



Parkland Pennings

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COMMISSIONER'S RAMBLINGS

Wow I cannot believe how fast the last couple months have gone, I am guessing everyone is looking forward to a break from Guiding and gearing up for Christmas. What a great couple of months, I have been able to meet several wonderful ladies and girls throughout the Area and am thrilled so many are getting busy having fun.

Last month I mentioned we have several gems on our council, one set is the District Commissioners, and the others are all ladies working as Standing Advisers. We have our Area Camping Adviser that has been doing a fantastic job with planning camps for all ages, helping her camping committee with their questions and issues. This is Kathy's last year as Area Camping Adviser, so in the New Year, watch the Pennings for application information for this position. Please remember if you have a camping question you can ask Kathy or any member of her committee.

We also have our Area Training Adviser, who with her team has already planned a couple trainings and will be planning lots more for Guiders throughout Parkland Area. Lorie and her team are looking forward to many great trainings with everyone. Please be sure to pass along any questions or requests for training to Lorie.

We have a Program Adviser, International Adviser, Membership Adviser, Public Relations Adviser, Cookie Adviser and Awards Adviser that are on council to keep us up to date on changes and information that we need in order to keep up with the happenings from National. Caroline, Stephanie, Joanne, Susan, Jessica, and Amy are all available to help you with your questions as to how their special area can make your meetings more interesting and informative.

Have a WONDERFUL Holiday break – eat lots, laugh lots, and relax lots, as we know once January comes we will be right back enjoying working in our units.

This is fun! It must be Guiding!

Yours in Guiding
Rose Ward
Parkland Area Commissioner

Parkland Area Office News

PLEASE fill in the top of the A5Ps (paper registrations) showing which unit the girl will be registered in. The unit iMIS can be filled in later, but the unit name should be there.

The library is well stocked with tons of information regarding Guiding. Whether it is heritage, Guiding around the World, or current program books, everything is here! There are flags, banners, posters, cookie envelopes, and song books. Items are available for loan two weeks at a time. Available to purchase are Parkland Area crests, Camp Sherbino Crests, and Parkland Area pins.

Let me know if there is anything I can do to help! The Parkland Area Office is here for any Member.

Ang Jones
Administrative Manager

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Follows Wolf Creek School Division holidays **closed Dec 24th – January 8th for Christmas break**

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Program

There has been no Program Committee meeting to date. I'm flying solo!

Canada Cord and Chief Commissioner Awards Ceremony: Num Ti Jah has gleefully volunteered to host the ceremony in 2017. Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 28 at 3:00 pm at Olds United Church. I will start to request numbers of girls receiving awards and collect biographies in the New Year.

Parkland Area Arts Day: We had 85 girls register, and about 80 attended Arts Day this year. The theme was "Symbols of Canada" and the Training Committee lead the sessions. I cannot thank these talented women enough for their skills!

There are now four science fair type poster boards featuring Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders if anyone would like to use them for a PR event, and are welcome to continue contributing to them. They are stored at the Office.

This was my first year hosting, so if there are any Guiders that have constructive criticism about how the day was organized and run (I do not control the sessions, they are laid out by the Alberta Arts Challenge each year) they are welcome to e-mail me directly.

Submitted by:
Caroline Lobban
Parkland Area Program Adviser

Public Relations

I have checked our supply of PR materials in the office and we do have a lot of outdated material, but we also have a good supply of current brochures, posters bookmarks and magnets.

I will be ordering more from Province in February, so if there is anything special that you need please let me know before January 30, 2017 and I can put in a request for those items. Some items may have an extra cost, I can check on this and let you know before we order them. You can view the available promotional materials in the Brand Centre; from the GGC Home Page click on Quick Links and then Brand Centre.

Please let me know when Guiding is promoted in your community-newspaper articles, radio or TV, so I can share it with our Area. Also, if you have photos you would like to share, please send them to me. Please ensure that anyone featured in photos have a current IR1 on file.

YIG
Susan Kennedy
Parkland Area Public Relations Advisor

Membership

I have been in contact with five women who had shown interest in joining Guiding but so far have only been able to connect with one. If anyone needs help guiding someone in the right direction be sure to get hold of me! Also by now most girls and leaders should be registered. If you are having any problems, please reach out to me and I will try to help.

Plan a “bring a friend” meeting in January for those with smaller units. Larger ones may want to have a “bring a friend” meeting near the end of your Guiding year to encourage girls to join next season.

The “I Promise to Do My Best” crests have been ordered and will be sent out via mail in early February. I believe they will be an orange colour. They will go directly to each girl with an appreciation gift for Thinking Day. 📧

There are 2000 membership information cards (business card size) to refill the blue cases.

Merry Christmas.

YIG,
Joanne Schatz
Parkland Area Membership Adviser

Parkland Area International

Thinking Day is coming up. There are amazing resources on the National and WAGGGS websites. If you have questions let me know.

There will be a new Thinking Day crest coming out in the New Year.

Let me know if you would like me to come to your unit and do an International night.

YIG,
Stephanie Haas
Parkland Area International Adviser

Camping

Safe Guide Telephone Dates:

Thursday Jan 5th, Tuesday Jan 17th, Sunday Jan 29th

Fit to be a Spark Jun 3, 2017 - more info to come in the Pennings

Nite Trek Jun 3 - 4, 2017 for Pathfinders and Rangers, more info to come

OAL Jun 3 - 4, 2017 - Camp Sherbino watch for more information in the Pennings

Camp Story:

I am helping out with a Pathfinder Unit again and the weekend of Dec 3 - 4 we did an Urban Camp. We stayed at the Calgary Guide Centre, took the C-Train to the Glenbow Museum, walked over to the Calgary Tower, watched the Zamboni clean the ice at Olympic Plaza and back to the Guide Centre for a Pizza Party with the 3rd Airdrie Guide Unit. It was a great day. The reason for my story is it has been many many years since I have been to the

Glenbow Museum and I was majorly impressed. We were there about 3 hours and could have stayed longer, but needed to get on with our day. I love our outdoors camps but this was really nice and I highly recommend taking your girls to the Glenbow Museum. Have you been somewhere you really enjoyed? Send me your story and I will put it in the Pennings☺



Happy camping!
Kathy Cawthorpe
Parkland Area Camping Adviser

Training

TNT: Getting to the Heart of the Matter

Friday, February 10, 2017 at 6 pm to Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 7:30 pm

Deer Valley Meadows, Alix, AB

The Guiding year is half over. You've had some amazing unit meetings with happy girls and happy parents. Except...there's that one girl who's never happy, acts out, or bullies the others. Or there's that one parent with outrageous demands, is never happy and gives you a headache each time you see her.

TNT will help you understand negative behaviours and give you the tools to deal with them. You'll learn about the Positive Parenting Program, conflict management, building strong teams, and bullying. But not all topics are this serious – there will be time for indoor and outdoor activities, a peek at the whys and wherefores of Guiding traditions, drama ideas, and some relax time to socialize and try some crafts, if you wish.

Participants will earn their yellow Unit Guider Enrichment TEAM pin.
Space is limited.

Deadline for registration is January 20, 2017, but don't wait until the last minute or you may lose out!

Cost: \$100 (includes meals, accommodation (bring a sleeping bag, pillow and bottom sheet), snacks, and handouts)

Location: Deer Valley Meadows is south of Hwy 11 East, near Alix. Go to www.deervalleymeadows.ca for a map and further information.

Registration: Use the Parkland Area Event Registration Form. Don't forget to indicate any food allergies.

Need more information? Contact Anna at annarobertson@platinum.ca before January 20.

Financial Training:

Still confused about finances, if your unit or District would like a financial training if can be arranged. Weeknight or weekend.

Contact delkel@xplornet.com for more information.

Lorie Coghill
Parkland Area Training Adviser

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

Kathy Cawthorpe, Anna Robertson, Mary Hatcher, Nyna Marr, Rose Ward, Kathy Watson, Lorie Coghill,
Hazel Snyder

Camp Sherbino

In October the Camp Sherbino managing committee met to discuss the business of running Camp Sherbino for 2017. The Committee compiled a wish list which will be worked on over the winter.

Many thanks to everyone who came out during GM2016 to work. What an amazing job they did with the Peter Paley Reflection area!

Units may book the camp 6 months ahead of the date, district camps may book one year ahead of the date.

Deposit cheques will be returned to the unit or district after the camp manager has inspected the camp and does not require any additional cleanup or repairs to the site.

Prices for Camp Sherbino:

Day use - \$2 per person

Tenting - \$3 per person (as of January 1, 2017)

Building use - \$6 per person

Wood (cut wood only) - \$15 per day

Archery - \$2 per person

Frisbee Golf - \$2 per person

Snowshoes - \$0.50 per person per pair

Bingo dates for 2017 March 4th DW KU NTJ June 17th GF WV WW Nov 4th GP CS

Hazel Ray

Deputy Parkland Area Commissioner

Awards Announcements

Just a short reminder that Award Nominations can be sent in any time throughout the year, you don't need to wait until the spring. Please remember they take up to 3 months to confirm, so please hand in nominations sooner than you think you need to.

I know there are amazing Guiders at all levels doing incredible things for girls around Parkland area, so please recognize the wonderful Guiders in your area. Not sure which awards are available? Check out the link <http://girlguides.ca/web/Documents/AB/AB-Awards-info-for-Girls.pdf> on the Alberta Girl Guides website to see what a Guider you know might qualify for.

Amy Jesse

Parkland Area Awards Chairperson