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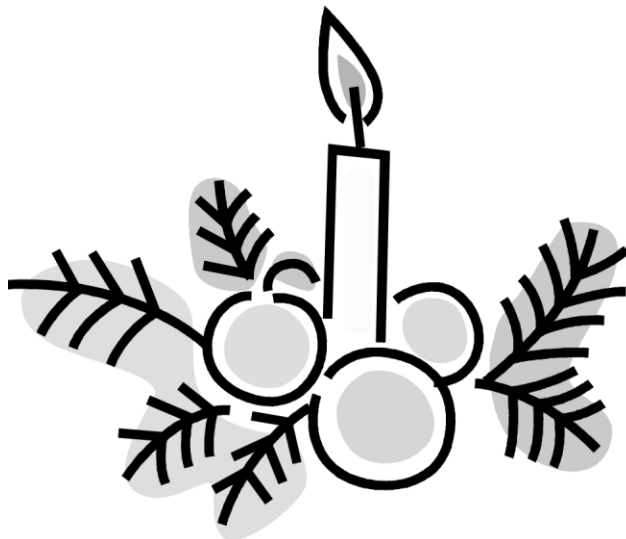
News And Programs

Saskatoon Area Council

Girl Guides of Canada

November/December

2009



ENJOY THE SEASON AHEAD!

Did you know....

that the 2010 Thinking Day
Theme is girls worldwide say
**"together we can end
extreme poverty and
hunger"?**

It's not too early to think of a
service project and register it
on the provincial website to
help Saskatchewan reach a
goal of 100 service projects in
2010.

Saskatoon Area Office

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

Wednesday: CLOSED

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SASKATOON AREA CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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| <p>November</p>  | 18 | 2 nd Trefoil Guild Meeting |
| | 22 | Santa Claus Parade |
| | 27 | Deadline: Registration for Spark Day Camp |
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| <p>December</p>  | 1 | Unsold Sandwich Cookies due at Office |
| | 1 | Deadline: Registration for First Aid Course |
| | 2 | AGM and Town Hall Meeting |
| | 3 | Launch - 100 days to Hogwarts |
| | 5 | Spark Winter Wonderland Day Camp |
| | 7 | 1 st Trefoil Guild Meeting |
| | 8 | Deadline: Classic (sandwich) cookie orders |
| | 12-13 | Standard First Aid Course |
| | 16 | 2 nd Trefoil Guild Meeting |
| 18 | Office closes for holidays at 5:00 p.m. | |

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| <p>January</p>  | 4 | Office reopens |
| | 4 | WDM Guiding display opens |
| | 17 | 100 Years of Guiding Launch Event |
| | 29-31 | January Conference - Regina |

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| <p>February</p>  | 15 | Office closed for Family Day |
| | 22 | Thinking Day |
| | 22-27 | Guide/Scout Blood Donor Challenge |
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****Deadline for NAPSAC contributions - 10th of each month - reverts to last weekday workday prior if the 10th is a weekend day or holiday****

AREA COMMISSIONER MESSAGE

It is hard to believe this is the last issue of the year..... and there is no snow on the ground, yeh! We hope you are taking advantage of the seasonal weather and getting the girls outside; even just to play a quick game; my favourite, Snake Tag (see #26 in "What Can We Do Outside Tonight Handbook" on the Area Website).

Our Aboriginal Outreach Worker, Tressa Kirstein, has been very busy and we should be ready to start a Guiding Unit of Guides/Pathfinders at St. Michael Community School in the next 2 weeks. A Spark/Brownie Unit might be ready to start shortly after that. Please see the 'wish list' (in this issue) for these units and perhaps if you have an abundance of certain items, you might consider donating supplies. You can reach Tressa at **Tressa101@hotmail.com** to confirm your donation.

Wednesday December 2, 2009, is the date of our Annual General Meeting (please see details in this issue). As always, all members are invited to attend. Immediately following the meeting Jo Szostak, our Provincial Commissioner, will be giving a presentation on the need for restructuring of Girl Guides in this province and to share with Guiders some possible scenarios. Kathy, who is heading the task force, as well as other members on the committee will be in attendance. There is a need to make changes to better the Guiding experience for all Saskatchewan Guiders. Your input is valued and needed so be sure you plan to attend.

As always, Kathy and I want to say thank you for all you do for your girls and Guiding in Saskatoon Area. As the 2009 year comes to a close, we begin to look ahead at our celebration year and all the activities being planned to mark the occasion.

What are you going to do to mark 100 years of Girl Guides?

*Season's Greetings to you and your family
and have a safe holiday.*

Carolyn and Kathy



AGM - Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday December 2, 2009

8:00 p.m.

Guide House

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m.

Following refreshments there will be a Town Hall style meeting on the restructuring of the Areas in the province and will include:

- power point presentation given by Jo Szostak (Provincial Commissioner)
- Q&A session

Members of the restructuring task force will be present.

All members of Saskatoon Area Guiding are invited and encouraged to attend both the AGM and Town Hall Meeting. Your input is important as we move to make Guiding better in Saskatchewan.

Please join us!

ARCHIVES

I hope you are gearing up for 100th Anniversary in 1910. There are uniforms and other information at the Guide House. We shall be having a display at The Western Development Museum from January 4 to the end of March. You might want to plan a tour of the museum sometime during that period.

Saskatchewan was first to have a Guide Company in 1910, but did not get registered until one other had been registered so Moose Jaw was the second in Canada and the first, of course, in Saskatchewan. The first Girl Guide Camp was held on the Credit River in Ontario. I saw that place when I was in Ontario in October.



LET'S CELEBRATE MANY WAYS IN 2010!

If you wish to use some items from Archives, email me at **morrison01@sasktel.net**

In the meantime, have a great Christmas Season.

Lois Morrison, Archives Adviser

NEWS BITES FROM AREA



BUS TRANSPORT

We are working to arrange bus transport to both the Moose Jaw 2010 sleepover and the August Area 2010 Camp events – watch for further details!

GIRL ENGAGEMENT

National is encouraging involvement of girls on committees and councils – to have both a voice and a vote. Area is working on this and already has girls taking part on our Area Planning Committee.

RENTING EQUIPMENT THROUGH THE OFFICE

Newsflash! Area will no longer collect a deposit when equipment is rented (e.g. compasses, parachute, GPS units....) BUT - If equipment is returned in damaged condition then the full cost of repair or replacement will be borne by the renter's unit/district.

AREA DIRECTORY

The paper copies of the annual Saskatoon Area Guiding Directory have been distributed to districts. Those for the 1st Trefoil Guild are with Shirley Byrnes. If you signed up for a paper copy and don't yet have yours, contact your DC or call the office and we'll track it down!

BOOKING TREFOIL TRAILS CAMP

Note that we are now accepting bookings for camps (**day use or overnight**) for the balance of the Guiding year – check the online bookings calendar on the Area website to see what is available and either email from there or phone the office to book. The non-refundable \$10 booking fee for overnight use is due within two weeks of making your booking, and if your plans change, be sure to let us know so that we can release the dates for others!



2ND TREFOIL GUILD

Claire Brown, President

We had a good meeting in October with 10 people there.

When we started this group most of us had jobs in Saskatoon Area Guiding, and this kept us busy. However, over the last 4 years several of us no longer hold those jobs. It was decided, therefore, that we should do some service this year, and that the service should be helping with the garden at Guide House. We were inspired by the fact that Ruth Anne Rudack (a long time Saskatchewan Guider) is now one of us. She is a great gardener and has already worked in the Guide garden.

So.... here is our calendar - not carved in stone. We usually meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 6.30 p.m.

November 18 - Japanese meal. I will make arrangements nearer the time and you will need to commit as the restaurant is fairly small.



December 16 - Guide House - Pot luck appetizers - please bring toilet articles to make up kits for residents of the YWCA Crisis Centre

January 2010 - 100th BIRTHDAY OF GUIDING CELEBRATION.

We thought we would like to go to the January conference as a group to celebrate 100 years.

See the Prairie Lily for registration information.
If we register we can work out rooms, etc. later.



February - help at any Area Thinking Celebration

March 17 - St. Patrick's Day. We thought we might change the date as it may be rowdy on St. Pat's Day. Plan to go to an Indian Restaurant.



April/ May - Help with the garden.

Possibly reward ourselves with a meal/coffee and dessert.

May - Banquet

Any Guiding member 30 years of age or older is most welcome to join us.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

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

What's coming Up in Saskatoon Area?

100 Years of Guiding Launch Celebration Sunday, January 17, 2010

Where are we going in 2010 Saskatoon Area??? We're going Up!!

This will be an event you don't want to miss!

Information about ticket distribution will be given to District Commissioners on November 15 to distribute to units AND it will also be posted on the Area website.

Please ensure that all families receive the information - *before* December 1.



Tim Horton Cleanup

Yes, we're doing it again! Mark your calendars for May 1 for the annual Provincial wide, Tim Horton's Cleanup. Watch for this event, hopefully once again joint with the Yellow Fish Road Project for another year of Girl Guides Go Green.

T-shirt orders for the cleanup: the deadline to order will be in mid-February this year so watch the NAPSAC and the area website for updates.

Cookie Contests

District Commissioners will be receiving the cookie contest packages in mid-November to be distributed to their units. These packages include a free movie pass for every girl so please ensure that every girl receives her package before December 1. Complete contest details are available on the website.

Just added for the Great Big C Contest.....

A Banana Split Ice Cream Party for the unit who sells the most cases per girl!



Heart Month Campaign



Looking for a service project? The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Saskatoon is looking for groups of people to help distribute canvassing kits to their volunteers for Heart Month. This project would be done sometime in January. Contact Mindy for details.

Area Website: www.saskatoongirlguides.ca

Don't forget to check the website often as we are always adding and updating. This is Saskatoon Area's own website and our goal is to give Guiders a centralized place for information no one feels left out of the loop. Since the website went up a year ago, we have had nearly 5000 hits – 900 of those in the last month alone!

Recent Updates to the site:

Program Resources (under Guider Resources): "What can we do outside tonight?" – a collection of games from Saskatoon Area Guiders who were looking for quick ideas to do with their unit outside – suitable for all branches. Plus links to Challenges and helpful websites.

International (under Guider Resources): resources for international theme meetings, for international travel and upcoming events, and international challenges.

100 Years of Guiding

Celebration events and activities coming up – Launch Event, Moose Jaw Rally Sleepover, Area Camp, 100 Days to Hogwarts website scavenger hunt.

Awards: brighten a fellow Guiders day and nominate her for an award.

.....plus upcoming events, camps, and opportunities and many other Guider resources

Did you know that this month marks the first anniversary of our website?
Thanks to Mindy for her ongoing work as Webmaster!

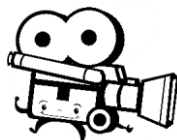


Santa Claus Parade, Sunday November 22, 2009

Guider Elf Crystal is looking for units to take part in the parade! Contact her at ncslusar@shaw.ca to register your unit.



Note: Girls must attend with their Unit Guider or have a parent with them for the entire parade. Unit Guiders are responsible for completing Safe Guide procedures and supplying ratio for their own unit.



Be A Movie Star for a Day!

We are looking for interviews of girls and Guiders for a DVD presentation to be shown at the 100 Years of Guiding Launch Event. This could be a great project for your unit. Have girls interview each other, using the video setting on a digital camera, individually or as a group, on one or more of the following topics:

- What Girl Guides means to me/us
- What I like most about Girl Guides
- What "Lend a Hand" means to me
- The best thing about my Guiding friend is...

Interview clips should be no more than 20 to 30 seconds long and all members shown must have a signed permission for image release on file at the office.

Guiders are also encouraged to submit interview clips!

All entries should be sent to Mindy at mg.beaver@sasktel.net

Saskatoon Area Girl Guides in the public eye...



Warman Guiding was recently featured, in full color no less, on the front page of the Clark's Crossing Gazette. This was not their first shot at becoming famous as they have also shown up in the pages of the Gazette a few other times!

Joelle H of the Trex Unit, starred with Jennifer Jellicoe on "CTV and Me" in August, where she demonstrated how much fun it is to cook eggs in a bag and éclairs in the great outdoors!

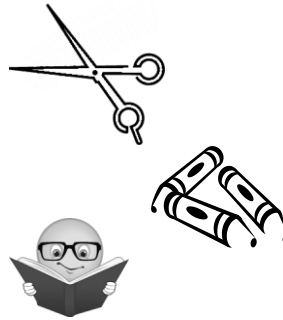
If your unit has been in the public eye, or has been involved in a service project, let us know so we can share your story with everyone...

WISH LIST FOR ST. MICHAEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL UNITS

The Guiding unit(s) starting at St. Michael Community School will have limited resources. You can help them get started with a small donation.

We would ask all items to be new or in 'like new' condition.

Glue
Construction paper
SHARP scissors (older girls)
Round tip scissors (younger girls)
Crayons
Markers
Pencil crayons
Girl Guide song books



Please confirm your donation with our Aboriginal Outreach Coordinator,
Tressa Kirstein, at tressa101@hotmail.com

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 (Mindy Beaver) who will post the names of those who got it right!

November 2009 Brain Basher:

A ship is docked in the harbour. Over the side hangs a rope ladder with rungs a foot apart. The tide rises at a rate of 9 inches per hour. At the end of six hours, how much of the rope ladder will still remain above water, assuming that 9 feet were above the water when the tide began to rise?

The 3rd Saskatoon Rangers present
Saskatoon Area
Spark Winter Wonderland Day Camp
Saturday, December 5 from 1 – 5 p.m.



Invitations to this event will be delivered by the Cheer Squad to Saskatoon Area Spark units or sent by mail to the girls. Registration deadline – Friday, November 27

In recognition of our 100th Anniversary of Guiding in Canada
The 3rd Saskatoon Ranger Unit proudly presents

“100 DAYS TO HOGWARTS”



Information for this on-line scavenger hunt/activity project will be mailed to all registered girl members the week of November 23. Girls will register online and log in to the Saskatoon Area website to participate in daily games & activities. Girls who do not have access to a computer will be given the option of receiving their activities weekly by mail. **“100 Days to Hogwarts” will launch at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 3.**

For each day that a girl submits confirmation of her completed activity, her name will be entered in a draw for a \$100 Ministry of Magic Gift Basket. There is no requirement to attend Hogwarts in order to participate in this project though all registrants must be registered girl members. The draw will be made at the Final Feast at

Hogwarts VII on March 13, 2010.



COOKIES



It is spring cookie order time. This is for the Classic or Sandwich style cookies. Remember when placing your orders to include the amounts the girls require for their National All Stars. When the girls place an order for a large number of cases please have the parents sign the unit tracking form in ADVANCE of ordering for the district. Your units don't want to have extra cookies for which they weren't planning. Deadline for Area Units and Districts for ordering the Classic cookies is December 8, 2009.

New profit amount for Classic campaign

Due to an increase in cookie revenue going to province, the profit for units will be \$12.00 per case not the usual \$13.00 as we are used to having. The good news is that Area absorbed the other \$2.00 increase that province was requesting.

EXTRA, EXTRA!!!

Remember that the office has extra sandwich cookies. They are available for sale until the end of November. The unit will keep the \$13.00 profit and the \$35.00 cost per case will be sent to Twilight District as they already paid for the cases last spring. Once November is over all leftover classic cookies must be returned to Guide House for proper disposal.

Cookie Sale Concerns

There is a concern that some of our young girls are going door-to-door selling cookies by themselves. As this is a big safety issue for the girls we would like parents or responsible adults to accompany them when going out selling cookies. Remind all girls to wear their uniforms when out and about for Guiding.

Celebrating 100 boxes for 100 years of Guiding

We are currently looking at a new initiative for 2010. Although this has not been totally finalized by province I wanted to give you a heads up when placing your orders for the next year.

Over the course of 2010 each unit that increases sales by 100 boxes will be eligible to earn a crest. Remember 100 boxes = 8 cases + 4 boxes over the entire 2010 sales year.

If you have 3 units in your district that is an increase of 25 cases over the year.

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

ACTIVE LIVING/SPECIAL NEEDS

As we begin to get into the Guiding year try to have some sort of physical activity or discussion about active and healthy living during your weekly meetings. Physical activities can be short activities or games (under 5 minutes or longer doesn't hurt) to get the girls moving!

If you want some ideas of quick activities, games and meeting ideas involving active living please contact me. I would love to come to your meetings to share my passion for active living and/or come to your planning meetings to share and brainstorm ideas.

Tannis Stang
Active Living/Special Needs Adviser
979-7252
tannisandbrian@shaw.ca



FUNDING, FUN AND FRIENDSHIP (F³)

Do you have anyone who is not participating in special events due to lack of funds? Please let the F³ fund help. Application forms are available online through the Saskatoon Area website or through the office if you don't have a computer.

Hot Dogs, Hot Dogs Everywhere!

Thanks to the generosity of Mitchell's Gourmet Foods we have a lot of hot dogs left over from the Fall 'Toon Up. Any unit or group needing hot dogs please call the office or Kay Peters and we can hook you up with lots of hot dogs.



1st Saskatoon Trefoil Guild

November's half gone already! We're almost into the Christmas Rush.

At our last meeting we learned how to "Stay Alive to 85" – proper diet, exercise, no smoking and a glass of red wine every day. Wow!

Something we heard at the provincial Gathering (courtesy Quebec's Chocolate Challenge) was that a balanced diet consists of items from the five major food groups: dairy, grains, meats, fruits/vegetables AND CHOCOLATE. Also, a chocolate bar is better than a gold bar! (Maybe)

Our next meeting will be December 7 at Barb Clay's at 1:30 p.m. Our donations this year will go to the YWCA, Women's Shelter. No clothing wanted but toiletries of all kind welcome and anyone who wishes can make a donation to the shelter. Our phoners will be contacting everyone re donations and rides.



A Merry Christmas to everyone in the Guiding Family and best wishes for 2010 – our Centennial Year.

Shirley Byrnes,
President

STAMP SERVICE PROJECT

If you are saving postage stamps to donate, it would be appreciated if you could save some of the fancy stamps from Christmas mail.

Please trim stamps with ¼" margins; pop them into an envelope and when the envelope is full, bring to the Guide House office.

Thank You! Ellen Saunders



STANDARD FIRST AID & CPR COURSE OPPORTUNITY!

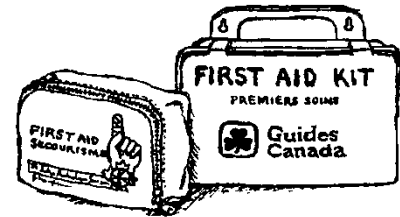
Pathfinders, Trex, And Rangers

Time/Location:

Saturday, December 12 & Sunday, December 13, 2009

Guide House

8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.



Open to:

Girl members in Pathfinders, Trex, and Rangers

- Minimum 6 - Maximum 12 participants

Guiders from all levels may join the course if it does not fill with girl participants

Cost: \$75.00

To register: Contact Carla at 381-7863 or carla@punshon.ca before the registration deadline: December 1.



Partners for Life

At the most recent update, donations by Guides/Scouts only 2 short of our goal of 125 donations for the year. With more than a month to go we will surely well surpass the 125! Thanks to all who have donated!

Given our success this year, Guides and Scouts have decided to increase our goal in 2010 – to 140 donations. We can do it, with your help!

When donating blood, just let the folks at the desk know that you are doing so for Girl Guides and they will help you to sign up so your donations will be automatically credited to our goal total.

If you have never donated before ~ please consider giving the "Gift of Life" during the upcoming holiday season, or early in the new year! Call 1 888 2 DONATE for an appointment.

*Season's
Greetings
From
Saskatoon
Area*

