



Celebrating 100 years of girl greatness

This is a special issue of the SVI News, it is an update of upcoming events for our 100th year. Please encourage your girls and their parents to participate in these opportunities!



Here is a little peek at the adventures in the year ahead—so save the dates below.

February 5, 2010—Salmon Kings Hockey Game

Discounted Tickets: use the promo code to save big on walk-up prices!

Crest Giveaways: show up in uniform and find the Guide table at the game to collect your crest!

Zamboni Rides: put your name in the draw to win a ride on the Zamboni at intermission!



3 ways to get your tickets:

Phone: 250.220.2610

Box office: at SOFMC

Online: selectyourtickets.com/promo

Don't forget to quote the promo code: **BE PREPARED**

February 21, 2010—Food Drive



The World Thinking Day theme for 2010 is *girls worldwide say "together we can end extreme poverty and hunger"* and the aim is to raise awareness about the situation.

Here in Greater Victoria we will be holding regional food drives. **OUR GOAL**—to have each unit collect 100 non-perishable food items for their local food bank.



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May 15, 2010—Memories and More!

ALL ABOARD...FOR MEMORIES AND MORE

Members who registered for Memories and More as individuals, not assigned to a Unit, District or Trefoil Guild:

Please contact Olive Brown by email at oliveb@uniserve.com or by telephone at 250.995.8632 to register for a space on the SVI Area charter buses.

Provide your contact information and geographic area in which you reside, so we may try to assign you to a convenient pick up point.



Register no later than February 5, 2010

Once we have your basic contact information, a Bus Space Request Form will be sent to you.

May 24, 2010—Victoria Day Parade

Join us for the Victoria Day Parade May 24! Come show your District Spirit and support for our 100th Anniversary to the public. We will have a flatbed truck for our float. We will be singing songs your girls learned for Memories and More.

We are looking for Districts to bring as many Members as possible and march and sing with their district banners. We will also have some vintage uniforms available for members to wear.

Save the Date! September 25—100th Anniversary Area Event

Feedback from our Area members was that a day event would meet the Guiders needs better than a sleep-over. Look for more information in the June Lamplighter.



World Thinking Day Regional Food Drive and Resources

Here in SVI we are working to update and improve what has traditionally been our *Hike for Hunger*.

The Hike for Hunger was a BC initiative to combine awareness of our founder's Birthday with raising food for local food banks to meet their needs. Over the past few years, some of the *Hikes* have gone from a food drive, where non-perishable food items were collected by girls and their families, to a social event with girls just taking one or two items from their home pantry.

In 2010, Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada celebrates our 100th anniversary. As we mark this milestone the 2010 National Service Project "Eradicate Hunger and Poverty" will offer an unprecedented way for girls across the country to take action on an issue they care about. In communities across Canada and around the world, too many children and families have difficulty affording basic needs.

The 2010 National Service Project "Eradicate Hunger and Poverty" empowers girls to learn about hunger and poverty and to speak out and take action on it. Through this project, your Unit can:

- Collect and donate food to a food bank, or needed items to a shelter or other related organization
- Plant a garden and donate the food
- Volunteer at a food bank, shelter or other related organization
- Write letters to decision makers
- Anything else this initiative inspires you to do!

This project also fits perfectly with the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) theme for 2010 which is *girls worldwide say* "together we can end extreme poverty and hunger", which was inspired by the first UN Millennium Development Goal. Through this National Service Project, girls across Canada will be doing their part and have the chance to truly make a difference.

The SVI Area Food Drive (February 21, 2010, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.) is designed to help you and your Unit work to complete the national challenge and help our local food banks. We are doing the organizing, the publicity and public promotion (if you were ever a Member of Guiding—please take a moment to help our girls help our neighbours).

On February 21, 2010 there are local venues available with the local food banks in attendance to receive your collected items.

Our goal is to raise 100 non-perishable items from every unit

You can work with your girls, parents, family, neighbours and friends to collect food items that can be dropped off at the food drive by girls, parents or you can drop off items collected in the weeks before the drive. Or you can incorporate the Food Drive as part of your event.

Here's what Sooke is doing:

- Harbours District has planned their Food Drive so that the girls are involved. They are setting up mini vans at the two grocery stores in Sooke, challenging the community to help fill them.
- Girls are making posters (small 8 ½ x 11) which they will put up around Sooke (schools, library, rec centre, etc.). They have arranged to get three grocery bags for each girl (donated!).
- At unit meetings they will be given a letter to attach to the outside of each bag (a variation on the one provided at DC Round). They will put their personal info (name/branch/contact #) on the letter and decorate the bag in their own style. They will take the bags and a letter home to their parents explaining that they are to approach friends and family to provide food for the bags.
- On Food Drive day they will be invited to put on their uniform and bring their collection up to our vans at the local grocery stores. We hope to take a picture of each girl making her donation.

You do not need to know a lot about hunger and poverty or about taking action to do this service project with your Unit. Every effort counts! The National website will be keeping an online tally of how much Girl Guides across the country have



donated in taking action on hunger and poverty. They are counting kilograms of items donated and the hours volunteered. You can register your Unit, log the weight donated or the time spent on actions against hunger and poverty here: http://2010.girlguides.ca/national_service_project.

Items Most Needed by Food Banks:

- Pasta and rice
- Canned meats and fish
- Dry and canned soups and stews
- Canned fruit and vegetables
- Flour
- Breakfast cereal
- Peanut butter
- Canned/powdered milk
- Fruit juices
- Pasta sauce
- Beans and legumes
- Infant formula and baby food



Quick facts: hunger and poverty in Canada and around the world

Canada:

- About 4.6 million Canadians live in poverty
- More than 700,000 Canadians access food banks or emergency food programs each month
- Of those turning to food banks for assistance more than one in three are children; half of the families helped have one or more children

Worldwide:

- Hunger and malnutrition are the number one risk to health worldwide
- One in seven people in the world do not get enough food to be healthy
- Every country in the world has the potential of growing enough food to feed itself
- More than one billion people in the world are malnourished—799 million of them live in the developing world
- Six million children under the age of five die every year as a result of hunger

Most of the world's hunger is the result of deeply rooted poverty resulting in an inability to afford to buy enough food.

Note that both in Canada and worldwide hunger is an important aspect of the issue of poverty.

Most people who are hungry cannot get enough food because they cannot afford to buy it.

*Because of this, **taking action against hunger is taking action against poverty!***

If you and your girls wish to participate at an event please contact the responsible Guider for that location.

Location	Guiding Contact
Village Foods and Western Foods, Sooke (Harbours District)	Gillian Hurwood ellhurwood@shaw.ca
Millstream Centre Mall, Westshore, Pacific Skies District	Wendy Halpen w-halpen@shaw.ca
Royal Canadian Legion on Station Rd, Langford (Straits District)	Trudine Wilson tandwcampandcomish@shaw.ca
Sidney Lions Food Bank, (Peninsula Shores/ Woodwyn Districts)	Jacky Stevens carezza@telus.net
Tillicum Mall	Teri Craig tericraig1@shaw.ca
Hillside Mall	Darcy Wyllie drkwng19@shaw.ca
Mayfair Mall	Tanya Wyllie aynat141@hotmail.com