



# Parkland Pennings

February 2015

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## **COMMISSIONER'S RAMBLINGS (Notes from Nyna)**

February 10, 2015

2015 Greetings and Happy Thinking Day to all Guiders in Parkland Area!

News Flash! As of January 30, 2015 we have 1,353 fantastic leaders and girls.

Thank you, Guiders, for making the Guiding Program fun, challenging, interesting and relevant for the girls. I am aware that this does not happen without some conflicts with guiders or girls but for the majority of time Guiding runs smoothly.

### **Some things to focus on in our special month:**

- \*Collecting and submitting World Friendship Funds. Hope all units have been creative in the ways that this is done.
- \*Ensuring that girls know about the significance of Thinking Day.
- \*Taking pictures of your events to submit to Area/Province.
- \*Making sure financials are being reviewed and ready for our treasurer.
- \*Planning spring cookie sales.
- \*Doing Fund Raising1 (FR1's) forms for any fundraising that fits in the guidelines.
- \*Planning on ways to recognize Guiders, Unit Assistants, girls.
- \*Keeping your cool as spring is just around the corner!

### **Some info from Province:**

- \*There will be an increase in membership fees to \$120.00. (\$10.00 for National)
- \*Cookie orders have been fantastic in Alberta, Yukon, Northwest Territories
- \*We are now Alberta and Aurora Adventure Area (Yukon and Northwest Territories have been combined)
- \*Dates are extremely important: For new guiders-the date in which the Membership Application form (A1) is signed is the date that is entered in iMIS (allows 4 months from this date for members to complete their potential member screening and 6 months to complete Safe Guide. PLEASE USE BACKCHECK.
- \*Wednesday, April 1st, 2015 is the first day of National Registration for girls returning to their same units.
- \*Monday, May 4th, 2015 is the first day for girls returning to Guiding or moving to new units/branches.

\*Monday, June 1st is the day for new girls to Guiding.

\*Lots of interest in Guiding Mosaic 2016.

### **Some information about Parkland Area:**

\*District Commissioners are working hard at running districts smoothly and keeping in touch.

\*Training has offered TnT (Try new Things), Safe Guide Trainings and district trainings.

\*Camping has special events coming up.

\*Public Relations needs any orders for Public Relation materials in right away - also the info for Pennings to check.

\*Program will be wanting names of girls for the Cord Ceremony.

\*International has been promoting international activities at TnT and ordered the Thinking Day Friendship Flyers for everyone.

\*Membership is working hard at being there for you.

### **Some information from Area Commissioner:**

\*Special thanks to the Executive who meet when need arises and for their wisdom and caring.

\*A very special thanks to our Administration Manager, Ang, for working through the challenges that arise at the office.

\*Thank you to Lorie and Linda for your knowledge and expertise with financials.

\*Congratulations to the girls from Crimson Star and Golden Poplar who applied for funding for camps in 2015. You have been successful.

Needed for Parkland Area Council a secretary to do Council/Executive minutes.

Should be proficient in taking minutes, formatting and use of computer. Help is available. Thank you to Kathy C. and Ang J. for stepping in when you do.

I am looking forward to participating in Thinking Day activities at various Districts.

I am really looking forward to my trip to India and will have information to share with you in the next Pennings!

Nyna Marr

## **Parkland Area Office News**

Things are wrapping up for 2014, and I am looking forward to 2015 with Parkland Area.

Please remember to fill in the top part of any paper registrations. You should enter the unit placed in, and the unit iMIS#. If they are requesting subsidy, please hand in the completed A5P with a District cheque for the registration fee. The next application to Province goes in March, and the subsidy payment should come in April. There are still a few outstanding subsidy requests to go in (my apologies for not including them in the last application!).

I will be taking a vacation in February, and **the office will be closed February 17 - 19**. I will return just after Thinking Day, and look forward to hearing about how everyone celebrated our founders' special day.

Camp Sherbino is very booked for this spring! If you are interested in sharing the camp space, please feel free to contact the office and we can connect units.

There seems to be some difficulty completing PMBR paperwork. Please remind your leaders that no one can volunteer with Girl Guides of Canada until they have submitted their Police Record Check (PRC). Backcheck is a wonderful program, but many people have not completed the required ID verification, and their file is returned incomplete, or the time has expired on their file. Please make sure this important step is completed! Otherwise, their membership may be cancelled.

Please remember to include the unit name and iMIS number on the top of all registration forms. Parkland Area has 85 units, and it is very difficult to figure out which unit I should register girls into. Please make sure iMIS numbers are included for any requests to update profiles, as we have over one hundred Guiders in our Area.

**Regular office Hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 9:00 - 3:00.**

**The Office will be closed February 17 - 19**

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Ang Jones, Administration Manager, Parkland Area

## Program

Canada Cord/Chief Commissioner Award Ceremony will be held at the United Church, Innisfail June 21, 2015, 3:00pm.

Provincial Update: -instant meeting idea -Mouse Around the House Challenge #2

Alberta Challenges -Gateway to Our Past Crest Contest-February 2015 **(have your unit design a crests info in the Blue Print)** -Geo Science Challenge Update

National Update: -Words in Action National Service Project -3 Literary Agents for all three provinces - soft launched in December 2014 - big launch during Literacy week at the end of January 2015 - Girls Count

- Overwhelming response to pilot units for year 2. Will be looking for 300 units again in Year 3, September. **(think about this it would be wonderful to have a unit from Parkland Area as part of the year 3 pilot)**

-TD Tree Planting Grant **(check this out I think this is a great challenge and with the changes it is easier for units to work together making a much bigger impact)**

-Now available for applications - Can be more than for one unit in a group. Up to 5 units can work together and get a maximum of \$2500.00 and only have to write one report. - Project need to be completed by August 2015

-Other Provincial Challenges **(looking for some different challenges take a look at what other provinces have to offer BC has launched two new challenges and Newfoundland has revamped an old challenge there is always great tie in with the girls program work)**

- BC Council has launched two new challenges -Colour me healthy -Passport to Arts

-Newfoundland Council has revamped their Fit for Life Challenge.

Hazel Ray, Parkland Area Program Adviser

## Public Relations

It has been a slow period for Public Relations as most units were on hiatus for most of December. Please remember that any time your units are in public in uniform we are promoting Guiding and that is PR. Spring cookies and registration are just around the corner. I do have a budget for larger promotional items such as banners etc. Please let me know by the end of February if you have a need for promotional items so I can get them ordered.

Goldenfields District: Guiders and Pathfinders did Inn From The Cold on Jan. 15, preparing and serving dinner for the homeless at St. Francis Anglican Church Guiders had their District Meeting/Christmas party at Colour Me Mine on Dec. 11 1st Sparks - Festival of Lights 3rd Sparks - Mother/daughter sleepover at Balzac Community Hall 3rd Brownies - Festival of Lights 4th Brownies - Visited RCMP detachment, Bethany Centre. Sleepover camp at Community Hall 3rd Guides - Camp at Bergen Community Hall, Zumba with 2nd Brownies, 1st Aid Course 1st Pathfinders - Swimming at Genesis Place, Spatter Painting at 4 Cat Studio, trip to Drumheller museums 2nd Pathfinders - volunteered at Lioness Adopt-A-Family warehouse, there was a photo and short blurb in Here's the Scoop.

NumTiJah District: Carstairs units went to a senior center and sang Christmas carols Olds Pathfinders and Olds Guides sang carols at our local Midnight Madness. See attached picture Olds Brownies went to our local museum and experienced Christmas in the 1900s Olds Sparks had Santa and Mrs. Claus join them at one of their meetings and listened to every Spark's Christmas wish.

Jodi Paulgard wrote an article that was included in the Winter Canadian Guider about Goldenfields District Advancement.

YIG, Stephanie Haas, Parkland Area PR

## Membership

At this time there is nothing new from membership. All I can encourage you to do is start thinking about next year!!! Who are your leader?? Any leads on new leaders? If yes maybe start the process of PRC's and safe guide. Start talking to the girls about next year. Remember to remind parents of the stagger enrolment. Maybe have a "bring a friend" in the spring to encourage new faces for the fall.

Yours in guiding, Joanne Schatz, Parkland Area membership

## International

**Provincial International Challenges and Ideas:** The Provincial website has been revamped and has a new URL. All the current international challenges, travel opportunities and service projects are now located at:

<http://www.girlguides.ca/AB/Program/International/AB/International.aspx>

``**Guides on the Air**`` February 21, 2015: Surrey Emergency Program Amateur Radio (SEPAR) is working with Girl Guides of Canada BC Council to host ``Guides on the Air``. Marlene Graham,

Fraser Skies Area Program Adviser requested a larger GOTA activation. GOTA 2015 event now includes CARESS (Coquitlam Amateur Radio Emergency Services Society), NSET (North Shore Emergency Team) and AARES (Abbotsford Amateur Radio Emergency Services). Together our amateur radio emergency teams are hosting Girl Guide (Spark, Brownie, Guides and Pathfinders) in 12 municipalities - North Delta, Surrey, Langley, Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Port Moody, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Maple Ridge, Mission and North Vancouver. We were wondering if there are any Alberta area Girl Guide GOTA 2015 stations we (SEPAR, CARESS, NSET & AARES) might schedule contacts with for the event.

[http://www.snapcoquitlam.com/index.php?option=com\\_sngevents&id\[\]=642801](http://www.snapcoquitlam.com/index.php?option=com_sngevents&id[]=642801)

(72 girls from 12 units attended GOTA event)

**Twinning 2020:** Guyana is the Twinning Partner for Alberta Council (Alberta, Yukon and Northwest Territories). This Twinning project is very different from what we have done in the past. There is no "giving" or service component from Canada - it is a partnership between us and our twinning country. It is "a WAGGGS pilot partnership to enhance engagement of girls in WAGGGS initiatives, extend adult leadership opportunities through Twinning innovation and to learn, understand and adopt the WAGGGS approach to youth learning" We have a timeline and with 4 main "touch points" with our Twinning partner; World Thinking Day 2015, International Day of the Girl 2015, World Thinking Day 2016 and GM2016. Resource material e.g. provincial/country information and the WTD activities will be put up on the Alberta website when it becomes available which will enable our Guiders and also the Guiders in Guyana to access. This will include information from Guyana as well as from Alberta, Yukon and Northwest Territories. We would like all units participating in World Thinking Day and using the WTD Activity Pack to post a photo or video on the FB page or send to the Twinning e-mail [twinning@albertagirlguides.com](mailto:twinning@albertagirlguides.com) to enable us to know how many units will have taken part.

Caroline Lobban, Parkland Area International Adviser,

## Camping



### **Safe Guide:**

#### **Yellow Level Activities**

Requires: Forms be sent in a **minimum** of 14 days prior to event, More forethought in planning, Additional parental permission, GGC must acknowledge the plans in place comply with SG requirements, Examples: GIRLS cooking over an open fire, sleepover at the community hall

### **Camp Eats:**

**Hash Brown** 1 pkg Hash Browns      Oil or butter/margarine      Cheddar Cheese - shredded/chucked/slices

Salt/Pepper/Italian seasoning. Put the oil/butter/margarine in frying pan (will need to divide up so the pan isn't overflowing), cook over a fire or on a camp stove, when they start to turn golden brown sprinkle with salt/pepper/Italian seasoning. When the hash browns are just about cooked add shredded/chucked/sliced cheddar cheese and cook until the cheese is melted.

### ***Camp Game:***

#### **Games for Small Groups**

**Hot Seat** Have one person sit facing the group. (This person is in the "hot seat.") A leader will write a vocabulary word on a piece of paper and hold it up behind the contestant in the hot seat for everyone to see. Then the group has to try and get the hot seat contestant to guess the word by giving hints and clues. Your vocabulary words can be theme based.

**Minute Mysteries** Present the clues to the group. They can ask only yes or no questions to try to solve the mystery. Clue: A man pushes his car in front of a hotel, and say "I'm broke and I'm out!" What happened? Answer: He is playing monopoly. There are many Minute Mysteries on google ☺

### ***Upcoming Camping Opportunities:***

#### **Provincial Camping Events for the Upcoming Guiding Year.**

Watch for information on the following camping events being planned for the 2014/2015 year. Check the Alberta website frequently for the posting of information on the events below, and possibly some other camping events.

#### **Girl Events:**

**Ranger/TREX & Pathfinder Survival Camp** May 22 - 24, 2015 see attached

**Area - Camp In A Box - Creaking Bones** - for Brownies - Jun 6-7, 2015 see attached

**Provincial Guide week long summer camp** - July 19-26/15 at Camp Sherbino near Sylvan Lake

**Provincial Pathfinder/Ranger week long summer camp** - Aug 2-8/15 at Camp Woods, Sylvan Lake

#### **Guider Events:**

**Camping Adviser Workshop** - Apr 17-19/15 at Pine Lake Camp. This workshop is for all Area and District Camping Advisers and their deputies.

**OAL Residential and Tenting Modules** - June 6-7/15 at Camp Sherbino near Sylvan Lake - use the Provincial Website form to register for this training.

**OAL Adventure Training Course** - training weekend plus 1 or 2 backpacking trips - spring and Summer/2015

**Canoe course** - Paddle Canada Intermediate Lake Tandem. This course enables you to supervise girls in Canoes - spring/15

**Leave No Trace course** - TBA

**Guiding Mosaic 2016:** Sat Jul 9 - Sun Jul 17 - Camp Woods at Sylvan Lake Cost for girls and adults \$1050.00 + GST per person There is now a 5 page PDF on the GM website, this covers the Roles of the Patrol Guider.



Area Camp Advisor - Kathy Cawthorpe

# Brownie Spring Camp



# CREAKING BONES

June 6 - 7, 2015 at Sherbino Cost \$20.00 + GST = \$21.00/girl  
Arrive Saturday, June 6th 9:00am Home time Sunday, June 7th 11:00am  
May 15, 2015 Deadline

Creaking Bones, a program designed to share the fun of learning about prehistoric animals and promote outdoor skills and learning at the same time.

Brownie Units - Pack a lunch and come track Dinosaurs, be a Cave Caller and play with Stegosaurus, Brachiosuarus, Raptors, Mammoths and Triceratops. Safely transport an abandon dinosaur egg back to base then sleep in a cave (tent) with a baby Dinosaur.

Use the Parkland Area Registration form.

More information and a kit list will be sent after you register your Unit. Please ensure ratio.

For more information please contact:

## Training

Please contact any of the following. Trainers can come to your meeting to mentor or help.

Mary Hatcher	Golden Fields/Num-ti-jah
Nyna Marr	Golden Poplar
Rose Ward	Crimson Star
Kathy Watson	Westview / Kuusamo
Bev Witham	on leave of absence
Lorie Coghill	Diamond Willow
Hazel Snyder	Wolf Willow

Sincerely YIT, Hazel Snyder, Area Training Adviser

## TnT CATERING BY AMAZING PATHFINDERS

When the Training Team was planning for TnT (Try New Things) the weekend that suited most trainers was the same weekend as Provincial Council meeting. This eliminated two trainers. My training plan was to help with the location and food planning. In approaching the 1st Innisfail Pathfinder leaders to see if they might be interested in catering if the girls were interested we would be underway. They were all excited about the opportunity. Two planning meetings were scheduled. On the first meeting we talked about what it meant to cater and the girls did menu planning. We looked at what our budget would be. This fit in very well as they were doing budget planning. Two weeks later we gathered to make soup and muffins and set up a schedule for helping during TnT. I have been very pleased with the feedback from those attending TnT. I would also like to share what Judy Purcell, 1st Pathfinder Contact Guider sent to me.

"The training was a great success this weekend I think, considering the weather and the numbers. The girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves and many of them chose to work extra shifts than what they had originally planned. (I've never seen kids so happy to do dishes or cut up vegetables!). The

trainers were accommodating and gracious enough to even let the girls sit in on any sessions when the work was done in the kitchen, which all the girls participated in at least one session.

I would like to send you a very heartfelt thank you for the opportunity you gave our unit this past weekend. Some of the girls rarely work in the kitchen and this weekend asked for extra shifts. Some made new friends with the leaders. Some of the girls learned new games they could teach at camp. Some learned skills in camp planning and some of them learned a deeper side to bullying and self esteem. All see a different and brighter future for themselves in guiding. All grew a little more confident and proud in not only themselves but in guiding this weekend. Thank you. We do make a difference! Respectfully submitted, Nyna Marr, Trainer

## Awards Announcements

Thanks to those commissioners and members who forwarded applications for awards, a flurry of them were received in December. A reminder that the deadline for applications for National and Provincial awards is March 1 and June 1, and that significant timelines are needed for these awards to be processed. The deadline for awards to be presented at the Parkland Area dinner in early May is February 15. Ina Rodenburg-Hart Awards Chairperson

## Cookie Report

All cookie orders have been submitted. Thank you ladies ☺

**Cookies will be arriving between March 14th - 22nd** - so please make sure your Delivery location people will be around than to receive the cookies. If they are not home please arrange an alternative site now. **Cookie Day in Canada will be on April 11& 12!!** The sign up site for Sears locations will start in February with more info to follow on that. Watch the Guide Post for opening details as that will probably have your sites on the Cookie Finder map. They are mentioned on Social Media and often have the info first. Even if you do not have Sears location in your town try and be out selling that weekend as it is great National PR because National does all advertising for that day. If there is a need for extra cases or "wish list orders" all requests should be submitted to me using a cookie delivery incident reporting and request form. The national cookie department places these requests on a "wish list" at the end of the delivery period, once all extra cases are collected and inventoried by Dare Foods, Dare lets the national cookie department know whether there is enough product leftover to accommodate the wish list requests. Requests are accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee wish list will be fulfilled. Please submit your request ASAP for better odds. I finally heard a little bit about the upcoming Cookie All-stars prizing site. It will be opening mid-February with a few changes so it makes it even easier to navigate. (i.e you will be able to add girls to a unit roster when a girl is selling cookies for a second unit and will add up both for the girl and she will get full credit). One of the major changes that I want everyone to know is that Cookie All-Star camp credit for GM2016 is only for last year and this year's campaign and will be done Classic 2015!! That means this is the last opportunity to earn the GM2016 Camp credit so if you have any girls in your Area's or Districts applying to camp they may want to make sure they have their 80 + cases ordered now!! I just heard this, they were hoping to continue this opportunity for one more year but as of right now it seems that is not possible. Jessica McLeod, Cookie adviser



**Girl Guides of Canada - Parkland Area Council  
Area/District Event Registration Form**

Send form **with** fee by date specified to:  
Girl Guides of Canada-Parkland Area Council  
BSMT 3757 43 Ave, Red Deer, Alberta T4N 3B7  
Note: Payment **MUST** accompany Registration Form

Name of Event: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Individual Registration**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Guiding District: \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in Guiding: \_\_\_\_\_  
Health or Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_  
Adult: Applicant's iMIS Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Girl: Applicant's iMIS Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Group Registration**

Name of Unit: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Guider for the Unit: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ iMIS #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Numbers Attending:**

Sparks: \_\_\_\_\_ Brownies: \_\_\_\_\_ Guides: \_\_\_\_\_ Pathfinders: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rangers: \_\_\_\_\_ Trex: \_\_\_\_\_ Guiders: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

- \*Please attach a list of Guiders and/or Non-members attending event and their iMIS numbers.*
- \*Guiders are to bring health forms and Safe Guide paperwork to the event.*
- \*Please attach sheet listing allergies and dietary needs for unit if necessary.*

**Special Instructions**

*Items/information requested from event organizer*

**Payment Method**

Cheque (made payable to Girl Guides of Canada) Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: The Responsible Guider for the Event will notify you when your registration has been accepted. Additional information may be requested at that time.**

# Register for it



Have you ever cooked on a log?

Friday, May 22 – 24, 2015  
Camp Sherbino  
\$35.00 + GST = \$36.75/participant  
May 1, 2015 Deadline

Ranger/TREX Leaders, bring your unit  
and have your girls do the  
"Parkland Area Survivor Challenge"

Please use the Parkland Area Registration form to  
register as a patrol and have ratio.



How many different things can you  
store in a straw.

## RANGER/TREX SURVIVAL CAMP @ SHERBINO

Learn new camping  
skills and challenges,  
team up with other  
Ranger's and test  
your skills.



Have you ever made  
an emergency lantern  
from your lip balm.

Learn 10 things you  
can do with lip balm.



**Pathfinders**— do you have what it  
takes to beat the Rangers & TREX  
- come and prove it.

Learn how to make an emergency  
shelter?

