock District, Ferryland Sparks and Brownies visited Lester's Farm, the Guides had a science day camp and first aid night, and Pathfinders had an outdoor movie, scavenger hunts, and a Survival Night (Campfire & Tent) Escape Room. Pathfinders and Rangers also participated in service projects for the SPCA, Ronald McDonald House, and Iris Kirby House. Members in Fermeuse-Renews welcomed local artist Clara Dunne where she guided the girls in painting. Guiders also planned a surprise trip to the Village Mall where the Party Bus picked them up for an exciting ride complete with sightseeing, dancing, and pizza!

Tuckamore Area - Stephanie Lawlor

Tuckamore Area had Districts participate in collecting for local food banks. Some units prepared Birthday-in-a-box boxes for the local food bank assembling all the elements for a child's birthday party to help families who need these things to celebrate their child's birthday.

Districts also participated in wellness activities. Units worked on mindfulness and meditation, as well as Zumba, bowling, and swimming. Skills Canada did an effective communication night, teaching good communication, listening, and teamwork skills.

Many of the Guiders in the Beachy Cove District were proud to nominate Nita Mason of the Portugal Cove-St Philips Lifetime Inspiration Award. Girls and Guiders spanning over 30 years of Nita's guiding contribution in our community wrote letters for her nomination and she was proudly selected for this inaugural award in our community.



International Committee - Mackenzie Furey

Travel is on the horizon! This summer Brooklyn Fahey, Erica Bennett and Mackenzie Furey are traveling to the Yukon on a National Sponsored Trip that was postponed in 2020.

The International Committee has been working on rescheduling the Provincial Sponsored Trip to Our Chalet for summer 2023. The 8 members selected to attend were Laura Colbourne, Noelle Duffy, Robyn Kenny, Jailyn Lynch, Kate Rowe, Beth Stokes, Sera Tulk and Sophia White. Accompanying Guiders are Coreen Bennett and Nicole Miller. Reece Collins was selected as the alternate.

They also hosted sessions throughout the year for units to complete their Global Guiding badge!

Program Committee - Karleena Squires

Programming Committee created virtual Meeting a Month Program, which was quite successful, offering program options on multiple themes, and for different branches so all youth members could complete their program work.

The committee is working with the Provincial Government to develop a plan for awarding high school credit for external programs - meaning that Pathfinders who earn their Canada Cord Award, and Rangers who earn their Gold Trailblazer Award, may be able to earn high school credits for earning these Guiding Awards.

Lones has also been reintroduced in the province to offer Guiding to youth who are unable to access to unit meetings.



Properties -
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Leonard



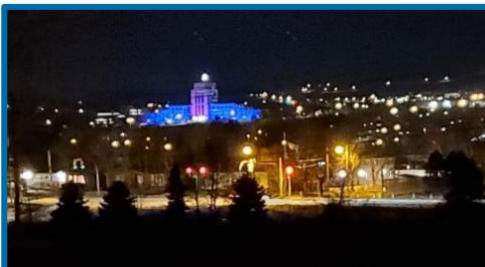
Camping Committee - Vacant

Over 160 participants registered for the 1st Virtual Provincial Camp in July 2021. Being online gave the opportunity to have presenters from University of Vancouver Ocean Aware, Salmonier Nature Park, Astronomy in Action, and Skills Canada. Campers virtually visited the World Centres and an Escape Room and learned how to Rug Hook.

Member Services Coordinator - Leslie Earle
 PR & Communications- Victoria Battcock
 Membership Committee - vacant

Together, the Membership and Communications teams launched a Photo of the Month Contest for social media. Members were encouraged to send photos and information they want featured publicly to showcase our activities!

During Thinking Day, they held a context (Share Your Voice with the World) for girl members, which helped build the Guiding brand and encouraged girl member participation through drawings, poems, and graphic designs. They also participated in Guiding Lights Across Canada for Thinking Day. Local monuments and buildings as well as member homes were lit blue across the province and country.



Youth Forum - Nicole O'Brien

The Youth forum created a Bridging Member document to assist third year Rangers in their transition from Rangers to Bridging Member and hosted 15 unit takeovers across the province. They launched the Lend a Hand, Give a Can service project to encourage members construct and maintain free little pantries in their communities, as well as the Purses for Purpose service project to support women experiencing poverty and homelessness. They also hosted the first ever virtual Youth Gathering, which included the Wands for Wildlife service project, and sessions on marine systems, ship building, marine biology, piloting, baking, and police service.

Training Committee - Sara Hawkins



Cookie Committee - Daphne Slade

Newfoundland and Labrador ordered over 11,000 cases of Classic cookies this year! The breakdown for each campaign was:

Area	Classic 2021 (fall)	Classic 2022 (spring)
Con Ba Su	1037	1162
Eastern Bays	471	718
Long Range Trails	590	466
Northern Mosaic	594	482
Ocean's Edge	705	750
Trefoil Central	392	446
Tuckamore	1557	1704
Province	100	72

