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Girl Guides Go Green!

May 2, 2009

Did You Know?...

Guiders and girls who take part in either the Tim Horton's Clean-up or the Yellow Fish Road events on May 2 will be the first to receive Saskatoon Area's new "Girl Guides Go Green" crest!

Saskatoon Area Office and Store

Hours: Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
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SASKATOON AREA STORE**Here to Serve You****Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.****Saturday: 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Have you purchased your advancement pins, certificates and gift items you may need for year end? We can order items no longer in our stock, but will need some notice to do so – please do not wait until the last minute!

Check out our newly discounted items:

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Discounted</u>
CRESTS/PATCHES		
Knot Expert	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.00
Mean Mosquito Masher	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.00
Rainy Day Camper	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.00
Maple Leaf Triangle	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.00
GGC Flag Patch	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.00
CLOTHING		
Brownie and Guide Striped Socks	\$ 3.75	\$ 3.00
Brownie Fleece Vest	\$34.95	\$30.95
Brownie Hoodie	\$28.95	\$23.95
Guide Vest	\$34.95	\$30.95
Guide Hoodie	\$28.95	\$23.95
Navy Camp Hat	\$18.95	\$15.95
Nylon Lined Jacket	\$45.00	\$35.00
Trefoil Guild Fleece (XL)	\$49.95	\$44.95
Adult Navy Shorts	\$ 9.95	\$ 7.00
MISCELLANEOUS		
Cosmetic Carry All	\$14.50	\$11.50
Guides Canada Travel Bag	\$14.50	\$11.50
The Guiding Light	\$12.75	\$10.75

Area Commissioners

Carolyn and Kathy

OK.... so you weren't wearing t-shirts and shorts at the end of March, but I can feel spring coming any day now! Hopefully it will be just in time for our Area Environment Day on Saturday May 2. "**Girl Guides Go Green**" will involve Units across the city and surrounding communities to clean parks in the morning (Tim Horton's Clean-up) and paint fish symbols on storm sewer drains in the afternoon (Yellow Fish Road). There will be food and fun activities to round out a day of community service and all at NO COST (thanks to Meewasin Valley Authority once again). Did you know the ESL students had such a good time last year they have asked to help out again! (More information in this issue)

Please mark your calendar for the **Annual Awards Dinner** on Monday May 25 at the Nutana Legion. The cost of the ticket should come from your Unit/ District funds as a thank you for the countless hours of volunteer time you have given to your girls. To keep the cost at \$15 per ticket, Area Council has subsidized the cost of this dinner so it is affordable for all Unit Guiders. This will be a wonderful evening to recognize great Guiders as well as enjoy time together. We hope to see you there!

April is the time we like to recognize our volunteers in conjunction with Volunteer Week. As you see **Mindy Beaver** has been hard at work preparing a special thank you for every member. This is just a small token of appreciation for your dedicated service to Guiding this year. This pin is no longer available and hopefully will remind you of your time making Girl Greatness happen here in Saskatoon Area!



We would like to thank **Kay Peters and Angela Rioux** for spending a Sunday afternoon thanking donors who made contributions to the United Way during this campaign year. We appreciate the extra time these ladies gave to represent Girl Guides at this important event.

Finally, we have to say goodbye to **Michelle Bowden** in the office. We thank Michelle for the time she has given us and wish her well in her new place of employment.

AREA NEWS



For the 2009/2010 Guiding year!

REGISTRATION FEE – Family Plan Option

\$125 for the first girl

\$115 for the second girl

\$105 for each additional girl

(The family must register all the girls at the same time)

The fee subsidy is provided by the Area for the upcoming Guiding year starting April 1, 2009. From April 1 – June 15, 2009, the Provincial subsidy of \$5 applies for an extra savings!

AREA REBATE FOR CAN-TA-KA-YE CAMPERS

Saskatoon Area is providing a **Ten dollar Rebate** toward any programmed camp at Can-ta-ka-ye in 2009



Conditions:

- this rebate is limited to **individual** bookings, NOT unit bookings.
- the official receipt must be submitted to the office and a cheque will be forwarded after processing

PLEASE PASS ALONG THE INFORMATION TO THE FAMILIES IN YOUR UNIT!



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.

EARLY REGISTRATION UPDATE

Packages have been mailed to all current girl/youth members. A copy of the information sheet from the mailout was emailed to all Guiders – contact us if you did not receive that and wish to know more.

Public Relations



www.saskatoongirlguides.ca – Check it out!

The Great Big C Contest....important deadline!

Contest summary forms are due to the office by April 27. Check with your District Commissioner as she may want them earlier.

Guiders who meet the deadline will receive an entry into a draw for a Rainbow Cinemas/Roxy Theatre VIP Pass!

Movie Extravaganza Night

Tuesday May 12 and Wednesday May 13

All Unit Guiders and girls who receive credits for selling 4 cases of cookies or more in the Spring campaign will receive invitations to bring their entire family to a movie night just for us! Watch the website under Cookies for more information.

Exhibition Parade

When: August 2009

Have you and your unit always wanted to be in a parade? We are looking ahead for Guiders interested in planning and staffing the exhibition parade float – lots of fun!

24 Hour Relay

- Saturday, June 13, 2009 at Innovation Place
- Looking for Guiders and/or units to face paint and supervise craft activities for children at the 24 Hour Relay event
- Great service project!



For more information, contact your PR Advisers -

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

Lorraine Fowler: chris-rein@shaw.ca or 374-1533

Camping Corner



Camping season is just about here (although its ALWAYS a good time to camp). Why not prepare the girls, and yourself!

Making camp skills fun isn't hard:

- Bring actual tents for the girls to set up in your unit's meeting area
- Teach fire building and safety with food: Skittles make a great rock ring, coconut as tinder, licorice whips as tinder, Crunchies as logs
- Bedroll relays: Who can do it the fastest? Who can do it right the fastest (some Guiders remember their bedrolls being tossed in the lake or shower to test them!)
- Compass games are always fun. Compasses can be booked out from Guide House. Hide a treasure for the girls.
- Make firestarters, buddy burners, box ovens, or a hot dog in a milk carton!

For great ideas check out the "Idea Zone" at www.girlguides.ca . Also look at <http://dragon.sleepdeprived.ca> , my personal favorite!

TREFOIL TRAILS - OUR WONDERFUL CAMP!

Prime spaces are still available at Trefoil Trails. **REMEMBER** ~ camp makes for lasting memories and is great reason to belong to Girl Guides. Check the Trefoil Trails booking calendar on the Area website for openings and make a booking!

Bookings may also be made for fall camps to December 31, 2009

IMPORTANT NEWS!!

**Trefoil Trails ground fees
WAIVED**

For July and August 2009
Great opportunity for units to
camp this summer!
(contact the office for more
information)

REMINDER

Camp Clean Up

**Saturday, April 18:
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**



We **NEED** your help to get Trefoil Trails ready. Learn about the camp if you've not been there before or have only camped in the winter. Even if you can only spare an hour or two that would help! Non-members are welcomed!
Contact Erin and the office to register!

With the busy season for Trefoil Trails almost upon us there are a few important notices for those using our fabulous site and for those who care about it.

WATER AT CAMP

Running water from our well at camp is only available from sometime in May until early fall – outside of those times ALL water must be brought to camp. During the time when running water is available it is tested by Public Health. While we have never had issues with water contamination, in the interests of “Safe Guiding” Public Health has directed that:

Any water to be used for –

- Drinking
- Toothbrushing
- Rinsing of food to be eaten without cooking
- Any use where water goes into the mouth

is not to be water directly from camp taps. Tap water can be used for these purposes if boiled (rolling boil) for 2-3 minutes and cooled, or you can bring enough commercially bottled water for these needs. Many grocery stores sell large jugs of water, as do businesses such as Culligan. Untreated tap water is fine for cooking where boiling is involved, and for dishwashing, since part of the process involves a rinse with bleach. And tap water can always be used for general clean-up.

While we realize that the necessity of bringing water is an inconvenience, we do want to do all we can to run safe camps.



Dishwashing Regulations

The “three sink” method must be used to properly clean dishes.

Instructions are posted at camp.

You’ll need dish detergent and bleach. In the lodge use the three sinks in the main kitchen and in other sites use three basins.

HAPPY CAMPING!

Erin Schimpf, Area Camping Adviser
guidererin@hotmail.com

Keep Our Camp Clean

Lately there have been several complaints of groups finding Trefoil Trails in less than good shape.

Remember to always leave a site better than you found it! All groups using Camp should fill out the “Camping Checklist” given to them when they receive keys. Please hand this in when you return keys. This sheets not only confirms that the necessary cleaning was done but can communicate repairs or issues that need to be handled.

COOKIES

Thank you to all cookie receivers. It is a hard job, but we really appreciate you accepting the cookies for your districts.

It is because of you that we are doing so well in our cookie sales. The feedback that I have had so far is that cookie sales are going very well. If you feel inclined to sell extra cases at Rainbow, Roxy's or more areas the Area Office still has plenty of cookies to help you.



Cookie All Star prizes have been or are being presented. Congratulations to all who participated!

Corrections to my January NAPSAC submission regarding the Cookie All Stars:

- The gift certificate for Indigo's was for \$20.00. I incorrectly wrote \$25.00.
- Hannah Beye preordered 12 cases so she qualified for and has received her \$20.00 Indigo gift card.
- Rebecca Dyck preordered 3 cases.

GREAT BIG C CONTEST

Remember this year's Great Big C contest has changed.

Include the number of boxes the girl sold in Cookie All Stars **PLUS** the number of boxes she sold on her own for the Unit/District **PLUS** the number she has sold in Unit/District group events.

FOR EXAMPLE: Susie has an order of 10 cases for the All Star Contest. She sells an additional 3 cases on her own. The unit sells 20 cases doing door-to-door sales with 10 girls participating. (This comes to 2 cases per girl.)

Susie's total for the Great Big C contest will be 15 cases.

The names of the girls participating and the number of boxes sold should be submitted to the office or emailed to Kay (petersrkam@sasktel.net) **by April 27**. Because the timeline is short to the movie night, I will NOT be able to "track you down" for your numbers. It would be really disappointing for a girl to have "won" but didn't because her Guider failed to submit the numbers.

DOOR-TO-DOOR SALES

Please note that only members of Girl Guides of Canada in uniform may sell Girl Guide cookies door-to-door. It has come to my attention that some people are "helping out" selling cookies door-to-door. Please remember that only members are to sell this way.

I know their intentions were probably good but.....

Kay Peters, Saskatoon Area Cookie Adviser
petersrkam@sasktel.net or 239-4735



CANADIAN WORLD FRIENDSHIP FUND

Have you, your unit or your district made a contribution to the Canadian World Friendship Fund this Guiding season? Province's goal this year is for at least \$2/member to be donated to the fund. To the end of March a total of over \$652 had been donated by Area members. With 600+ members in Saskatoon Area we are just over halfway to reaching our target.

Please consider a donation if you have not yet made one. If your unit has not done any special fundraiser then perhaps some of your cookie profit can be directed to this worthy cause.

We thank those individuals, units and districts who have already made donations!

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

Guiding has an award for non-member volunteers – the Silver Thanks pin. If there is someone who has helped you out and you feel appreciative, consider the Silver Thanks Pin. Maybe that Mom, sister, Aunt or even Grandma will continue helping out, if we acknowledge their contribution. Awards help to portray a positive image of Girl Guides.

There are no forms/letters to do for these non-member awards so just let the office know the number of pins you need, by April 27, so they can make an order to try to get these in time for your year end event. The unit or district awarding these pins pays for them.

LEADERS NOT RETURNING

If you know of any leaders who are not returning in the Fall, please send this information to me at:
danbsully@sasktel.net and copy Saskatoon Area Office –
gguides.stoon@sasktel.net



Susan Sully
Area Awards Adviser

Used Postage Stamps....  are still being accepted at the office.

Remember that if you are collecting the stamps, please cut them off envelopes with a ¼ inch margin.

Stamps collected assist with the Latin-American Children's Relief Project.

Thank you.
Ellen Saunders, Trefoil Guild member

PAPERLESS NAPSAC

Approximately 30% of those who receive the NAPSAC have opted for the electronic version. You may sign up for this at any time – just send the office an email to:
gguides.stoon@sasktel.net

AWARDS BANQUET

Come Celebrate Great Guiding!

Annual Awards Dinner

Monday, May 25, 2009

Nutana Legion

(3021 Louise Street)

Tickets \$15.00

Available at Guide House

Your ticket must be purchased by

Friday May 15, 2009

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE



We will be having a white elephant table to raise funds for the Canadian World Friendship Fund.

Please drop off new or 'like new' items at Guide House the week prior to the banquet

OFFICE FAREWELL

As you read elsewhere in the NAPSAC, Michelle has left her job with us – the opportunity for full-time employment has lured her away.

Michelle has been a Unit Guider in the past and doesn't rule out a return to such a role in the future – we will look forward to that!

We wish Michelle all the best at her new job.

Cathie and Jan

1st Trefoil Guild

Spring has sprung! The geese and gulls are back and the pelicans should be here before too long.

Guiding people are pretty up on things. At our last meeting we did well on the Earth Day Quiz and also passed the one about St Patrick.

On **May 2** Trefoilers will be cleaning up Ashworth Holmes Park, as part of the Tim Horton's clean-up.

On **May 4** we will do our "Hike" and take a look at River Landing on the Meewasin. Trail, followed by a supper.


If anyone needs an application form for the National Trefoil Gathering being held in Kamloops next June, please let me know.

Hope to see everyone at the **Area Annual Awards Banquet** at the Nutana Legion on **Monday, May 25**. Have a happy Easter season.


Shirley Byrnes, President



SASKATOON AREA CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

April 	18	Camp Clean Up
	27	Deadline: Great Big C contest names to office
	27	Deadline: Orders for Silver Thanks to office

May 	2	"Girl Guides Go Green" Events
	4	Deadline: Unit Cookie Money to District
	4	1 st Trefoil Guild Hike and Supper
	12,13	Movie Nights at Roxy
	15	Deadline: District Cookie Money to Area Office
	15	Deadline: Unsold MINT cookies to Area Office
	15	Deadline: Purchase of Banquet Tickets
	25	Area Annual Awards Banquet

June 	15	Deadline: Early registration incentive
	19	Last Day to Shop - store closes permanently
	19	Office closes for summer

***** Deadline for NAPSAC - 10th of each month (or if a Saturday or Sunday the deadline reverts to the 8th or 9th)NO EXCEPTION *****

Girl Guides Go Green!

It's not EASY being green....



Saturday, May 2, 2009

3rd Annual Tim Horton's Cleanup



Cleanup: Between 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. : Participating units have chosen a park close to their meeting place, will wear their Tim Horton Tshirts (supplied by Tim's) and have fun greening up their environment. Even though Tshirts are no longer available, units can still participate. If your unit is not participating in the cleanup this year as a group, please encourage your girls to still attend with a responsible adult. A list of parks being cleaned is available on our website at www.saskatoongirlguides.ca under either Events or Girl and Family Resources, then click on Girl Guides Go Green.

AND THE.....



Yellow Fish Road Project

Sponsored by the Meewasin Valley Authority

At Kinsmen Park (across from the Mendel Art Gallery)

Please contact Mindy at mg.beaver@sasktel.net or 283-4227 with your unit numbers by April 24. If your unit is not participating in this event as a group, please encourage your girls to still attend with a responsible adult.

Lunch: 11:45a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Join us at Kinsmen Park for a free lunch and free rides on the train and carousel, and then take part in the Yellow Fish Road service project to follow.

Yellow Fish Road Service Project: 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

We'll be going into the community of City Park painting yellow fish on storm drains to remind Saskatoon about the importance of clean water and properly disposing of hazardous wastes.

Other fun stuff – 2:30 to 4:00pm

There's more! After painting, come on back to Kinsmen Park and try out the Astrojump Challenge course and other fun activities. Pick up your Girl Guides Go Green crest and enter the Yellow Fish Road Project draw - we are giving away an Ipod Shuffle to one lucky Girl Guide as well as a Meewasin sponsored canoe trip to one lucky Unit.

See you there!

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