



# Parkland Pennings

February 2016

A Newsletter for Guiders published by Girl Guides of Canada - Parkland Area

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

Almost spring - weather so great that we want to do all of our activities outdoors. I know many of you do winter camps and have such a good time with your girls. Thank you for giving so much time and energy to your Volunteer position.

As many of you have heard there are changes to the structure of Girl Guides of Canada. This structure is coming into place so that each Province will have the same structure so if you move from Alberta, Yukon, Northwest Territories to Nova Scotia you will find the same Council set-up.

### THIS IS MY UNDERSTANDING SO FAR:

The Unit Guiders, the backbone of our organization, continue with unlimited years to be a Unit Guider. All other positions are for three years except Treasurers which are five years.

District Council will have a Commissioner, Co-Commissioner or Deputy(ies) Secretary (voice, no vote) Treasurer, one representative from each Unit that will have a vote (all can have a voice). No other representation on District Council.

Area Council will have a Commissioner, Co Commissioner or Deputy(ies), Secretary (voice no vote), Treasurer, District Commissioners, Camping Adviser, International Adviser, Membership Adviser, Program Adviser, Public Relations/Communications Adviser, Training Adviser, Staff Member.

Provincial Council will have a Commissioner, Deputies, Senior Staff/Secretary (voice no vote), Treasurer/Cookies, Risk Management Coordinator, Girl Engagement Coordinator, Member Services Coordinator, Elected Member-Youth and Council will determine the number of Area Commissioners who will sit on Provincial Council.

Interesting times ahead but should be exciting.

Please remember that we have a website. [www.parklandgirlguides.com/](http://www.parklandgirlguides.com/) Parkland Area offers scholarships-check with the office. Information has arrived for an opportunity to help with Program at GM 2016.

Hello there: My name is Caralle Hicks, and I am the Team Lead for Program for the GM2016 camp. We are looking for people to lead program sessions for the youth program (Pathfinders and some Rangers). These 3 programs are all on site Youth program sessions are 2.5 hours in duration and will take place over 6 full days (morning and afternoon). Sessions will max out at 30 girls. Adults running the sessions will have the opportunity to request a number of adults to help out during each program time

The sessions open for filling:

1. Large Board Games - suggest using girls as playing pieces for: Scrabble, Jenga, Hungry Hippos etc (presenters choice)
2. Stained Glass Mosaic - suggested as a modern take on a Medieval art form using methods such as: etching, screening, stained glass and mosaics to create a unique piece to take home.
3. Rug Art - Supersized - an art form coming from Eastern Canada and US in the 1800s. Called punch needle art to create small personal piece and a larger one for donation after camp (not necessary to follow this format)

I would be interested in talking to anyone who might have interest in planning and leading these sessions. Let me know and I will give you a call at your convenience.

Caralle Hicks, Team Lead Program, GM2016

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caralle.hicks@gmail.com

**Guiding has had many changes over the years and we are still going strong because of the great women/girls who belong.**

**Have a great Thinking Day everyone**

**Nyna Marr - Parkland Area Commissioner [emarr@shaw.ca](mailto:emarr@shaw.ca)**

## **Parkland Area Office News**

Scholarship applications are still being accepted. There is a Peter Pailey Scholarship of \$500 available to any member in full time studies, and two \$100 scholarships for girls to use towards activities. Both application forms are available at request.

Ang Jones, Administration Manager

**Regular office Hours: Tuesdays - Thursdays 9:00am - 3:00pm**

**The Parkland Area Office will be closed**

**March 29 - 31, 2016 for Spring Break**

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## **Membership**

Happy to say that we are all up to date with renewals of existing leaders. Thanks to all the leaders for making sure their PRC's are up to date. Moving into the second half of the year, I know everyone is thinking of everything they need to get done for this year, but we need to start thinking about next year. Usually girls remaining in their unit can pre-register for next year in April, Girls changing units May and new girls June. It's a great idea to have a 'bring a friend' night near the end of your units' year to encourage girls to join next year. Start talking to parents and see if anyone has some spare time and would love to become a leader. Start the process now so it's all set in to play for the start of the year. Again a big thanks for having PRC's up to date till March!!!

YIG, Joanne Schatz, Membership Chair

# Program

In addition to Core Programming, Girl Guides have the opportunity to participate in challenges and activities according to their particular interests. The range of Challenges and Activities is vast: these include science, the environment, arts, international issues and self-esteem, and much more. Upon completion of challenges girls receive crests in recognition of their achievement.

## Challenges

- Cross Canada Challenge
- Cyber Citizen Challenge
- GGG/NEDIC Love Yourself Challenge
- Girl EmPower Challenge
- Girls Count
- Girls United
- National Service Project
- Say No to Violence
- Zoe's Trek Around the World

## Activities

- SEVEC
- Special Days
- Tree Planting
- Twinning
- Her Story

When your units complete any of these challenges or activities I would love to hear from you and include you in my report to the Provincial Program Committee. Just email me at [hazelray@telusplanet.net](mailto:hazelray@telusplanet.net)

Also check out the Girl Guide Web site for instant meetings for those times when you just don't have time to do all the planning.

February Provincial Challenge of the Month is *Guides on the Air (GOTA)*

Jada Hutchison, 3rd year Olds Pathfinder, has been chosen as one of the two Pathfinders from the province to attend the Alberta Girls' Parliament this year. She has been selected to be the Clerk of the Assembly and will be spending 5 days at the Legislature, March 16-20, with Rangers from across the province learning about the parliamentary process. We are so proud of her!

Happy Thinking Day Hazel Ray, Parkland Area Program Adviser

# International

**Why do we donate money to CWFF (Canadian World Friendship Fund) on Thinking Day?** In 1932, during the seventh World Conference in Bucze, Poland, a Belgian delegate pointed out that a birthday usually involves gifts, and therefore everyone could show their appreciation on Thinking Day by offering gifts to our international Movement by fundraising or making a donation. Olave Baden-Powell wrote to all Girl Guides and Girl Scouts later that year to tell them about this idea and to ask them to spare a penny to help support Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting around the world. Now, Canada is the second largest contributor to the World Thinking Day Fund. CWFF funds are used to support our twinning projects, international travel (both our travellers, and to subsidize international travellers to Canada for events like Guiding Mosaic), and our contribution to the World Thinking Day Fund.

**WAGGGS 2016 Thinking Day Theme: Connect** Don't forget if you need an instant meeting, camp or rally plan, just check out the activity pack at: <http://www.worldthinkingday.org/> This is really the "best of the best" of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) that we have been using for Thinking Day themes for the last few years.

## Excerpt:

*"Connection is the energy that is created between people when they feel seen, heard and valued" - Brene Brown*

**Connect With My Scarf Day:** Share what it means to be a Girl Guide or a Girl Scout with people from my local community. Wear your Guiding or Scouting scarf (if you do not have one, something else from your uniform) for a whole day. Pick a day that you would have different activities, be outdoors and interact with lots of people who are not members of the movement.

- Are you ready for a scarf challenge? Wear your scarf for the whole day as you go to school, do sports, go out to meet friends or anything else you can think of!

- Tell the world about the movement and World Thinking Day.
- Explain what the *Girl Guide* and *Girl Scout* experience is all about and what it means to you being part of this movement.
- Share some empowering stories and how *Girl Guides* and *Girl Scouts* connect with global issues.

Girls and young women are speaking out, campaign and take action in their local community, nationally, regionally or globally on issues around the environment, body confidence, gender based violence and many more! To find more information visit our website [www.waggs.org](http://www.waggs.org)

- Introduce the World Thinking Day fund and how important is for our movement any small or big contributions to it. You can find out more here: [www.waggs.org/en/what-we-do/world-thinking-day/world-thinking-day-fund/](http://www.waggs.org/en/what-we-do/world-thinking-day/world-thinking-day-fund/)

Why not making a short documentary about your scarf day? Or share in the social media your experience with the hashtags: #scarfday #WTD2016 #connect10million  
22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 is on a Monday; why not connect with your scarf on that day?

### **Facebook/Twitter Frame:**

Show your *Girl Guide* Pride this Thinking Day by putting the Connect frame around your Facebook or Twitter profile picture: Check it out here:

<http://twibbon.com/Support/world-thinking-day-2016#>

### **Questions?**

If you have any questions or need ideas, please contact me!

Caroline Lobban [guider.caroline@gmail.com](mailto:guider.caroline@gmail.com) or 403-392-3246

# Camping

## Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendar

Camp Skills Day - June 4, 2016 at Camp Sherbino near Sylvan Lake  
Guide Camp Skills - June 4 - 5, 2016, will be in the Pennings  
Paddle Canada Intermediate Lake Tandem Canoe Course, June 11-12  
Hodgepodge - September 16-18, 2016 at Deer Valley Meadows Camp  
Survivor Camp - Sep 23 - 25, 2016, will be in the Pennings

## Safe Guide 2015 Telephone Training

Have you taken your SAFE GUIDE training yet? The Provincial Training Committee offers you the opportunity to take this mandatory training over the phone, from the comfort of your own home!

The cost of this training is currently being covered by GGC, Alberta Council.

All telephone trainings run from 7:30-9:00 pm Edmonton time.

To **register** online for this mandatory training, fill out and submit the form found at the link on the ANYGUIDE News.

A trainer will be in touch with you after you register to give you all the details. For more information please contact the Training Outreach Adviser, Pat McWilliams at mcwilliams.patti@shaw.ca or via phone at 403-275-1525.

**You may also contact a Trainer/Camp Advisor in your District.**

## Outdoor Activity Leadership Program (OAL) Adventure Camping

Have you completed the TEAM Tent Camping modules or have equivalent experience and are looking to expand your knowledge to the next step? Then this is for you! The OAL Adventure Camping modules provide a formal training that will build your knowledge, skills and capacity for adventure camping which will enable you to meet the Safe Guide requirements for leading adventurous camping trips for girls. Modules included during this session: Trip Design and Structure, Leadership Styles and Group Dynamics, Adventure Camping Gear and Adventure Camping Food.

**Date:** 10:00 AM Saturday February 27<sup>th</sup> - 4:00 PM Sunday February 28<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** Calgary Guide House (2188 Brownsea Dr NW, Calgary)

**Registration Deadline - February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016** Please visit the AB Council Training webpage for more information. To register please fill out and submit the registration form in word or pdf. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie at alrsmcin@telus.net or Anna at annarobertson@platinum.ca



## Edmonton Area Archery Program



### QAL (Qualified Archery Leader) Course

A Qualified Archery Leader course is being held at Tangletrees (Poplar Lodge) on Friday, April 29 - Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Cost is \$125 plus GST.

Deadline to register - **February 26<sup>th</sup> at noon.**

We hope you can join us!

To register for the QAL course, please fill out the Event Registration form, available on the website.

Any questions? Contact:

Tiger Rousseau (Archery Program Lead) at [goldentiger@shaw.ca](mailto:goldentiger@shaw.ca)

Kathy Cawthorpe (Parkland Area CA) [kathy.cawthorpe@atcopipelines.com](mailto:kathy.cawthorpe@atcopipelines.com)

### **Awards Announcements**

Just a reminder, all awards need to be handed in ASAP! Please check with the Parkland Area Office as to which awards have been given or years of service.

Ina Rodenburg-Hart ([inahart@hotmail.com](mailto:inahart@hotmail.com)) Awards Chairperson



## Training

"Everyone wants happiness; nobody wants pain, but you can't have a rainbow without a little rain"

"Any fool can criticize, complain and condemn but it takes character and self-control to be forgiving and understanding!" Dale Carnegie

It is with great disappointment that I have to announce there was NO February TnT due to lack of registrations. We had 8 Guiders apply but we needed at least 15 registrants to be financially viable. The trainers had planned fun and exciting activities for presentation. Consequently, the training team will be re-thinking options for providing successful trainings within Parkland Area. What do the Guiders want? Any and all suggestions will be considered. Everyone is urged to consider the Provincial Multifaceted March 11-13 as a number of choices are given, some being the same as we were offering. We are considering having the facilitator for Understanding Girls with Learning or Behavioural Challenges come at a future time. Coming to several of our Districts is the Provincially sponsored Van-Go, which I trust you will support. It was suggested that we alternate years with District and Area fall events. Also note the Provincial Google calendar for training events <http://www.girlguides.ca/web/AB/More/Calendar.aspx> We can take advantage of sessions that are offered by other areas as well as the e-learning modules offered by National.

The recorder for the Area Training Trophy is Kathy Watson (k4kat@shaw.ca) District Commissioners can send names of those whom you know have attended training, with dates, hours, and subjects. Kathy will check with the office for overlap and iMIS inclusion. Information can still go to the office and it will be forwarded to the iMIS secretary at Province.

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

Kathy Cawthorpe	Goldenfields	403-948-3990	kathy.cawthorpe@atcopipelines.com
Mary Hatcher	Num-ti-jah	403-335-3095	mhatcher@telus.net
Nyna Marr	Golden Poplar	403-227-6527	emarr@shaw.ca
Rose Ward	Crimson Star	403-347-4624	rose.ward@telus.net
Kathy Watson	Kuusamo	403-887-3281	k4kat@shaw.ca
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Hazel Snyder	Wolf Willow/Diamond Willow	403-783-4240	harmonycamper@xplornet.ca

Enjoy our lovely winter, and a Happy Thinking Day! YIT, Hazel Snyder ATA

## **The terms for the following Parkland Area Positions will need to be filled at the end of June 2016.**

**Area Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner (to commence immediately). Camping Adviser, Training Adviser, Program Adviser, International Adviser. Cookie Adviser, Awards Adviser.**

Please review these abridged job descriptions and if you are interested, please consider applying.

**Area Commissioner** - oversee all Council matters for Parkland Area, including conducting meetings, keeping Council informed, planning, ensuring fiscal responsibility and budgets, and supporting all members. Responsibilities to the Districts include evaluating and appointing District Commissioners, be available for consultation and encouragement, and ensure continuity of administration. Area Commissioners attend Alberta Council meetings, provide a report, and act as a liaison for Parkland Area.

**Deputy Area Commissioner** - assumes responsibility for Parkland Area in the Area Commissioner's absence. Responsible for Camp Sherbino: Kiwanis interaction, reports to Council, and supervision of Manager

**Camping Adviser** - promote camping, ensure qualified personell are available to each District, ensure camping activities are compliant with Safe Guide, chair regular meetings of the Camp Committee, maintain communication with the Provincial Camping Committee and provide Area reports, sponsor Area camp events

**Training Adviser** - promote and arrange for training in the Parkland Area, recruit Guiders wishing to become trainers, evaluate trainers as required by Alberta Council, chair regular meetings of the Trainers, maintain communication with the Provincial Training Committee and submit reports, ensure Area members are kept informed and up to date

**Program Adviser** - keep Area Council up to date on program information from Province and National, process feedback regarding program changes to Alberta Council, provide support to members relating to program, offer support and information for Special Needs program and Lones, coordinate the Canada Cord/Chief Commissioner's Award Ceremony.

**International Adviser** - promote and provide education on the Canadian World Friendship Fund (CWFF), our Provincial Twinning project and other special International projects in World Guiding as they occur, assist members with International forms, circulate International material and information, provide a report to Alberta Council of International activities, ensure Area is aware of international events

**Cookie Adviser** - liaison with the Provincial Cookie Adviser, notify each District Commissioner of cookie order due dates, enter online orders by the specified date, order cookie promotional material

**Awards Adviser** - conduct meetings with Area Commissioner or designate to evaluate award applications, prepare an annual report to Council, submit a list of awards to be printed in the Pennings, submit information for each Pennings

Please contact the Parkland Area Guide Office for more information, or the application form for any of these positions.