



## NEW EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER (250) 590-0744

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### 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 it contains information that is time sensitive or that Guiders need to know or can use to develop programming for the girls. All upcoming events and programming material are in the SVI News and the successes, highlights and community connections are in the Lamplighter that is also an E-Newsletter. To ensure that all guiders are receiving current and relevant information this change means that our SVI News issues may have more attached and be longer than 2 pages.

All issues of the SVI News can be found on our website ([www.svirlguides.bc.ca](http://www.svirlguides.bc.ca)) under Guiding in SVI).

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#### WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to all Guiders and girls. We are looking forward to an exciting year in SVI, including lots of program activities, camping and SOAR 2017.



We are delighted to announce the following positions have been filled on Area Council:

Denise Howden – Area International Adviser  
Sheilagh Finnigan – Chair of the new SVI Area Properties Committee

And the following new District Commissioners:  
Carol Whitehouse – Peninsula Shores  
Kelly Parkin – Lakes  
Sheryl Roodenburg – Portage Inlet

#### CAMP CLEAN UPS – PLEASE SHARE WITH PARENTS

Kingswood Camp – October 16 – 1pm to 3pm  
Milnes Landing Camp – October 16 – 10am to 3pm  
Camp Jubilee – October 16 – Noon to 3 pm  
<http://www.svirlguides.bc.ca/calendar> for details as to equipment needed.

Please share these dates and times with your parents and girls if your District is targeted for the spring cleanup. Districts targeted for Fall 2016:  
Camas, Raven, Harbours, Peninsula Shores

Kingswood Camp – Sparks and Ranger families  
Milnes Camp – Brownie and Guide families  
Camp Jubilee – Pathfinder families



## SVI AREA ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Are you doing something fun with your unit? Take a picture (make sure girls have signed image release) and send it with a brief description to Cassandra to post on the SVI Twitter and Facebook!

Email [girlguidespr@gmail.com](mailto:girlguidespr@gmail.com) or text [250 516-4346](tel:2505164346).

Please let your families know about our Facebook page – Girl Guides of Canada Southern Vancouver Island Area and our Twitter feed @VictoriaGuides.



Also check out the Area website – [www.svigailguides.bc.ca](http://www.svigailguides.bc.ca)

## IMIS CHANGES

You may already know that there are substantial changes coming to how IMIS is managed in BC. Starting October 1, all girl registration and transfers need to be done at the BC office but MUST go through your District Commissioner first. Our local IMIS Wonder Carol Gamey will continue to process requests for reports and update records. We hope to have more information on this very soon.

## SAFE GUIDE UPDATES

Safe Guide was updated over the summer. A summary of changes is available via the link below. Please take a few minutes to ensure you are up to date. Training opportunities for Safe Guide below.

<https://www.girlguides.ca/WEB/Custom/BSIDocumentSelector/Pages/DocumentViewer.aspx?id=tbAvUQIA15yqFsDhUuM4gu%252fty2koLgxh0dkK5aD7XV0LMRkrczXWTqq%252fRb17xDO6Vdelr7xSLctneFqY9IJIMVIGbC9YZjOiRkB5%252biXT8KcEptyciJ0WoPCrFYLToc222dAk610gmBE%252blZzn8MoDi4iZpdeL1H0j7aGJe2hrLwHuS3IPv5xJGA6ir5u2%252fvU4>

## TRAINING

Our Area Training Team has been hard at work organizing trainings for Guiders. Attending any kind of training is a fabulous opportunity to network with other Guiders, learn new skills and have some fun.

### Upcoming Trainings

There is still time to register for these upcoming trainings: New Guider Modules and Safe Guide (**Oct 22**), Treasurer Training (**Oct 24**), OAL Basic (**Nov 19**). Go to SVI website for more information and to download a registration form

<http://www.svigailguides.bc.ca/training>). Additional trainings for later in the Guiding year can also be found here. Questions about training or becoming a trainer? Ask our Area Training Adviser at [svitraining@gmail.com](mailto:svitraining@gmail.com).

### Vancouver Island OAL Adventure Training!

January 13 - 15, 2017 at Kingswood Campsite. Already a tent camper and have your OAL Tenting? Want to take your knowledge and skills to the next level? Hope to take girls on wilderness trips such as backpacking, canoe tripping or cycle touring? Sign up for the latest OAL Camping Module Training held this winter in Victoria. The training will cover the first seven modules of the OAL Adventure Training. Registration package and trip log attached.

### SVI Area Training Day

Mark your calendar, SVI Area will be holding a Guider's Conference/Training Day on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at North Douglas Church. Registration and information to follow, keep an eye on your inbox or check our website for updates (<http://www.svigailguides.bc.ca/training>).



## UNIT REPORTS TO DISTRICTS

Before each Area meeting your District Commissioner compiles a report of activities in the District to present to Area. These reports are then used to tell BC Council all the amazing things we are doing in SVI. When your District Commissioner requests this report, please take a few minutes to provide the information needed.

## PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

The CRD has just launched the **CRD Watershed Warden Badge Program** for children in live in the CRD for grades K -7. The program includes a free 2.75" X 3" embroidered crest. Badge applications can be found on the website by following the How to Earn a Badge link. There is also a pdf of activity suggestions for improving watershed awareness and drinking water protection with youth.

<https://www.crd.bc.ca/education/school-programs/for-k12-teachers/educator-guides-resources/watersheds>



Colene Wood is available to deliver **the Hug-A-Tree and Survive program**. Participant will need to be provided with a whistle and survival blanket (found at most dollar stores). Please email [svirlguides@shaw.ca](mailto:svirlguides@shaw.ca) to be connected with Colene.

## GUIDE HOUSE CREST COMPETITION

Watch for competition information – we are going to have a new Guide House crest. Area PR Adviser will send information out soon.

## CALENDAR

The new SVI Area Calendar is available on the SVI Area website and contains lots of dates for the coming year. Calendar will be updated as dates are added. Training dates are noted separately above.

### DATES TO NOTE

**October 1 & 2** – Chocolatey Mint Cookie Blitz

**October 3** – Lamplighter submission deadline – please submit your photos and stories of Unit/District activities. Everybody loves to see what the rest of the Area is doing.

**October 5** – International Night – Guide House – 7 pm – for 3<sup>rd</sup> year Guides and Pathfinders. Details available on SVI website and were sent out to Guide and Pathfinder Guiders.

**October 14-16**- Discovery Camp – details on SVI website. For Pathfinders and Rangers

**October 16** – Camp Cleanups – more details following

**October 20** – SOAR Guiders meeting – 7 pm – mandatory for at least one Guider from each patrol but preferable if both attend.

**November 5** – Teen Fest – Pearkes Arena

**January 22** – Canada Cord/Chief Commissioners' Gold Award Ceremony

**February 1** – Lamplighter submission deadline

**February 22** – Thinking Day

**April 8 & 9** – Classic Cookie Blitz

**April 22** – SVI Area Annual Awards Night

**May 1** – Lamplighter submission deadline

**May 26-28** – Pre-SOAR camp – remember that attendance at a Pre-SOAR camp is required for girls to attend SOAR 2017.

**June 3 & 4** – Tetley Tea fundraiser for girls on selected travel trips.

**July 22-29** – SOAR – Smithers, BC



## FINANCIAL MATTERS

Remember that your account signatories may need to be updated as we start this new Guiding year. Also remember that the financial Guiding year runs from January 1 to December 31 and that your treasurers should not be starting a new spreadsheet until January 1. All new treasurers are required to take treasurer training (see training section).

When you receive back your reviewed books, please take a few minutes to have a look at the reviewer's comments – they are intended to help improve your Unit's or District's record keeping and to ensure that you comply with Girl Guide regulations.



## GOODS AND SERVICES TAX ON CAMPS

Your financial reviewers are still seeing many camps where the GST return has not been completed. It is a Canada Revenue Agency ruling that we must charge GST on camps and remit it to the government through the system implemented by Girl Guides. If you need clarification on this GST ruling, please contact our Area Treasurer at [svitreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:svitreasurer@gmail.com).

## SVI COMMISSIONERS' CRESTS

SVI Commissioners' now have a crest of their own. They will have them in their pocket at any Guiding event so please come and ask for one. Only one per member please – they're keepers not traders!



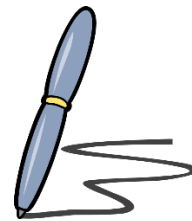
## CONTRACT SIGNING

ALL contracts entered into by Girl Guides MUST be signed at the Provincial Office. If the words "I agree" are in the document with a statement to be signed, this is a contract.

Even if you are not asked to sign the contract, if the receipt you are provided with has any agreement in it then it is a contract and must be signed at the Provincial Office – it has been noted that recreation centres have a lengthy agreement on their receipt and do not always ask for it to be signed.

Examples of contracts would include rental of meeting spaces or equipment, participation in special events or parades or confirmation of liability coverage.

**SIGNING A CONTRACT YOURSELF ON BEHALF OF GIRL GUIDES LEAVES YOU PERSONALLY LIABLE.**



## GMAIL ACCOUNTS

Please remember that if your Unit/District/Committee uses a gmail account to maintain contact, Area Council has requested that the gmail address and password be submitted to Guide House office (in a sealed envelope with the gmail address on the outside is acceptable).

It has also been requested that work emails not be used for Guiding business unless there is absolutely no other option.

## SOAR

There will be a lot of information shared at the SOAR Patrol Guiders meeting in October but here are a few items you need to know:

- You must have an approved FR1 for all fundraising activities. Keep in mind that it takes several weeks for the approval process.
- 25% of your fundraised money must be from cookies
- SVI Area WILL be flying to SOAR 2017 and the cost to use in your planning is \$500 per person – for a total of \$5000 per patrol for travel. Patrol registration is \$4000 for a grand total of \$9000.

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAYS

International Day of the Girl – October 11

Human Rights Day – December 10

Hunger Awareness Day – May 28, 2017

Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday – July 2017

Check out the list of Special Days we'll be celebrating in the 2016-2017 Guiding year and related programming links at

[https://www.girlguides.ca/WEB/GGC/Programs/Specialized\\_Programming/MAD\\_Days/GGC/Programs/Specialized\\_Programming/MAD\\_Days/MAD\\_Days.aspx?hkey=c763967c-68dd-4511-955f-3217f5a24aaa](https://www.girlguides.ca/WEB/GGC/Programs/Specialized_Programming/MAD_Days/GGC/Programs/Specialized_Programming/MAD_Days/MAD_Days.aspx?hkey=c763967c-68dd-4511-955f-3217f5a24aaa)

