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News And Programs

Saskatoon Area Council

Girl Guides of Canada

April

2010



TIME TO GET GROWING!

Did you know?...

Saskatoon Area Girl Guides partners with other community organizations to provide service, challenging programs and fun activities. Oxfam, ESL and Meewasin Valley Authority are involved with this year's Girl Guides Go Green (GGGG).

Saskatoon Area Office

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: CLOSED

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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Website: www.saskatongirlguides.ca

BECAUSE YOU SAID "YES"...

- a young girl will feel the pride of being someone special as she carefully puts on her uniform for the very first time
- a girl can move to a new town and have "instant friendships" with girls she might never have met
- parents will experience that special pride when they listen to their daughter say the Girl Guide Promise for the first time
- bright eyes will become a little brighter with excitement as the kindling finally catches on the first campfire
- nervous giggles will emit from tents as girls try to fall asleep their first night at camp
- the community and the world will be richer because a girl has learned the importance of caring for her environment and has experienced the warm feeling that comes from giving service to someone less fortunate than herself
- a parent will find a gold Trefoil carefully tucked away in a drawer as their daughter packs to leave home for her first adventures as a young adult
- a young woman will contact Girl Guides one day and say, "I had so much fun when I was a Girl Guide, I'd like to be a leader."

And the circle will continue... because you said, "YES"

- Author unknown



"A volunteer is a person who believes that people can make a difference - and is willing to prove it." - Anonymous

Thank you for making a difference.

AREA COMMISSIONERS

By the time you read this, hopefully the last of our spring storm will be gone and warmer weather will have arrived. Time to be outdoors with the girls!

We're excited to have an increase of over 100 members registered for our "Girl Guides Go Green" event on May 1. Our day of community service will begin with the Tim Hortons park cleanups in the morning, hotdog lunch at Rotary Park, followed by an afternoon of painting fish on storm drains (Yellow Fish Road) and learning what's under our communities (Jane's Walk) in the afternoon.

The 100 year Rally/Sleepover in Moose Jaw follows, on May 15/16. We have four buses of excited girls and leaders participating. This is sure to be an event that will make lifetime friendships and memories.

May 31 is our Annual Awards banquet. Please join your fellow Guiders as we celebrate "Sisters for a Century". The cost of your ticket should come from your Unit/District funds as recognition for the many hours you've volunteered to provide great experiences for the girls. We hope to see you all there.

Saskatoon Area will round out the summer with our Area Camp to be held at Trefoil Trails in August. Many hands are needed to make this camp a success. Please consider volunteering your time and creativity. (contact Erin Schimpf to see where you can help]

April is volunteer month. In this NAPSAC you'll find a special thank you, just for you! We appreciate your support and your commitment to the girls. Without you, Guiding in Saskatoon Area would not happen. Thank you for all you do!

Yours in Guiding,
Kathy and Carolyn



Enjoy Spring and the Outdoors!

AREA NEWS

EARLY REGISTRATION AND ADULTS

- Early registration is not restricted to girls. Province is offering the \$5 membership fee reduction to adults (other than those who pay only Trefoil Guild or Link fees, as those are already subsidized)
- In order for us to claim the reduced rate for your membership we need to know your intent to return in time for your District (or Area, for Area level members) to remit membership fees on your behalf to the office by June 15.
- Please advise your District Commissioner, or the Area office if you are not in a district, if you are in a position to confirm your intent to return and want your District/Area to be able to claim the savings on your fee.
- **NOTE:** registering early is not a condition of returning - we want you to remain a member and if you need to wait until the fall to let us know that will be just fine!

EARLY REGISTRATION UPDATE

We have already had some new members register!

Early registration packages will be mailed to all current girl/youth members in early May.

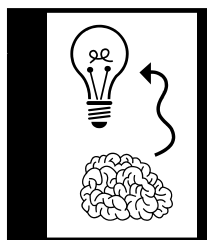
ANOTHER FORMS RETENTION REMINDER



Remember to bundle and submit to the office all activity (event/camp) Safe Guide paperwork **at the close of the activity.**

Health forms are to be returned to the families or shredded at the end of the Guiding season.

Brain Bashers



How it works.....

One brain basher puzzle will be published in the NAPSAC each month and then posted on the website. Go to the website at **www.saskatoongirlguides.ca**, solve the puzzle and send your answer to the puzzle master who will post the names of those who got it right!

Answer quickly. Starting with an empty barrel, which happens first?

- 2/3 full
- 1/4 empty
- 1/2 full
- 3/4 empty

AWARDS

MEMBER AWARDS

If you have submitted a nomination/recommendation for a member's award, please plan on attending the Awards Banquet. The nominees should also be encouraged to attend. This Banquet is for YOU!



RECOGNIZING NON-MEMBERS

If there is someone who has helped you out and you feel appreciative, consider recognizing them. Maybe that mom, sister, aunt or even grandma will continue helping out if we acknowledge her contribution. There is an informal pin one can use for thanks – "Friend of Guiding". Guiding also has a more formal award for non-member volunteers – "Silver Thanks". That award can be recorded on the non-member's iMIS profile if the office is informed that it has been given. Awards and recognition help to portray a positive image of Girl Guides.

There are no forms/letters to do for non-member recognition. The unit or district awarding these pins orders and pays for them. Through the online store Unit Guiders and DCs can purchase the "Friend of Guiding" pin (\$1.95 – found under "Fun Crests and Pins" heading) or "Thank you – Merci Silver" pin (\$13.95 – found under "Earned Challenges and Awards").

LEADERS NOT RETURNING

If you know of any leaders who are not returning in the fall, please send this information to me via the

Saskatoon Area Office – gguides.stoon@sasktel.net

Susan Sully
Area Awards Adviser

AWARDS BANQUET

Celebrating "Sisters for a Century"

Annual Awards Dinner

Monday, May 31, 2010

Nutana Legion

[3021 Louise Street]

Tickets: \$15.00 -

available at Guide House

Tickets must be purchased by

Friday May 21, 2010



**Please support the
Eradicating Hunger
and Poverty Challenge
by bringing a Food**

Bank item to the banquet!

We will be having a white elephant table at the banquet to raise funds For the Canadian World Friendship Fund. Please drop off new or 'like new' items at Guide House by May 28.



CAMPING



Spring Cleanup

Consider coming out to Trefoil Trails to help Guiding get ready for the camping season! There is plenty of work to go around as well as plenty of fun!

Enjoy helping out your favorite camping spot and a tasty wiener roast once the work is done.

April 24, 2010

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Trefoil Trails, Pike Lake Provincial Park



RSVP to Erin Schimpf at **guidererin@hotmail.com**

Remember, many hands make light work.

Got Appliances?

Trefoil Trails is in dire need of "new to us" kitchen appliances. A stove (or two!) as well as a fridge are needed for the main lodge. We also wouldn't turn our noses up at a microwave for the main lodge.

Anyone with these items, and or a willingness to help us move them, please contact Erin Schimpf **guidererin@hotmail.com**



ARCHIVES

Good News!

The Girl Guide display will be up at the Western Development Museum until June. If you want an outing to see it, phone the museum ask for Julie Jackson. She may be able to arrange for your group to see the display free. There would likely be a charge if you wished to tour the whole museum.

Remember if you wish to use old uniforms or books or pictures for banquets, phone the office and arrange a time to look to see if there is anything you would like to use.

HAVE FUN CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF GIRL GUIDES.

UPDATE!!



1910-2010 Girl Greatness Starts Here
Le leadership des filles commence ici

Yesterday...Today... Tomorrow...Forever— 100 Years of Guiding

Registration forms will be available to download on www.saskatoongirlguides.ca starting April 19. If you have already requested a package it will be e-mail or mailed to you.

Saskatoon Area Camp

August 12-15, 2010

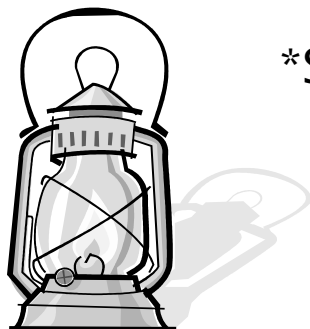
Trefoil Trails – Pike Lake

Come Celebrate 100 Years of Guiding

Camp is open to Pathfinders, Guides & Brownies*

\$75.00+GST registration fee

(Various funding is available)



*Spark Day Camp – Saturday, August 14

\$20.00+GST registration fee

(Various funding is available)



Limited Space Available!

Adult Volunteers needed in a variety of positions before and at camp!
If you are interested in getting more information or volunteering contact sktn100yearguidecamp@hotmail.com or contact the Guide office at 652-3275

Girl Guides Go Green!

It's not EASY being green....**Saturday, May 1, 2010**

Two terrific events in one day! Get the 2010 Girl Guides Go Green Area Crest for taking part in either event.

4th Annual Tim Hortons Cleanup

Sponsored by Tim Hortons



Cleanup: Between 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.: Participating units have chosen a park to clean. T-shirts, sling bags, and gloves should arrive at the office the week before the event. Guiders will be notified of when they can pick up their package. Join us after your cleanup for a.....

Tim Hortons Cleanup Wrap up party: 11:30 a.m. - noon at Rotary Park (on the east side of the riverbank):

Pick up your GGGG Crest - stay for the Yellow Fish Road activities!



Yellow Fish Road Project

Sponsored by the Meewasin Valley Authority

At Rotary Park

If your unit is not participating in this event, girls are encouraged to attend with a parent.

Hot dog lunch: 12:00 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Activities and games to follow

Participating GGC girl members may enter a draw to win an iPod Shuffle!

Yellow Fish Road Service Project: We'll be going into the community around Rotary Park painting yellow fish on storm drains and distributing fish shaped door hangers to remind citizens about the importance of clean water and properly disposing of hazardous wastes.

And at the same we're also taking part in a.....

Jane's Walk: Celebrating the legacy of Jane Jacobs, Jane's Walks inspire citizens to get to know their city and each other by getting out and walking. It is a thriving Canadian innovation that's going global, spanning 60 cities worldwide with some 350 walking tours on offer. Volunteers from Oxfam will guide our groups and give us a sneak peak of what Saskatoon looks like under our feet!

So that we can get a rough idea of how much food to prepare.....

Guiders bringing units: Please reply to mg.beaver@sasktel.net with your numbers if you are considering bringing your unit down to Rotary Park for lunch and YFR activities

Guiders NOT bringing units: Girls are welcome to take part as long as they are accompanied by a parent. If your unit is not taking part, please advise parents to contact mg.beaver@sasktel.net with # of people if they are considering attending the activities at Rotary Park.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Area Website:

www.saskatoongirlguides.ca



New to the website this month – updated information on our Running Element, Saskatoon Area Camp, Cookie Campaign, Registration and Unit information, Camp cleanup. Send us your suggestions!

Family Expo April 23 to April 25 Prairieland

Come out to Family Expo and stop in at our Saskatoon Area Girl Guides booth to say Hi! Many thanks to those Guiders and girls who have volunteered to help out. For more information about Family Expo see their website at www.saskatoonfamilyexpo



Mindy Beaver, PR Adviser: mg.beaver@sasktel.net or 283-4227



COOKIES



Hip, Hip, Hoorah for the Cookie Receivers!

Our cookie receivers do a wonderful job for our Districts. They accept hundreds of cookies into their homes and then distribute to the units. Without you the units would not have the success at selling cookies that they do. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Mall Sales

Many of you will be conducting some cookie sales in the malls. You need to book mall space from the mall administration offices. Remember to have all forms for the mall signed by the Area office. This is to protect the insurance for the malls and for Girl Guides.



Good Selling Tips

1. Wear your Guiding uniform. You are representing Girl Guides and you need to dress accordingly.
2. Have your best manners. Everyone likes to hear please and thank you. You will sell more cookies by being polite.
3. No hanging onto the shopping carts of people passing by.
4. Stay near the table you are selling from. Girls are not to wander the malls selling cookies. They need to be under a Guider's or parent's supervision.

National Cookie All Star contest

To all District Commissioners and Area Advisers:
Please send me a list of girls and number of cases sold for the All Star contest. Don't forget to apply through the national website by April 30. Your orders need to be sent to National by April 30 so the girls can get their prizes. These are the girls who have sold cookies on their own.

Great Big C contest

Each district and area unit needs to send me the names and numbers of cases of cookies of the top 3 cookie sellers for each unit. Once I have this list I will be able to figure out the winners.

The Great Big C is a local contest and includes the number of cases that a girl has sold on her own for the PLUS the cookies that she has sold on behalf of the unit. I need these numbers by April 30 as well.

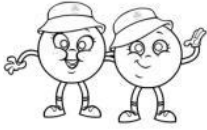
Movie Night

We are in the planning stages of a movie night/day to celebrate the selling of the cookies and to award the prizes to the girls. As plans are finalized we will let you know the details.



Chocolatey Mint Cookies 2010

I need all District and area unit orders by June 6.



100 boxes for 100 years of Guiding

When making your Chocolatey Mint order please consider if your unit needs to increase its order to meet the requirement for the Provincial Challenge. A lot of the units have already qualified for this challenge. If you are not sure what your unit needs to do please contact me at petersrkam@sasktel.net or 239-4735.

GUIDER LIAISON TO COUNCIL

Please let me know if you have any concerns, comments or kudos for Area Council. I will take it to Council and will let you know of their response. If necessary I will take the issue to Council and not identify the individual who submitted it.

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Don't forget to apply for funding if a girl or Guider needs help to be able to attend camp or other function.

1st TREFOIL GUILD



Spring is having a temporary setback but we'll hope for the best.

Our March meeting was at the Western Development Museum. The Museum very kindly provided us with a room for our meeting and we viewed the "100 Year of Guiding" display later. Our members also brought quite an assortment of items for the Food Bank.

Afterwards we had a "Boot Sale". Ellen Saunders, who just received her 50 year pin (congrats, Ellen!) had brought the Trefoil Guild Cookie Order in her car trunk and we all got ours from there! Marj Martens is doing a great job selling cookies at Luther Tower – over six cases. Did anyone notice Roberta Bondar's picture on the box?

Our next meeting will be at Guide House on Monday, April 26, at 1:30 p.m. Till then – Cheers!

Shirley Byrnes

Saskatoon Area Girl Guides is teaming up with Brainsport-The Running Store



We will be holding a

Learn To Run Clinic
In conjunction with Brainsport



**The clinic will run for 8 weeks on Wednesday nights 5:30 p.m.-7:00p.m.
@ Brainsport
Starting Wednesday, April 21 (last clinic Wednesday, June 9)**

Registration is \$50 per person

This running clinic will run specifically for Guiding Members only (adult and girl members - **girls must be at least 10 years old to register**) and will be designed to teach you the basics of running and help you make running a part of your lifestyle for fun and fitness.

We hope everyone who takes part in the clinic will register and run a 2k or 5k in the Bridge City Boogie on Sunday, June 13:

Brainsport is offering free registration in the Bridge City Boogie to clinic participants!

****Please note that this program is designed so that you will need to do some running on your own throughout the week***

Please e-mail guidermegan@hotmail.com for registration information

Thank you to Brainsport for their support!!

www.brainsport.ca

www.bridgocityboogie.ca

ACTIVE LIVING/ SPECIAL NEEDS

Spring Has Sprung!!! Take time during your meetings and go outside with the girls. Play wide games or go for a walk, do something to get moving and enjoy the outdoors. If

you would like ideas for outdoor activities let me know.

Tannis Stang
tannisandbrian@shaw.ca



3rd RANGERS

The 3rd Ranger Unit would like to extend our gratitude to the Guiders from Saskatoon Area who came out and assisted us in presenting the final installment of Hogwarts on March 13. One hundred twenty three students and 38 adult volunteers/staff members attended. Ideas come easily but it takes an effort from everyone to truly weave the magic. It would not have gone as smoothly without all of you.



We would also like to extend a special thank you to Mindy Beaver who kept the website updated for the 100 Days to Hogwarts Countdown, shared in the excitement of planning and acted as liaison with the Town of Langham. There are not adequate words to convey our appreciation for your commitment to this event.

Saturday, May 29
Saskatoon Area Pathfinder/TREX
AMAZING RACE



Invitations will be mailed out to all eligible participants the first week of May to join the 3rd Rangers for the AMAZING RACE.

We are looking for Guiders to participate by volunteering as drivers, check point supervisors as well as cooks for the BBQ that will follow.

Contact Tammy Sutherland at 261-2999 or Kelly Dersch at 343-8994 or email us at tammy.sutherland@shaw.ca

2nd TREFOIL GUILD



Our next get together will be on Wednesday, April 21. We will meet at Guide House at 6:30 p.m. and then go on a car rally around the city. We'll divide into groups and each group will need a driver, a navigator and a photographer. If you have a digital camera, please bring it with you.

When we get back I am sure it will seem like a good idea to find somewhere decadent for coffee and dessert.

Any Guiding member 30 or over is very welcome to join us.

Claire Brown



IMPORTANT NOTE - COOKIE PROFIT

Units are reminded that the unit cookie profit for cases they sell during the current cookie campaign is **\$12/case**.

This is a change from the fall amount.

This amount would also apply to cases sold at a district level, where the district is keeping the profit.

Cookie payments deadlines are:


May 3 – unit to district


May 14 – district to Area office (**\$36/case**)

Thanks!

SASKATOON AREA CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>April</p> 	21	2 nd Trefoil Guild Meeting
	21	Learn to Run Clinic starts
	23-25	Family Expo
	24	Trefoil Trails Camp Cleanup
	26	1 st Trefoil Guild Meeting
	30	Deadline: Cookie contest info

<p>May</p> 	1	Tim Hortons Cleanup & Yellow Fish Road Project
	3	Deadline: Unit Cookie Money to District
	14	Deadline: District Cookie Money to Area Office
	15-16	Moose Jaw Rally
	21	Deadline: Banquet Ticket Purchase
	29	Pathfinder Event – Amazing Race
	31	Area Annual Awards Banquet

<p>June</p> 	9	Learn to Run Clinic ends
	13	Bridge City Boogie
	15	Deadline: Early registration incentives
	18	Office closes for summer

****Deadline for NAPSAC contributions – 10th of each month – reverts to last weekday workday prior if the 10th is a weekend day or day office is closed****

