



## Welcome to SVI News!

The SVI News is sent to every adult member and Ranger in SVI Area. It comes out after Area meetings and in between Lamplighter issues. It contains information that is time sensitive or that Guiders need to know. All issues of the SVI News can be found on our website ([www.svigirlguides.bc.ca](http://www.svigirlguides.bc.ca)) under "Guiding in SVI).

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- Did you know that over 700 cases of delicious Chocolatey Mint cookies were sold during our Area Blitz weekend! **Well Done SVI Area girls and Guiders!**
- **Congratulations** Cassandra Herbert of the Peninsula Ranger Unit has been selected to attend the provincially-sponsored Red Cross Global Issues Symposium for Youth event.
- Canada Cord Ceremony is January 15, 2012. If you have a Pathfinder who has finished her program and will be receiving her Canada Cord please let Awards Committee know.

## Mountain Equipment Co-op (MEC) Club Night

We have arranged for another MEC Club Night for members of South Vancouver Island Area Girl Guides.

Thursday, October 27, 2011

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

10% off all purchases \*

There will be Information Sessions on subjects such as choosing a sleeping bag, rain wear and other topics.

Note: this event is for all SVI Girl Guide members, including Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders, Trex, Rangers, Lones, Link, Trefoil Guild and Area Council. Please wear your uniform so that we can tell that you are with Girl Guides. Note: Girls may attend with a parent. \* MEC Membership Required – only \$5 to be a lifetime MEC member Bring your own reusable bags to carry your purchase

Unit Leaders – please get feedback from your girl/parents and send your unit name and number of attendees expected from your unit to: Susan Zedel, SVI Area Camp Adviser: [szedel@shaw.ca](mailto:szedel@shaw.ca)

## International Night

Thurs Nov 3 at Guide House, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

"The Nationally sponsored and BC sponsored International trips have been announced. Information is on the National and BC websites. The deadline for applications to Area is Nov 20 submitted to Guide House attention International Adviser.



Any girls or adults interested in applying for trips should come to the International night to receive more information. International night is on November 3 from 6:30 – 8:30 at Guide House. Guide or Pathfinder Units or a Districts group are invited to participate in "Christmas Around the World" at International night. Pick a WAGGGS country, find out how they celebrate Christmas and bring a display or supplies to share."



## Upcoming Trainings

### Oct 29th is a training day for the Unit Guider.

Guide House from 9:00- 4:00

Three modules will be delivered. The Guider will be awarded the red Guider pin IF she has previously accomplished the About the Girl module. If not, once she completes that module, she will receive the red Guider pin. Contact your District commissioner if you do not have a registration form.

### Nov 3rd is a Safe Guide Training

from 6:00pm-9:00pm at the Church of the Advent in Colwood. Submit a registration form with deposit for the training. This is a mandatory training for new Guiders. There will be three Safe Guide trainings offered in SVI this year.

### Save the date EARLY NOTICE: Change of venue

March 2-4th is a weekend getaway.

Renew Guiding friendships and have some fun as well as the opportunity to take a couple of modules of training if you wish or just come out to camp. Instead of being offered at Guide House as planned, we now will hold it at Kingswood camp. A form will be available shortly to sign up for a night, 2 nights, the training component, the relaxed informal times to unwind and rekindle the Guiding flame, and more. Keep the weekend free!

### Guider Canoe Training--Level 1 & Level 2 Flatwater Canoe Courses November 26 & 27, 2011.

On November 26 & 27 the Victoria Canoe & Kayak Club is holding two canoe trainings for SVI Guiders only! These full day courses are the first step to being able to lead your own girls on paddling outings. It is recommended that you register for both courses, however you can register for only Level 1 (or Level 2 solo if you've completed Level 1 previously).

**Level 1 Flatwater/Basic Tandem Canoeing:** Learn canoe basics--safety, knots, strokes, and rescue techniques & be inspired by the professionals. **Level 2 Flatwater/Basic Solo Canoeing:** Learn to paddle solo in your canoe. This course teaching you strokes & handling your canoe solo. It is recommended for all tandem paddlers as it helps you hone your stroke skills and really understand what your strokes are doing in the water.

**\*Cost:** \$25 per person per day.

\*SVI Area Council has member assistance funds available to assist Guiders with the canoe training fee. Any Guider registering for the course may send an email request for assistance to [svicommissioners@gmail.com](mailto:svicommissioners@gmail.com) attention Wendy. As per our Area Standards, this request must be made **BEFORE** the training is taken, and upon successful completion of the training the Guider will be reimbursed 50% of the course fee by Area Council.

**To Register:** email Chloe Faught [chloe.faught@gmail.com](mailto:chloe.faught@gmail.com) ASAP. She will forward names onto VCKC. **Deadline Nov 18.** We need a minimum of 5 to run the courses.

All materials including lifejackets, canoes & other safety gear are provided. You only need to bring yourself, a lunch, and some warm/waterproof clothing. Location TBA but either at the Gorge VCKC clubhouse or Thetis Lake.



**Please stay tuned for more course offerings by VCKC in the Spring & a Guider 'how to take your unit canoeing' day session at Kingswood in the Spring to help you take that next step--teaching your skills & being safe with your unit!**

### Waste, Recycling & Composting Education Workshops for Kids

Looking for someone to teach your girls about waste, recycling or composting for a environmental badge. CRD Education Outreach person for demand management **Angelina Alonso** will come free of charge to your meeting or camp to teach your girls. Program material suited to the age group-- they have resources for Sparks-Rangers & have experience working with our units. Contact Angelina Alonso: phone: 250-474-9696 or email: [aalonso@crd.bc.ca](mailto:aalonso@crd.bc.ca)