



A Southern Vancouver Island Area Tri-Campsite Challenge

DISCOVER SVI CAMPS (created in 2011)

There are three wonderful Girl Guide Camps in Southern Vancouver Island Area.

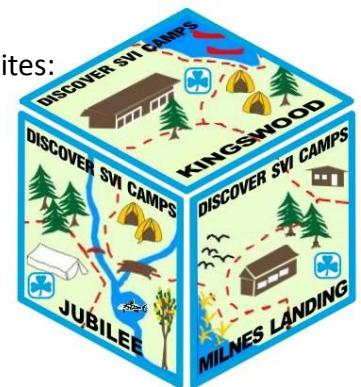
- CAMP JUBILEE is 160 acres near the community of Shirley, BC. There are two salmon bearing creeks and two main tenting areas with dining shelters, outhouses, wells, fire-pits and storage buildings for some camp equipment. There is an additional camping area often used by small groups or for overflow from camps based at one of the other sites. Most of the property is undeveloped forest.
- MILNES LANDING CAMP is a 10 acre property near Sooke, BC. The lower part of the property is on the Sooke River Estuary. There are two full facility lodges with bunks.
- KINGSWOOD CAMP is ~25 acres near Elk/Beaver Lakes, Saanich, BC. The lower end of the property is fenced and borders the public walking trail that circles the two lakes. There is one full facility lodge and two main tent areas with dining shelters, taps with potable water, outhouses and fire-pits.

Get to know these camps by exploring them and working on a special challenge while camping there with your unit.

For each site, a separate crest can be earned for camping two consecutive nights + working on several challenges associated with that particular site. The three crest segments fit together. An individual should expect to take several years to earn all three segments.

There are several challenge components to achieve at each of the three sites:

- Sleep at the camp for 2 consecutive nights
- Camp-skill
- Site history
- Ecosystem/nature
- Guiding component (songs, skits, stories)



Resources to help you earn the crests and the crest order forms are available from Camping Advisors in SVI Area. When the unit, or other GGC group, has completed the challenges for a site, submit the site specific request form to the camping advisor and receive the crests from her.

GPS units may be rented from the Camping Advisor Committee.

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CAMP JUBILEE – ‘Bridges’, ‘Kirby’ or ‘Gateway’ site

(recommended for Guide age and up)

PRIOR TO CAMP: Contact your District Camping Advisor for resources (history booklet, plant identification guide, laminated map, directions for compass use), a crest order form and a list of possible camp service to do.

AT CAMP Each individual, Girls + Leaders, must do the following to earn the crest:

1. Sleep in tents for a minimum of two consecutive nights at Camp Jubilee. Girls must sleep in a tent with their patrol.
2. With your tent team, or other group of up to 6 girls, put on a skit for the rest of the campers about a piece of history of the site. Leaders do a skit too! There is a small booklet to read and get ideas from or you may choose to do some pre-camp research yourselves.
3. Cook at least one entire meal using something other than a propane stove as your heat source. Some possibilities are: fire, tin-foil dinners, cooking on sticks, dutch oven, solar, box oven, buddy burner or light-weight stove for hiking. Small patrol fires along the **rocky** creek beds off of “BRIDGES” & “KIRBY” sites are popular. Don’t forget to totally dismantle them when finished. You may use a propane stove to heat water for washing dishes.
4. Describe in writing or draw 5 terrestrial plants growing on Camp Jubilee property, then identify them.
5. On the laminated map of Camp Jubilee (from a camping advisor), there are two points marked on the map: “A” and “B”. Using **only** GPS and/or compass directions and distances, write instructions to get from “A” to “B” for someone who does not have a map to use.
6. Do a minimum of 15 minutes of camp service each in addition to jobs already required and listed on the check-out form. A week before camp, Guiders may contact their camping advisor for current service ideas.
7. In 2009 fish habitat was improved in hopes of increasing the survival rate of young fish living in the creeks on the GGC property before they return to the sea. Ponds were created to the left of the gate as you enter the camp and near the “GATEWAY” dining shelter. What do these improvements provide for the fish and how do they help the fish survive? Read all 3 posted signs to find some answers.
8. All together, sing a favourite non-silly Girl Guide song while at camp. This could be done at a campfire, but does not have to be done there.
9. Play a team-building game or activity.
10. Share a thought of a favourite or special moment at this camp with your fellow campers.

AFTER CAMP: Leader: Submit one or more photos (digital preferred, but not mandatory) of your whole camping group at a favourite spot at CAMP JUBILEE and your site specific crest order form to a Camping Advisor in SVI Area.

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CAMP JUBILEE – Crest Order Form

Group or Unit Number and Name: _____

Guider Name: _____ email or phone: _____

Date of Camp: _____ Which site? 'Kirby' or 'Bridges' or 'Gateway' (circle one)

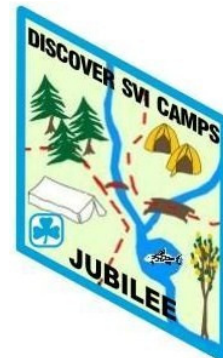
Number of Girls at Camp: _____ Number of Guiders at Camp: _____

What cooking method(s), other than propane stove, did you use to cook a complete meal?

What team-building game or activity did you do?

What were 5 of the special or favourite moments shared at this camp?

Don't forget to include a photo of your whole group while at this camp.



Hope you had fun at camp and enjoyed earning this crest.

Submit this form to a Camping Advisor in SVI Area.

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KINGSWOOD CAMP – ‘Bill Reith’ or ‘Freeman King’ site

(recommended for Guide age and up)

PRIOR TO CAMP: Contact your District Camping Advisor for some resources (history booklet, short plant identification guide, sketch map of camp) and crest order form.

AT CAMP Each individual, Girls + Leaders, must do the following to earn the crest:

1. Sleep in tents for a minimum of two consecutive nights at one of the tents sites at Kingswood Camp. Girls must sleep in a tent with their patrol.
2. Walk around the campsite to see Freeman King site, Bill Reith Site and McKeivitt Lodge. What are the stories behind the names for each of those sites? Read the posted signs.
3. The water for this camp comes from a well. In 1960, a well was dug by hand near Bill Reith site. It is now under a small shed on the site. In 1963 a well was drilled, near the top of the property along the road to the upper tent site. Near the drilled well is a water treatment facility. It is in a small building with a dome on top. Go to the locations of each well. What method is used to treat the water?
4. Walk along a portion, or all if you like, of the park trail around the lake(s).
5. Sit quietly in a spot at camp for 10 minutes. What animals do you see or hear? (birds, bugs.....)
6. Find 3 plants growing on site that were used by First Nations and learn what they were used for.
7. Build something useful or fun with sticks found at camp or ropes you have brought to camp with you or a combination of ropes and sticks together. The whole group does not need to build the same thing. Use your imaginations.
8. Play a night game or do a night activity (means in the dark).
9. All together, sing an action song at *campfire* in the evening.
10. Each write one thought or draw a picture of a favourite or special moment at this camp to share with your fellow campers.

AFTER CAMP: Leader: Submit one or more photos (digital preferred, but not mandatory) of your whole camping group at a favourite spot at KINGSWOOD CAMP and your site specific crest order form to a Camping Advisor in SVI Area.

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KINGSWOOD CAMP – Crest Order Form

Group or Unit Number and Name: _____

Guider Name: _____ email or phone: _____

Date of Camp: _____ Which site? Freeman King or Bill Reith (circle one)

Number of Girls at Camp: _____ Number of Guiders at Camp: _____

What night game or activity did you do?

What were some examples of what your group(s) built with either sticks found at camp and/or ropes you brought to camp?

What were 5 of the special or favourite moments shared at this camp?

Don't forget to include a photo of your whole group while at this camp.

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MILNES LANDING CAMP – Upper or Lower Cabin

May be earned by Sparks & Brownies and their Guiders, plus Guides, Pathfinders & Rangers who have attended camp with the Brownies or Sparks and helped with all of the required camp challenge activities.

OR

For Guides, Pathfinders & Rangers and their Guiders to earn without camping with Brownies or Sparks, #10 must be done as well.

PRIOR TO CAMP: Contact your District Camping Advisor for a crest order form which has questions on it to be answered while at camp.

AT CAMP Each individual, Girls + Leaders, must do the following to earn the crest:

1. Sleep for two consecutive nights in either the Upper or Lower Cabin at Milnes Landing Camp.
2. Find out how long *Girl Guides of Canada – Guides du Canada* has owned Milnes Landing Camp. What is different about the clothing the Leaders were wearing when the camp was first opened and what the Leaders wear now? (Answer is on a photo in the lodges)
3. Walk down onto the estuary (grassy area near river) area. What do you see, hear or smell there? Collect ideas from everyone, and make one big list for the whole unit or group.
4. Make a craft to attach to your camp hat.
5. Help with some meal time chores.
6. Play an outdoor game or activity for at least 15 minutes.
7. Leaders (or Guides, Pathfinders, Rangers) set up an “Un-Nature Trail” with at least 20 items for the girls to walk along. Disassemble the trail when done. (Ask camping adv. for directions if needed).
8. Listen to a story about *Nature* or *Friendship*.
9. Draw a picture or write about a favourite place or moment at camp, then share it with your leaders.
10. REQUIRED ONLY IF NOT AT A BROWNIE OR SPARK CAMP in addition to doing #1 to #9: Remember what it was like to be a Brownie. What made camp “special” and what did you learn that made you feel like you had really accomplished something? With these thoughts in mind, write up a perfect Brownie Camp itinerary, including menu. Do this in groups, with not more than 6 girls per group.

AFTER CAMP: Leaders only: Submit at least one photo (digital preferred but not mandatory) of your whole group at camp at MILNES LANDING CAMP, along with the site specific crest order form to a Camping Advisor in SVI Area. If there is anything else you would like to share about the camp experience, please do so!

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MILNES LANDING CAMP – Crest Order Form

Group or Unit Number and Name: _____

Guider Name: _____ email or phone: _____

Date of Camp: _____ Which Cabin? Upper or Lower (circle one)

Number of Girls at Camp: _____ Number of Guiders at Camp: _____

Describe or send a photo of your hat-craft _____

What story about *Friendship* or *Nature* was read? _____

What are a few things you saw, heard or smelled near the estuary?

If you are a Guide, Pathfinder or Ranger group, what are two (or more) things you believe make Brownie camps special? _____

Don't forget to include a photo of your whole group while at this camp.

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