



Parkland Pennings

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COMMISSIONER'S RAMBLINGS

Well, Christmas is over, decorations are down, units are back to running weekly and oh my Thinking Day is around the corner.

Thinking Day – what does this mean to our girls and Guiders?

Have we taken the time to explain to all the new leaders why we celebrate birthdays on February 22? Do the girls understand our founders birthdays are on the same day? Do they know the story about how Guiding Around the world began?

These are all program ideas for girls of all levels, you can make a game of the world centers, and do you know where they all are and what their names are?

There are so many ideas around Thinking Day, and I know we are all working on ensuring our girls and new guiders have the knowledge to move this forward.

I know many of you are holding Thinking Day events, please take some pictures and send them to your District and Area Commissioner so we can share the joy and the experience with you. Please remember to ensure all the girls have their IR1 signed and in iMIS so we don't put anyone at risk.

Also remember we have an International Adviser and a Program Adviser who both have extensive knowledge about guiding around the world, one quick email will get you so much information you won't have to plan Thinking Day for years to come. Please be sure to contact them if you have any questions or ideas that you would like to run by them.

My thoughts for you this Thinking Day are that you sit back and enjoy the memories of past Thinking Day events and to have fun with your units creating memories this year. Have fun, stay warm and remember ***if it's not fun, it's not Guiding.***

HAPPY THINKING DAY EVERYONE!

Yours in Guiding
Rose Ward
Parkland Area Commissioner

Positions available on Parkland Area Council:

These positions will need to be filled very soon! Please contact the Parkland Area Office if you are interested, and encourage other Members to do the same! Duties are job specific, but also include attending Parkland Area meetings (so fun! there is always an activity or a laugh!) with mileage being covered by Parkland Area Council.

Parkland Area Membership Adviser: advise our Members on current Membership information (following the direction of Provincial Committees), promote Guiding and its Mission and Principals, promote good relations with other organizations and the public, work with the Area Commissioner regarding public image, work with Parkland Area Council to promote a sense of pride in members within Parkland Area, provide reports, work with the Parkland Area Commissioner and the Parkland Area Office to remind Members of upcoming PRC expirations

Parkland Area Camping Adviser: work with the camping team to sponsor Parkland Area camping events or Provincial camping events, assist Members with camping matters, ensure all Safe Guide policies are followed, chair regular meetings with the Parkland Area Camping Committee, maintain communication with the Provincial Camping Committee, work with the Parkland Area Camping Committee to provide camp training, keep current with knowledge of GGC and local 3rd Party Service Providers for camping and outdoor activities, select a team of camping representatives to promote camping in Parkland Area (no more than 14 Members)

Parkland Area Office News

You may have heard the Children's Fitness and Arts Tax Credits has been eliminated effective for the 2017 and subsequent taxation years. You can read more about this below or on the Canada Revenue Agency website: <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/gncy/bdgt/2016/qa06-eng.html>. As of January 1st, 2017, any parents who register their daughters will not be eligible to claim the children's arts tax credit for the cost of registration fees for the Guiding program and tax receipts will no longer be issued at the time of online registration. Parents will continue to receive official receipts but the word "tax" will be eliminated from them. Any registrations prior to January 1st, 2017 will still be eligible for tax credits. The email address taxreceipt@girlguides.ca has now been updated to receipt@girlguides.ca to avoid confusion. However - the old email address simply forwards to the new one in case anyone still has the outdated address. This email address for receipts only applies to online registrations – paper registration receipts are issued from Parkland Area, but follow the same format and elimination date schedule.

Subsidy requests for rent and girl members are due on November 1 and March 1 of each year. The final submission for the 2016/17 Guiding year from Parkland Area will be submitted on February 28, 2017. Girl paper registrations (A5Ps) must be dated after November 1, 2016 and before February 28, 2017 to be considered for subsidy. When applying for registration subsidy, a District or Unit cheque of \$120 membership fee should accompany the application. There is no need to complete any other forms except the A5P (paper registration). There is a space at the top of the form to check mark subsidy. Please encourage parents to make a partial payment for registration. At this time, there are no subsidy requests accepted by Parkland Area for uniform or camps (except the below fund).

If a Member is attending a camp held at an Area, Provincial, or National level, they are able to apply in writing to the Parkland Area Guiding Events fund (PAGE). Independent trips (unit level) are able to apply in writing to the Parkland Area independent (PAiNT) fund.

If an Adult Member is attending school, please contact the Parkland Area Office regarding available Scholarships.

Ang Jones
Administrative Manager

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:30am – 2pm (closed 11:30 – 12 for lunch)
Follows Wolf Creek School Division holidays **closed Feb 16th and 20th for Family Day Holiday**

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Program

The Parkland Area Canada Cord, Chief Commissioner and Commonwealth Awards ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 28, 2017 at 3:00 pm at Olds United Church (4810 50 St, Olds, AB T4H 1E4), hosted by Num Ti Jah District.

This is a time to celebrate the achievements of our Trex and Pathfinders earning their Canada Cord, Trex and Rangers earning their Bronze, Silver and Gold Chief Commissioner Awards and all of our girl members earning their Commonwealth Award. These are the highest achievements for girl members of Girl Guides of Canada – Guides du Canada.

All are welcome, snacks and beverages provided.

Please wear formal uniform for this very special occasion.

How can you get involved?

Pathfinder, Ranger and Trex Guiders:

Please email me your list of girls, which award they're receiving and contact information!

Award Recipients from Pathfinders, Rangers or Trex:

Please fill out the biography questionnaire in this issue, or online at <https://goo.gl/forms/SgtYa0v2cjRwDmK22>

Everyone else:

If you're not attending as an introducer, recipient or invited guest, kindly RSVP your attendance to me.

Yours in Guiding:

Caroline Lobban

Parkland Area Program Adviser

Public Relations

Happy New Year to all! I hope everyone is back in the swing of things in your Units and Districts.

Please send Rose or I photos and information about all the exciting things you are doing so we can share them with everyone, we want to see what you are doing!

We will be getting new, updated PR materials at the office, including balloons, so let Ang or I know what you would like and we will get them to you.

YIG

Susan Kennedy

Parkland Area Public Relations Adviser

Cookies

COOKIE ALL STARS

The registration site will open in February, 2017

REMINDER!

Here is what is included in the Camp kit (80+ level reward)

- Backpack with hydration pack
- Sleeping bag
- Flashlight
- Mess kit

COOKIE TRACKER IMPORTANT!

As the Cookie All Stars registration site will open shortly please make it very clear to your Guiders that using the Cookie Tracker **do not automatically register** them for Cookie All Stars. To register for Cookie All Stars Units **HAVE TO USE the actual** Cookie All Stars site in spring 2017.

However the Cookie Tracker tool has the functionality to transfer sales information directly to the Cookie All Stars site. This functionality has been provided as a way for Guiders to save time with cookie's administration.

1. Cookie Tracker is a recording tool. Every Guider that uses the Cookie Tracker to enter Mint sales has the responsibility to check on the actual Cookie All Star registration site if their mint sales have been transferred.
2. Guiders DO NOT HAVE to use the Cookie Tracker tool to register for Cookie All Star at all, in fact **we do not recommend that it be used solely for that purpose.** a. Last campaign many Guiders forgot to hit the button called "transfer to Cookie All Stars" and Units were not registered for Cookie All Stars at all.

COOKIE DAYS IN CANADA

Cookie Days in Canada will be held on the weekend of **April 8 and 9**. The booking site will open on Saturday, February 25, 2016. Did you know that **54%** of Units that took part in the Fall Cookie All Stars weekend sold between 6 and 15 cases of cookies? Encourage Units to take part in this important event on the Cookie calendar, either at one of our retail partners or by loading their own individual event on the Cookie Finder map. We will be expanding the DIY section of the Cookie Days weekend for the classic campaign to ensure that as many Units as possible can take part in a way that best suits their individual community across Canada.

COOKIE DELIVERIES

Cookie deliveries will take place March 11-18. I will contact the receivers when I have a date for their delivery. Please check and count your cookies before the driver leaves. Any issues need to be on the POD (Proof of Delivery) in order to have cookies replaced.

**We have ordered 5022 cases of cookies for Parkland Area which is up from 4401 cases last year!
Way to go!!**

Jessica McLeod
Parkland Area Cookies

Membership

I have contacted any guiders who are needing PRC's done up to end of April. If you know of any guiders in your district please give them a friendly reminder to get them done sooner than later. We don't want them to be removed from their role as a leader.

YIG,
Joanne Schatz
Parkland Area Membership Adviser

Parkland Area International

Thinking Day is right around the corner. Check out WAGGGS website for exciting programming ideas.

There is a new Alberta Thinking Day crest coming out by the middle of February. Check out the Provincial website for more information.

YIG,
Stephanie Haas
Parkland Area International Adviser

Camping

Safe Guide Telephone Dates:

Thursday, Feb 16

Tuesday, Feb 28

Please see all the posters for: Fit to be a Spark, Nite Trek, OAL Training Weekend, Guider Archery Weekend, Girls Archery Weekend and Survivor Camp

Camp Dessert:

I will be trying these with our Pathfinders on March 25. If you try them first let me know how they turn out. I'm going to have the girls wrap them in foil, some will go on a grate over the fire and some will go in the foil oven.



Jam Pockets

Roll out refrigerated pizza dough to ¼ inch thick; cut into 3 inch rounds. Drop a dollop of cream cheese and jam in center. Brush the edges with beaten egg, fold in half and press to seal. Brush with egg and sprinkle with sugar. Poke a hole in each; bake 20 minutes at 400 degrees F. If you have time to try these let me know what you think.



Happy camping!

Kathy Cawthorpe

Parkland Area Camping Adviser

Camp Sherbino

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

PARKLAND AT THE PINES IS RETURNING!

August 12-18, 2018

This Parkland Area camp is for all age groups and their leaders.

Sparks and their leaders – Day only Aug 13

Brownies and their leaders – 2 nights – Aug 12-14

Guides, Pathfinders, Rangers and their leaders – 6 nights – Aug 12 -18

Watch for more information on this exciting camp throughout the coming year.

Training

The Parkland Area Training Team is here to provide trainings and support for all Guiders in our Area for all levels regardless of experience. Using our skills and knowledge we want to help train our guiders to ensure that the girls get the best possible experience.

So if you can't make one of our area training events don't fret, we can still help you with your training needs. It's important that we help you develop skills so that your guiding experience is fun and not work.

Do you have an idea for a training? Please let us know, the Parkland Area Trainers are always up for a training event.

Please contact the Parkland Area Training Adviser at delkel@xplornet.com or call 403-318-9316.

Lorie Coghill
Parkland Area Training Adviser

ACTION ON POVERTY CHALLENGE FOR TnT TRAINING

On Saturday, February 11/17 the Guiders/Trainers who attended the weekend were invited to bring items that are needed by the men and women who use Safe Harbour for a night's rest or food.

I am truly touched by the generosity of those who attended. Thank you so much. Nyna Marr

24 razors	1 shaving cream	15 toothbrushes	10 large toothpaste	8 travel size toothpaste
6 dental floss	2 Listerine	3 chap sticks	21 bars body soap	2 body wash
8 large, 4 small shampoo/conditioner			21 body soap	4 body lotions
21 men's deodorant	16 women's deodorant		4 brushes	21 combs
49 hair fasteners	1 head band		6 nail emery boards	2 nail clipper sets
7 packages sanitary napkins	3 packages wipes		4 boxes Band-Aids	1 polysporin
3 containers-various sizes Q tips	1 kleenex		2 packages gum	2 containers breath mints
4 suckers	2 boxes (5) granola bars		1 Tim Horton gift card (\$15.00)	
2 pairs winter gloves (new)	1 pair runners (new)		1 ladies shirt (new)	1 large laundry soap
1 package Tide soap	3 backpacks (new)		liquid soap	1 box Bounce

For men: 3 pair underwear, 1 thermal top, 37 pairs of socks,
women: 15 panties, 16 pairs of socks

Gently Used: 4 PJ bottoms, 1 leggings, 1 pair black sweats, 2 tops, 1 flannel bodysuit, 1 long sleeve shirt, 1 snow suit (jacket, ski pants)



Parkland Area Girl Guides Sailing Event

One half day (3 hours) on July 7, 8 or 9 at Sylvan Lake, Alberta.

Register as a patrol of up to five girls and one leader.

Patrols can be made up of girls in 3rd year Guides, Pathfinders and/or Rangers. Mixed patrols are welcome!

Approximate cost per patrol - \$200.

Guides attending must have their boat safety badge AND their boat swim test in iMIS.

Pathfinders and Rangers must have their boat swim test in iMIS.

We will be able to accommodate 12 patrols over the course of this event (4 patrols on each day), registration will include a day preference.

Application of leader patrols (5 leaders) will be accepted, if we cannot get enough girls on the water, leaders are welcome to come in registered patrols to fill the excess spots. Leader patrols will also be charged the \$200, though they do not have to bring another leader to supervise them.

Awards Announcements

Hoping to hand out Guider Awards at the Area Banquet in May? The time to think about nominating great guiders for awards is now... this year, please have all nomination packages to the Area Office by Wednesday, March 1 for recognition at the Area Banquet. Please remember that Provincial awards take longer to process, so get those in ASAP. Last year as an area 95 incredible volunteers received awards, wouldn't it be amazing to recognize 100 Guiders this May at the Area Banquet?

A few things to think about as you are nominating for awards:

-For a brief review of how to nominate someone for an award, which awards are available, and how to get started, check out the Alberta Girl Guides awards page:

<http://www.girlguides.ca/web/AB/Volunteers/Awards/AB/Awards.aspx?hkey=02bd9338-e863-489d-88f2-930f3ac3d0e1>

- Double check which previous awards the nominee has received. Your commissioner is a great place to start when looking for this information. (Commissioners are not the only Guiders able to nominate for awards)

-Some awards are sequential- bronze, silver, gold. Verify which award your nominee qualifies for.

-Still lost? Email me at any time for assistance.

One of the best ways to retain volunteers we have is to recognize their service to our organization. An award is a great way to do so. Think beyond just their years of service (though they are important too). Do you have a Guider who went above and beyond in their position this year? Look at a Letter of Commendation, a Gold Thanks, or a Merit Award perhaps. Do you know a group of Guiders who completed an extraordinary project in Guiding- maybe a huge camp, an area or district event? Consider the TEAM award. Do you have an amazing Commissioner who is doing great things for your District? There's an award for her too.

I am looking forward to reviewing all of your nominations this spring, and learning about all the incredible ways Guiders are "doing their best" all around Parkland Area.

Amy Jesse

Parkland Area Awards Chairperson