

What's new in Saskatchewan Guiding 2025-26

A Message from Your Provincial Leadership Team



As we begin the 2025–26 Guiding year, we are excited to share updates, opportunities, and resources to support you in your important role as a Guider. This newsletter highlights what's new in Saskatchewan Guiding, including the introduction of our new Districts, upcoming program initiatives, provincial events, and more.

This year, Saskatchewan Council plans on continuing a focus on strengthening support for Guiders and ensuring that all members across the province, whether urban or rural, have access to equitable opportunities to grow, connect, and thrive in Saskatchewan Guiding.

We know that Guiders are at the heart of our movement—your leadership, dedication, and creativity bring Guiding to life for girls in communities across our province. Our commitment is to provide you with the tools, information, and encouragement you need to feel confident and supported in your work.

We also recognize the importance of clear and relevant communication. Throughout the year, we'll continue to share timely updates, resources, and opportunities to make it easier for you to stay informed and engaged. At the same time, we are committed to listening—to your ideas, your opinions, and your feedback. By working together and staying connected, we can continue to build a strong, inclusive Guiding community that reflects the spirit and values of our organization.

Thank you for all you do to inspire girls, empower members, and keep Guiding thriving in Saskatchewan. Here's to a year of new opportunities, meaningful connections, and a whole lot of fun!

Megan, Sierra & Nell

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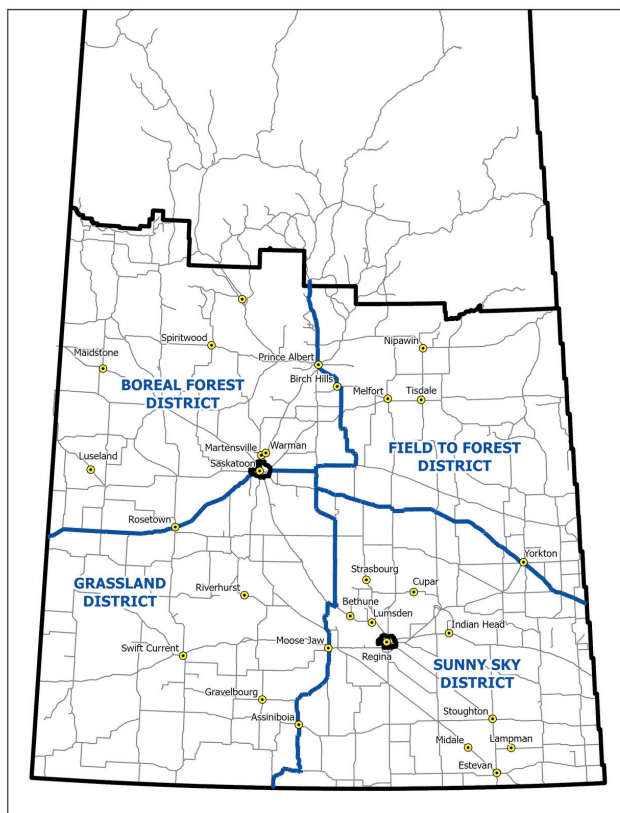
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New Districts



Boreal Forest District

District Commissioners:

Cynthia Mamer - sk-borealforestdc1@district.girlguides.ca
 Stacie Howie - sk-borealforestdc2@district.girlguides.ca

Field to Forest District

District Commissioners:

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Grasslands District

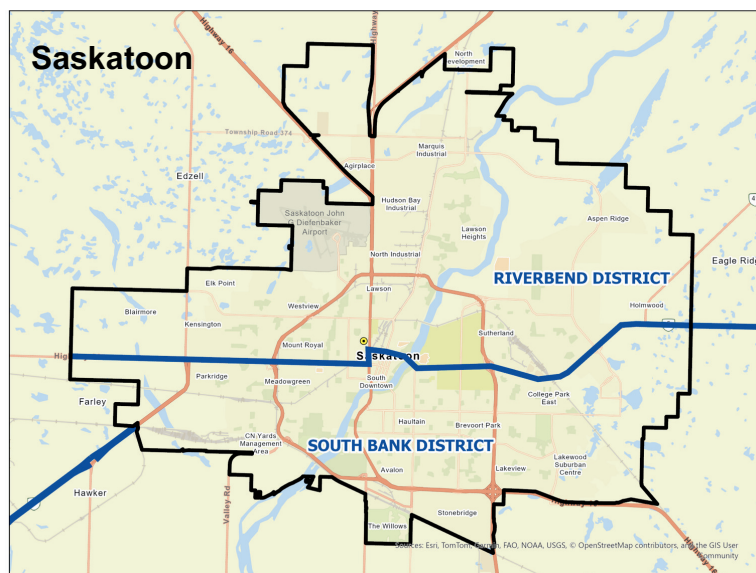
District Commissioners:

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 Chloe Merifeld - sk-grasslandsc2@district.girlguides.ca

Sunny Sky District

District Commissioners:

Christa Morhart - sk-sunnyskydc1@district.girlguides.ca
 Cheryl Lake - sk-sunnyskydc2@district.girlguides.ca



Riverbend District

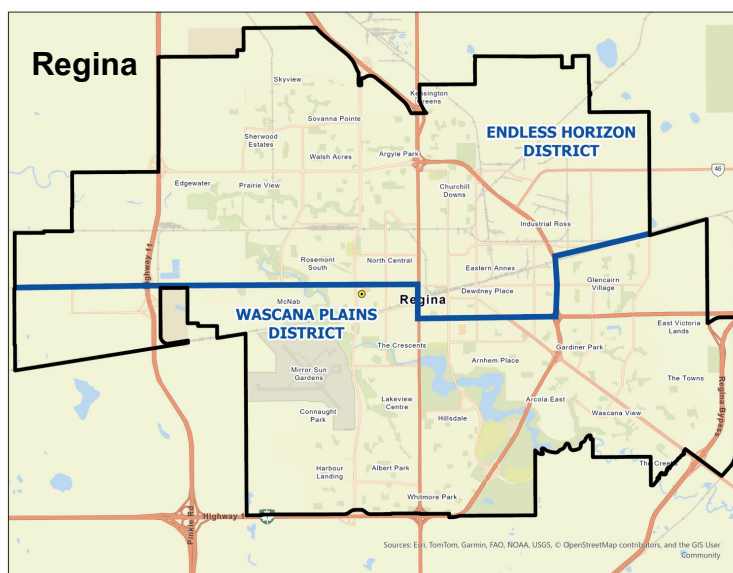
District Commissioners:

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South Bank District

District Commissioners:

Sharla Davidiuk - sk-southbankdc1@district.girlguides.ca
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Endless Horizon District

District Commissioners:

Suzette Dann - sk-endlesshorizondc1@district.girlguides.ca
 Yvonne Harrison - sk-endlesshorizondc2@district.girlguides.ca

Wascana Plains District

District Commissioners:

Crystal Powell - sk-wascanaplainsdc1@district.girlguides.ca
 Robyn Fetsch - sk-wascanaplainsdc2@district.girlguides.ca

Funds Available to Your Unit



Unit and District Support Fund

Created as part of the Saskatchewan Reset project out of former Area and District funds, the Unit and District Support Fund is available to all Saskatchewan units. It provides funds to units and individuals for such things as:

- Unit start-up
- 100% of the cost of rental/facility fees for regular unit meetings
- Key deposits
- Uniform shirts for youth in need
- Lifeguards at camps or events
- Interprovincial and International Travel
- Transportation to Provincial or District events more than 100 km from home community
- Training
 - First Aid (100%)
 - Mental Health First Aid for Trip Guiders (100%)
 - Food Handling Certificate (50%)
 - Canoe Skills Certificate (50%)
 - Wilderness First Aid (50%)

And, on a case-by-case basis

- Individual registration and camp fees or additional supports to enable full participation at Guiding events
- Relevant trainings not included in the previous list
- Requests that don't fall in any other category, but support is required.

Carol Pollock Fund

Provides up to \$100/individual or \$1000/group to travel to Heritage Lake Girl Guide Camp

Provincial Campership Fund

Provides 50% of the grounds fees (up to \$25/night/youth) for camping events of two nights or more that take place in Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) grant

Provides additional funds required for a specific camp or event that encourages physical activity as all or part of the event and/or provides opportunities for girls to build leadership skills. (amount is variable dependent on funding needs)



You will be able to apply for any of the funds listed above on one form by following the directions on the Saskatchewan Unit & District Support fund form [here](#) (scroll down to the “forms” section - MemberZone login required).



Keep an eye on Guidepost for an announcement of the form going live.

If you have questions, or need additional information, please reach out to sk-reset@girlguides.ca

Program Supports

Get Ready, Get Set: Tools for a Great Year



Year-in-a-Box for Sparks, Embers, and Guides

In each of the year-in-a-box resources, you'll find twelve meeting plans to help you start your year, a "back pocket" activity guide, and tools to help you plan the rest of your Guiding year. Great for new or returning Guiders!



Check out the Big Ideas Calendar for 2025-26

The Big Ideas Calendar is a year-at-a-glance resource filled with planning tips and activity inspiration for unit meetings. You'll find featured programming here and in Guidepost, with enough content for at least two meetings for each Big Idea!



Program Made Easy: Ready-to-go kits for your unit!

Watershed Backpacks

There are four backpack themes available for units to borrow to help support outdoor adventures. Each contains a workbook for each youth in your unit, and supplies to complete hands-on activities. Once you've completed your meeting, you can request the watershed wonders crest for your unit at no cost!

Note: Watershed Backpacks will be available for pick-up in Regina and Saskatoon in early November. They will be available to be shipped throughout Saskatchewan (at no charge) in Spring 2026.



Backpack #1 - Nature, up close and personal (S,E,G)

Learn about the insects and plants that live in Saskatchewan watersheds

Backpack #2 - Feathers and fur (all branches)

Learn about the animals and birds that live in Saskatchewan watersheds

Backpack #3 - Ecolab: Watershed Explorers (S,E,G)

Explore the physical environment in your local watershed (includes water testing supplies)

Backpack #4 - Ecolab: Watershed Explorers (P, R)

Explore the physical environment in your local watershed (includes more in-depth water testing supplies)

Lego Motion Kits



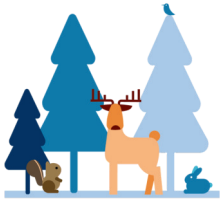
Bring a hands-on building experience to your unit. Lego Motion kits contain a worksheet for each youth in your unit, and enough Lego bricks and instructions to do a variety of cool motion-based activities! Once you've completed your meeting, you can request a crest for your unit at no cost!

These kits are primarily aimed at Sparks, Embers, and Guides. They can be picked up in Regina and Saskatoon starting in early November and will be available to be shipped throughout Saskatchewan (at no charge) starting in January.



More information (including how to book the kits) can be found [here](#).

Camping and the Outdoors



We have a number of supports and resources to get your unit outside. From the Wetland backpacks to gear (such as snowshoes) available to be borrowed to our pre-planned **Out of this World** camp, we've got you covered!



If you are interested in participating in outdoor skills training sessions, please reach out to Cathleen at sk-learningandengagement@girlguides.ca



Saskatchewan provincial challenges and crests can be found on our [website](#)!

Learning Opportunities

Inspire 2025 (in-person)

Our annual adult conference will be held November 7-9, 2025 at the Atlas Hotel in Regina. This is a great opportunity to network, develop skills and strategies to support you in your role and generally have a lot of fun! New Guiders (those who have started on or after September 2024) can get their first conference fully subsidized! More information and registration can be found [here](#).



National Training Calendar (live, virtual)

Learn from facilitators across Canada, all in the comfort of your own home! Sessions on every topic imaginable are available, and the [calendar](#) is updated regularly with new opportunities.



E-courses (anytime)

There are a variety of e-courses available for you to access anytime, anywhere! From 10-minute trainings on cookies or awards, to longer offerings on avoiding burnout, supporting girls' mental health or engaging with caregivers, check out all that GGC has to offer [here](#).



That's not all! We have trainers and facilitators across Saskatchewan who would love to come out to your unit or District and provide customized sessions on what you want, when you want it! Reach out to Cathleen at sk-learningandengagement@girlguides.ca for more information.

Stay connected!



There are a number of ways to stay connected to Guiding news in Saskatchewan

1. Read the **Guidepost**! Sent out by email every Tuesday, the Guidepost contains both National and Provincial news!
2. Join the **Saskatchewan Girl Guides Facebook** group
3. Follow us on social media



@saskgirlguides



facebook.com/saskgirlguides

Cookies

Cookies are the fuel that power Guiding! The profits from our two cookie campaigns support Guiding at all levels!



As of the 2025-26 Guiding year, the breakdown (\$72 per case) is as follows:

- Unit - \$13
- District - \$5.75
- Province - \$14.75
- National - \$4
- Cost of cookies - \$34.50 (includes manufacture and shipping)

We appreciate all of your support in making our cookie campaigns run smoothly!

Tips and tricks for successful cookie campaigns

1. When you hand out cookies to families, make sure that you use the **Unit Cookie Distribution Form** to sign them out.
2. Set a firm **payment deadline** (about two weeks prior to the date that cookie money is withdrawn from your unit account) for families to submit payment for their cookies.
3. Encourage families to submit payment for their cookies through a unit **Square reader**. This prevents online bill-pay mistakes and gets money into your unit account faster!
4. Make sure you fill out a cookie event form at least three days prior to selling cookies to get your event or door-to-door sales added to the online cookie finder!
5. Surplus cases may be available! If you need more cookies, check with your District Commissioner, and if none are available locally, reach out to sk-cookies@girlguides.ca and turnbully@girlguides.ca.
6. If you are planning a cookie event or selling cookies at a large event, **consider booking a lemonade stand, sandwich board, the 10x10 promotional tent or lawn signs** to promote your event! At the link, choose Regina or Saskatoon, and follow the instructions to book equipment.



Order your Cookie Events Toolkit!

If your unit or District does cookie sales at a table or booth in your community, you are eligible for a free cookie events toolkit!

This toolkit contains:

- Laminated posters
 - \$6/box posters (for both classic and mint)
 - Payment method posters (for both classic and mint)
- A “Girl Guide Cookies” pennant banner
- Balloons
- Promotional postcards

To order your toolkit, please fill out the **form**.



Directory*

NOTE: Your District Commissioner should be the first point of contact for most day-to-day questions

Provincial Staff

Regional Manager - Jane Alexis
alexisj@girlguides.ca

Contracts, provincial finances

Regional Operations Coordinator - Yvonne Turnbull
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Awards, fundraising, and general provincial questions

Provincial Council

- **Provincial Commissioner** - Megan Clarke - sk-pc@girlguides.ca
- **Deputy Provincial Commissioner** - Sierra Unick - sk-dpc1@girlguides.ca
- **Deputy Provincial Commissioner** - Nell Fergusson - sk-dpc2@girlguides.ca
- **Provincial Treasurer** - **vacant** - sk-treasurer@girlguides.ca
- **Adult Experience Coordinator** - Diandra Sorge - sk-adultexperience@girlguides.ca
- **Girl and Youth Experience Coordinator** - Amanda Lang - sk-girlyouthexperience@girlguides.ca
- **Youth Forum Coordinator** - Emily Kalnicki - sk-youth@girlguides.ca
- **Elected Member** - Florence Dale - sk-member@girlguides.ca
- **District Commissioners** - can be found on page 2

Provincial Advisers & Liaisons

- **Camping and Outdoors Adviser** - **vacant** - sk-campingoutdoors@girlguides.ca
- **Cookie Liaison** - **vacant** - sk-cookies@girlguides.ca
- **DEIA Adviser** - Ivy Armstrong - sk-DEIA@girlguides.ca
- **Learning and Engagement Adviser** - Cathleen MacPhee - sk-learningandengagement@girlguides.ca
- **Marketing and Communications Adviser** - **vacant** - sk-communications@girlguides.ca
- **Program Adviser** - Anna Cole - sk-program@girlguides.ca
- **Safe Guide Liaison** - Lisa Wilde - sk-safeguide@girlguides.ca
- **Travel Support Liaison** - **vacant** - sk-travelsupport@girlguides.ca
- **Trefoil Guild Liaison** - Kay Peters - sk-trefoil@girlguides.ca

Properties

- **Heritage Lake Girl Guide Camp** - sk-heritagelakecamp@girlguides.ca
- **Regina Guide House** - sk-reginaguidehouse@girlguides.ca
- **Saskatoon Guide House** - sk-saskatoonguidehouse@girlguides.ca
- **Trefoil Trails Girl Guide Camp** (Pike Lake) - sk-trefoiltrailscamp@area.girlguides.ca

Other Useful Contacts

- **Cookies (National)** - info@girlguides.ca
- **Membership/your unit** - memberunitsupport@girlguides.ca
- **MemberZone issues** - membershipsystems@girlguides.ca
- **Program Platform issues** - girlsfirst@girlguides.ca
- **Registration & Refunds** - info@girlguides.ca
- **SafeGuide (National)** - safeguide@girlguides.ca
- **Square issues** - square@girlguides.ca
- **Unified Banking issues (general)** - unifiedbanking@girlguides.ca



2025-26 Calendar

September 2025



various - mint cookie delivery

October 2025



3-5 - Youth Conference
10 - Registration deadline for fall Training Conference (with hotel)
11 - International Day of the Girl
31 - Registration deadline for fall Training conference (no hotel)

November 2025



7-9 - Training Conference
28 - Mint Cookie payment comes out of your unit account

December 2025



Got a great idea? Share it and earn a crest!

Have an awesome activity, meeting plan, or suggestion to make Guiding in Saskatchewan even better?

We want to hear from you! Submit your idea using the **form** and receive a Great Ideas crest as a thank-you.



Ideas may be shared with Provincial Council or Advisors, through Guidepost, or on our social media pages.

Let's inspire each other!



January 2026



30-Feb 1 - Strategic Planning Weekend (Moose Jaw)

February 2026



22 - Thinking Day (100th anniversary!)

March 2026



various - classic cookie delivery
8 - International Women's Day

April 2026



May 2026



2 - Provincial Gathering & Awards (Melfort)
28 - Classic Cookie payment comes out of your unit account

June 2026



Make a Splash in Guiding (all month)
Queen City Pride Parade (date TBA)
Saskatoon Pride Parade (date TBA)

Future Planning

Aug 19-23 - Campapalooza (Heritage Lake Girl Guide Camp)
Oct 2-4 - SK Youth Conference (Blackstrap Youth Camp - tentative)
Oct 23-25 - Fall Training Conference (Saskatoon)