



Parkland Pennings

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COMMISSIONER'S RAMBLINGS

Well, it looks like spring is around the corner – I can see small buds on the trees and crocuses are beginning to bloom. As I look at the plants growing in my yard, it reminds me of Girl Guides.

The girls come to us as Sparks, with wonder in their eyes and questions on their lips – then as they move on to Brownies – my they have grown, they look to their leaders to give them direction and show them the fun and magic of the toadstool. Once they complete their years of Brownies they can hardly wait to see what the big girls do in Guides. They come to the meetings wondering what adventures they will go on with their leaders, and oh yes there are older girls that help out at the meeting, I wonder how many Guides will strive to be a junior leader in a group once they move on to Pathfinders & Rangers.

As we watch the girls grow, it is just like our gardens, we nurture, feed their minds and take care of them as they grow to be young leaders [we hope].

Easter is around the corner, as is Volunteer week. Hazel and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for all of the volunteer hours you give to Girl Guides of Canada. We appreciate all you do and I know the girls, parents and other guiders in your unit also appreciate everything you do. Please remember to take some time for yourself during Volunteer week – because ...

You Do Make A Difference!

Yours in Guiding
Rose Ward
Parkland Area Commissioner

PARKLAND AREA OFFICE NEWS

NEW A5P (Paper registration) Please find attached new paper registration form (A5P) to be used effective **IMMEDIATELY**. This form will be uploaded onto the Memberzone site soon.

Police Record Checks (PRCs) Girl Guides of Canada policy states that copies of Police Record Checks are NOT accepted. As a result of this policy, the **ORIGINAL** Police Record Check must be sent to the Parkland Area office or, a copy *can* be sent if it is signed by the District Commissioner, which states that she has seen the original document. **ALL** PRCs must be accompanied by a signed and recently dated Code of Conduct. For New Members, the Code of Conduct is included on the A.1 form *or* Backcheck. For a renewal of Membership, log into Memberzone and accept the Code of Conduct, *or* print and attach to the PRC being submitted, *or* complete the Backcheck program sent as an email link. For a Non-Member, the Code of Conduct is on the A.7 form, and must be submitted with the Police Record Check. The Code of Conduct applies to Girl Members, and is signed by the parent/guardian during the registration process; whether it is completed online *or* using the A.5P (paper registration).

The Parkland Area Library items are available free of charge for a two week loan
Stuck for a Meeting plan? Running out of Ideas for Unit Meetings? The Parkland Area Office Library has a toolkit for that! Each Branch has choices of activities including Active Living Toolboxes, Recipe Meetings, Instant Meetings, Program Ideas, and Theme Meetings. Many of these kits are available online in Memberzone. To compliment these tools, there are many books available to help the Girls learn about our wonderful International Organization. Some examples include: Children Just Like Me, The Story of the Four World Centres, Games With a Point, and A Life Like Mine. Each of these amazing books will help Guiders present Program information in a fun, relevant way!

Yours in Guiding
Angela Jones
Administrative Manager

Parkland Area Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:30am – 2:00pm (closed 11:30 – 12 for lunch)
The Office will be closed May 22nd (Victoria Day) Schedule follows Wolf Creek School Division holidays

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PROGRAM

Challenges Update:

The 150 Ways to Live your Promise Challenge (Provincial) prerequisite is to complete the Species at Risk, Explore Canada and Alberta Arts challenges. They are currently on sale, all 3 for \$3.00 until June 30! If you plan to complete the challenge, order the bundle by June 30 for the best deal. This would be a fantastic challenge to complete at camp, and now you can do it affordably.

The Program committee will be updating and retiring challenges as we run out of crests. If you plan to do any “older” challenge, please confirm with Provincial office (info@albertagirlguides.com) that they have enough stock before you order (especially Thinking Day on the Air, Find your Voice and Famous 5).

Crests for Travellers:

Discontinued challenge crests have been recycled into Badge Bundles. For \$5 you will receive at least 7 discontinued Alberta Council challenge crests. This would be a fantastic for swaps for international travellers, or to kick-start your crest swapping collection.

Canada Cord, Chief Commissioner Award and Commonwealth Awards:

Calling all Pathfinders, Rangers and Trex! Your biography is due now!

The Parkland Area Canada Cord, Chief Commissioner and Commonwealth Awards ceremony will be hosted by Num Ti Jah District on Sunday, May 28, 2017 at Olds United Church at 3:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

New Program Update:

The new Girls First program is still scheduled for Fall of 2018. You have one more Guiding year to clear out and use up your program badges for all levels.

Watch Pennings in the fall for a Parkland Area program badge buy/sell/trade system! Why pay for shipping for a few badges from National if you can trade them with a local unit and not get stuck with an overstock of badges? It's just another way to use our resources wisely!

Yours in Guiding:
Caroline Lobban
Parkland Area Program Adviser

INTERNATIONAL

Alberta Council is excited to announce that applications are being accepted for the 2018 **provincially-sponsored** International travel opportunity to **Ecuador!** Set foot on the equator, explore the capital of Quito and ascend high into the Andes Mountains as you embrace indigenous customs and culture. While you connect with local Andean communities, you'll gain insight into the local challenges they face, like extreme poverty, access to education and economic opportunities for women. Together with community members and Free the Children, you'll work side by side building sustainable solutions to these problems. From supporting local girls' clubs to working with women's centers and building projects in a school community, every project you touch will help strengthen the community for generations to come. This trip is for 12 15-18 year old girls, at time of the event, and 2 Guiders. Applications are due June 2nd so the girls have 2 cookie campaigns to fundraise. Province has increased the amount of subsidy each girl will receive to match National funding. This will also allow any girls not selected to apply for National opportunities. All Guiders and Rangers have received an email (April 1) with links to applications and fact sheets.

National has provided the participants that we successful for the summer 2017 trips. Alberta is well represented. Any new independent and sponsored travel to the United States will not be allowed until further notice. The trip to California has been reassigned to the Ignite Camp in Ireland.

Here are the break downs:

Our Cabana: 2 Girls, 1 Guider, and 1 Alternate

Our Chalet: 1 Girl, 1 Alternate Guider

Flame Camp (Ireland): 7 Girls



Alberta Council
CWFF Challenge

The International Committee challenges each Area to donate \$5 per member! To earn this crest each unit can donate their portion towards CWFF. Please forward all donations to the Parkland Area Girl Guide Office so we can keep track of our donations as an Area. Please email officeclerk@albertagirlguides.com to purchase the new Alberta CWFF crests for Canada's 150 after you have made your donation.

Stephanie Haas
Parkland Area International Adviser

PUBLIC RELATIONS (PR)

The spring 2017 annual bulk PR order was sent from Parkland Area through the Alberta Council Provincial office. A few of the Districts ordered items, and a few items were ordered for the Parkland Area Office. We didn't order a lot of brochures and posters, as everything will be changing next year. If anyone would like anything I can check around with the other Districts to see who has a surplus.

If you go to girlguides.ca and use the search tool, you are able to access the Brand Center materials to download/print. There is a variety of posters, brochures, and ads available for each Member. Just sign in on the right hand side. It asks for first name, last name, and iMIS number. Once logged in to the Brand Center, you will see tabs at the top: home, asset library, stationary, promotional materials, and recruitment materials. Several are only available in the annual order completed by our PR Adviser (it says to contact your Provincial Office, but these orders are actually completed through the Parkland Area PR Adviser) Under asset library – advertising; there are a wide selection of posters available to download and print.

Susan Kennedy
Parkland Area Public Relations Adviser

MEMBERSHIP

Every Girl Member should have received a parcel in the mail. If some do not please let me know. Adults please be patient - we are being told your crest is coming!

Unit registration for the fall season – Girls returning to the same Unit - has begun. Encourage the Girls to register ASAP. Some units fill up fast. Please talk to the parents. You never know when you may have a new leader!

Remember to renew your PRC as soon as you get notifications. Too many of us leave it until the last minute. You can use the online program Backcheck or still go to the RCMP station. Remember to also sign a Code of Conduct.

As this is the end of my term and third year, the Membership position will need to be filled. Please let the Area Commissioner know if you are interested.

Joanne Schatz
Parkland Area Membership Adviser

CAMPING

Guider Archery Weekend

May 5, 2017 7:00pm – May 6, 2017 4:00pm at Camp Sherbino - \$31.50 per participant

All Adult Members of Parkland Area welcome – no experience necessary

Register as an Individual on the Parkland Area Event form, deadline April 15, 2017

Email Kathy C at kathy.cawthorpe@atco.com for more information, kit list provided once registered

Fit to be a Spark

Saturday June 3, 2017 8:30am - 3:00pm at Camp Sherbino - \$10.00 per girl

Spark day event; plan to be outside - dress for the weather, bring a bag lunch (peanut free)

Register as a Unit on Parkland Area Event form (please include all adult iMIS numbers and names)

Email Kathy C at kathy.cawthorpe@atco.com for SG1 and SG2 forms and full kit list, deadline May 12, 2017

Nite Trek

Saturday June 3, 2017 6:00pm to Sunday June 4, 2017 10:30am at Camp Sherbino - \$15.75 per girl

For Pathfinders and Rangers

Register as a Unit on Parkland Area Event form (please include all adult iMIS numbers and names)

Each Unit should be prepared to organise and run a Nite Trek station. Leaders are asked to come up with an idea for the station and the supplies, the cost which will be the responsibility of their unit. There is lots of ideas on the internet - minute to win it ideas are great!

Email Kathy C at kathy.cawthorpe@atco.com for more information, deadline May 12, 2017

OAL

Jun 3 - 4, 2017 – at Camp Sherbino - more information on the GGC Alberta Council website

(<http://www.girlguides.ca/web/AB/Home/AB>) From the home page, the side has a column “Upcoming Events”. Scroll down to OAL Training June 3-4. Under that, in black, it says ‘info and registration’.

Girls Archery Weekend

Friday August 25, 2017 7:00 pm to Sunday August 27, 2017 1:00 pm \$47.25 per girl.

Guiders please print flier (sent with the last Pennings) and the Parkland Area Event form and hand out to your Girls so they can register as an individual. Maximum of 24 registrants, deadline May 31, 2017

Safe Guide Telephone Dates

Monday April 10, 2017 Tuesday April 18, 2017 please see the Alberta Council website under Upcoming Events



Pull-Apart Cheesy Garlic Bread

Here's something to try with your next Hay Box Stew – can be prepared at home and cooked at camp.

- 1 large crusty round loaf (500 g)
- 2 cups grated cheddar
- 1/4 cup garlic butter, melted and divided
- Preheat barbecue to medium-low.
- Without cutting all the way through, cut loaf into 1-in. slices, leaving the bottom inch attached. Turn 90 degrees and slice the other way to make squares.
- Stuff cheese between squares. Drizzle 3 tbsp. garlic butter over the cheese. Brush remaining butter overtop of bread.
- Wrap loaf tightly with foil.
- Barbecue loaf until cheese melts, flipping halfway through, about 25 min. Serve immediately.



Happy camping!
Kathy Cawthorpe
Parkland Area Camping Adviser

TRAINING

The Parkland Area Trainers wish to thank all the Guiders who were able to join us for TNT this year.

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@xplor.net or call 403-318-9316.

Lorie Coghill
Parkland Area Training 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 June 17th GF WV WW Nov 4th GP CS

Hazel Ray
Deputy Parkland Area Commissioner

AWARDS

Thanks to all of the Guiders who took time to write letters of support and submit applications for Guider awards this spring! We will be recognizing the efforts of many outstanding Guiders in Parkland Area at the Area Banquet and at other dates this spring- over 160 application, wow!

Because we had so many applications, the Awards Committee has made a change to how awards will be presented this year- Unit Guider Awards have been given to District Commissioners for them to present locally. All other awards will again be available for presentation at the Area Banquet, where presentations will be grouped by award category rather than District (but still given by DCs). You never know when you might be called!

Thanks to Rose Ward, Hazel Ray, and Kathy Watson for being a part of the committee this year, your assistance is truly appreciated. Thank you too to Ina Rodenburg-Hart for leading me through my first year as the Awards Chair.

Finally, a reminder that awards can be given out at any time of the year, so even though the Area Banquet deadline has passed, feel free to send me your applications at any time. Area awards take approximately 45-60 days to process and Provincial awards are 90+, just keep that in mind if you have a specific presentation date.

Hope to see you all at the Banquet in May!

Yours in Guiding,

Amy Jesse

Parkland Area Awards Chairperson

COOKIES

COOKIE ALL STARS

Do not forget to register Units for Cookie All Stars. The registration site will close on May 2nd

Things to remember:

- Guiders who used **Cookie Tracker** during Mint 2016 cookie ordering need to make sure that the information has been transferred to the Cookie All Stars site. If Guiders **DID NOT** use the Cookie Tracker tool please **make sure they register their Units directly on the Cookie All Stars site. It is not necessary to use the Cookie tracking tool to be registered for Cookie All Stars.**

During the last campaign many units registration has not been transferred to the cookie All Stars site, causing delays and discrepancies with rewards mailing. All reward orders must be submitted by the **deadline date- May 2nd, 2017**. There **will be no extension** for the registration for any province. Templates for special cases and late **registration will not be accepted this campaign. It is the Guider's responsibility** to register her Unit on time to ensure that **no girl** that sold cookies during this campaign is left without a reward (if she qualified). For more information please visit Member Zone for links the Cookie All Stars ordering site, instructions and FAQ's.

COOKIE FINDER MAP

Continue to encourage Units to use the Cookie Finder Map to help sell their cookies. We cannot stress enough that this is the best way for Units to advertise their cookie sales and the number one source used for Where to buy?

CLASSIC 2017 CAMPAIGN

Wish List order requests

Any requests for additional cases should be submitted as soon as they are received, using a cookie delivery incident reporting and request form. The national cookie department will place these requests on a "wish list". Requests will be accommodated on a first received first delivered basis. There is no guarantee all wish list orders will be fulfilled.

Delivery guidelines

Please **read and familiarize** yourself with delivery procedures. It is important everyone is aware of their responsibilities, and that proper protocol is followed. There were no changes to the delivery documents this campaign. Delivery documents including the delivery guidelines, can be downloaded from Member Zone on the ordering and delivery resources page

- a) When signing the POD you need to be sure **to sign BOTH copies** of the POD – yours and the driver's. (1) **The signed POD** is the transfer of responsibility from Dare Foods to Girl Guides therefore if the driver is using an electronic device to obtain signature for delivery, Guiders need to ask for a print out of the PODs or sign the packing slip attached with the delivery.
- b) **Do not discard the copy of the POD after delivery.** Copy of the POD should be kept in a safe place until after the invoicing process is complete.

Jessica McLeod
Parkland Area Cookies

*******SAVE THE DATE*******

PARKLAND AT THE PINES 2

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

Keep watching for more information on this exciting camp!!