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FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK

As we write this, SVI Area is gearing up for the holidays. Service projects abound - baking, singing, collecting and sorting (all sorts of items - food, coats, mitts, socks, etc.). It is lovely to see the beginnings of understanding in even the youngest of our girls as they work together to help their community. Service has always been an incredibly important part of the Guiding program and while this is one of the the easiest times to find a project, it is important to keep in mind that our communities need our help all year round - often more than they do right now.

This is also a wonderful time of year to try out different activities with the girls - perhaps less of the outdoors in this somewhat inclement weather, and more of the field trip kind. We have so many opportunities in SVI – from participating in local parades to visiting lighting displays or holding our own winter celebrations like the Snowflake Ball or just a District party. Many of these activities - both service and field trip - qualify as part of the SVI Area Challenge – <https://www.svirlguides.bc.ca/svi-area-challenge>

We also encourage you to visit other parts of SVI - perhaps partner with another group in another District for an activity or go to camp at one of the camps you don't normally visit - our camps are particularly lovely at this time of year.

Most important of all, take some time for yourself over the holidays - sit back and relax and enjoy your family and friends.

We wish you all a very happy holiday season and all the very best for 2018!

Adrienne Blandford, Wendy Halpen, Gillian Hurwood
Southern Vancouver Island Area Commissioner Team

Hats Off!

To everyone who helped to make the Lady-Baden Powell event held at the end of June such a fun event. To **Sharon Lohr** and **Carol Gamey** from Woodwyn District who coordinated the event, to **Darcy Wyllie** who kept track of the RSVPs, to **City Scribe** for going above and beyond to get the certificates printed, to the **Victoria Butterfly Gardens** for making us feel so welcome, to **the three Area Commissioners** for coming to make the presentations, to **Rob Sieversen** and his



team

at the **Central Saanich**

Fire Hall who were such good sports, and finally to long suffering Guider spouse **Dave Jones**, husband of Woodwyn District Treasurer Christine Jones, who rescued Carol, stranded in her driveway with a car filled to the brim with food and supplies and a very dead battery. This truly was a group effort.

To Chatham District Guider and cancer survivor **Brenda Jagdis**, who along with her adorable grandson Brayden is the poster girl for a BC Cancer Foundation campaign to raise funds for a PET/CT scanner in Victoria for Vancouver Island residents. Her work on the Jingle Mingle Committee raises money for enhancements to cancer patient care, research and equipment here on the Island.





SOAR 2017 It's a Wrap!

Another successful SOAR adventure was accomplished in Smithers, B.C. this past summer with 178 SVI girls and adults attending. SVI Area also officially hosted 10 members of a patrol from Japan which included homestays both before and after the event, as well as travelling and camping alongside them throughout the week.

This SOAR event was different from any held in the past with regards to travel to and from camp. Flying by charter, although sounding like an expensive option at first, proved to be an excellent choice. When calculating the costs of a two day highway coach trip and all the logistics around meals and overnight accommodation, flying ended up very close to the same amount. Guiders and girls arriving fresh and energized was a big plus. In the past it has always been quite challenging for Guiders to arrive late and have to set up the site, organize food and get the girls to bed after a long bus trip. Families were informed from the very beginning that fundraising was a very important part of organizing for this event and

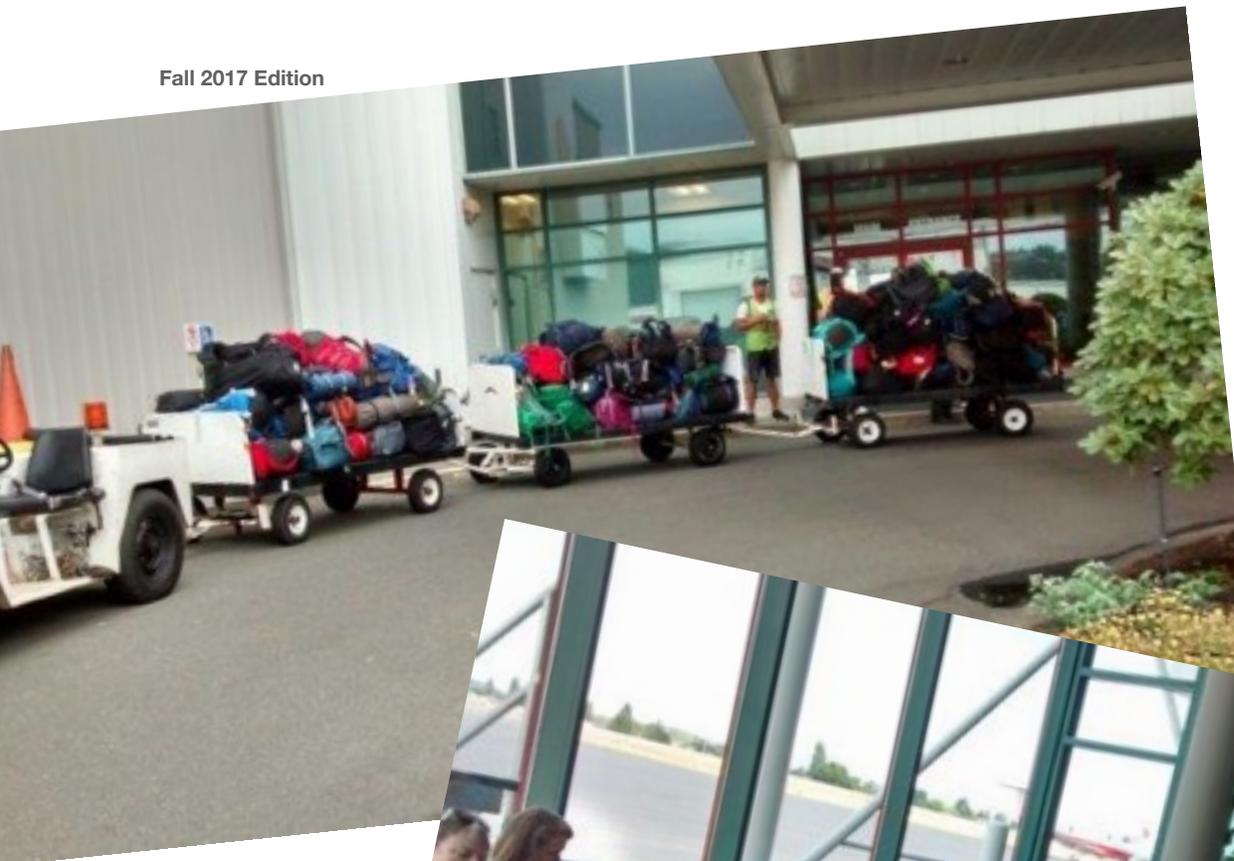
most everyone was able to rise to the financial challenge. The flights were efficient, on time and well-staffed. Thanks to Air North and Canadian North, and to **Bronwen Hill**, our provincial travel agent, for fielding a myriad of questions and concerns leading up to departure.



Truck is full and ready to go!

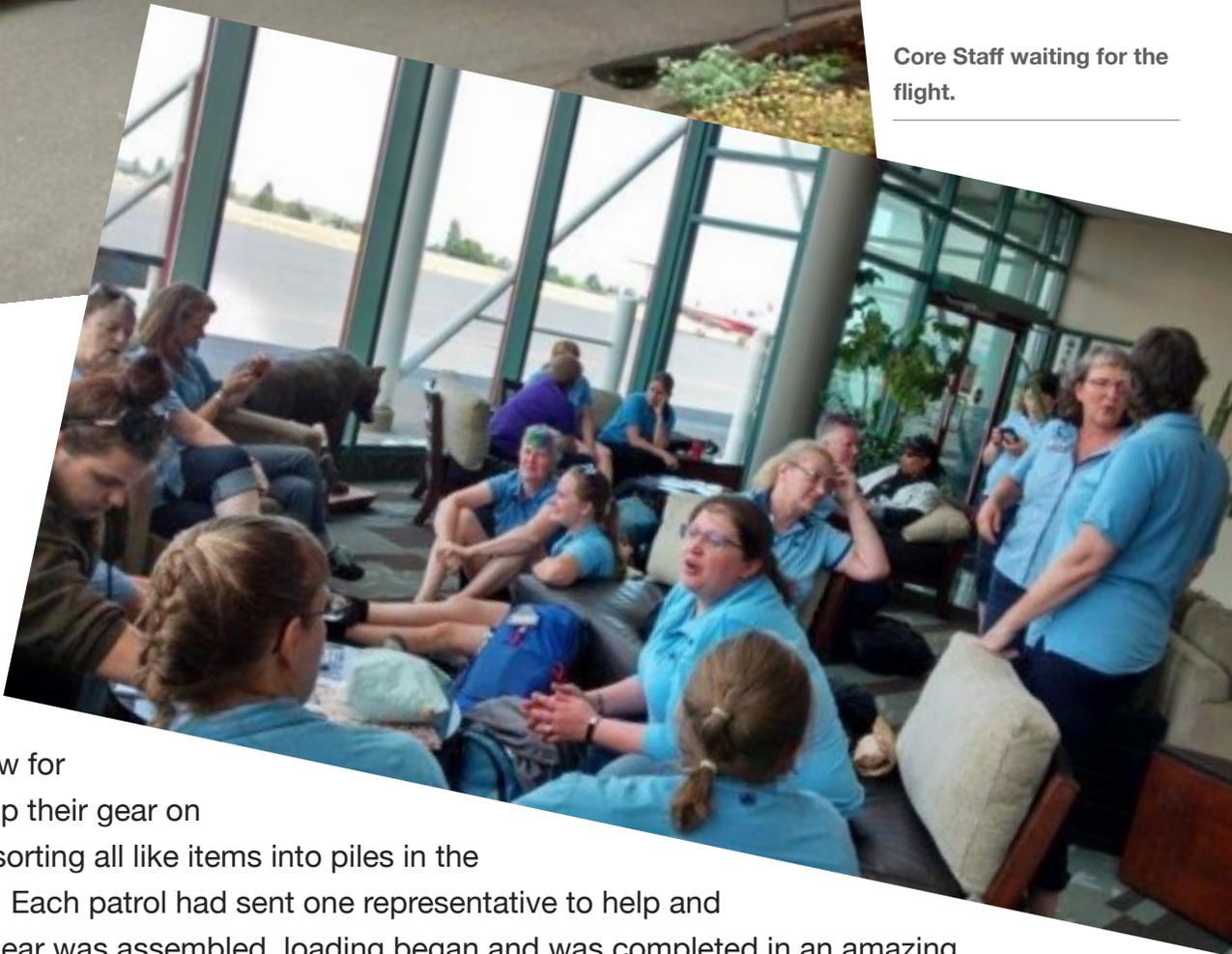
Pre-camp was a very successful, informative and worthwhile practice weekend to ensure there were no surprises at Smithers. Many thanks go to the organizers, **Sharon Doty and Sheilagh Finnigan**, and their team of experienced folks who came to share their expertise. More than half of our SOAR Guiders were first-timers and so this event was invaluable for them... and a good refresher for repeat campers.

An important and worrisome (to me) logistic was the space allocation for gear on our rental truck. This SOAR we had the girls carry all their own personal gear – bedding, clothing, sleeping mats etc. – in a backpack or duffle bag which went with them as cargo on the plane. The gear for the truck was strictly patrol gear and although we did the math (many times), it was still a big question mark as to how full the truck would be. Having a mock up cubic foot box for patrol Guiders to see how it would all fit - first as a demo at a patrol Guider meeting, and then as a hands-on trial at pre-camp – was an excellent tool and helped everyone realize how to pack efficiently to maximize space.



Baggage for the first flight.

Core Staff waiting for the flight.



Another success we experienced was the method of packing the truck. We arranged a 3 hour window for patrols to drop their gear on loading day, sorting all like items into piles in the loading area. Each patrol had sent one representative to help and once all the gear was assembled, loading began and was completed in an amazing 45 minutes. And we even had room to spare! We took gear for our 19 patrols plus gear for some of our far flung guests at SOAR from other provinces. Our 26 ft. truck from U-Haul had a “mom’s attic” over the cab which was excellent for lightweight gear like chairs and tents and made the difference for our space concerns. We received an excellent rate from them – more than 50% less than the ‘other guys’ and I’d like to recognize **Angela Civitareale** at U-Haul Trafficking Division in Vancouver for her help in securing the excellent rate for us.

Another issue that arose in the days leading up to departure of the gear truck, which had to leave two days ahead of the girls, was the wildfire situation along the highway routes to Smithers. Many roads were closed or about to be closed and concern for the safety of our drivers caused me a few sleepless nights. We have some amazing Guiders in SVI and some strings were pulled at some very high levels to secure a place on the Northern Expedition out of Port Hardy just a few days before our scheduled departure. Anyone who has travelled that route would know that ferry bookings are made months in advance. I wish to acknowledge and thank **Sheryl Roodenburg** and **Christine Grist** for their invaluable assistance in arranging for this ferry booking – it made all the difference for our drivers to proceed safely to camp without experiencing the uncertainty facing many other areas regarding transporting gear to camp. Returning home was a bit dodgy as the highways were still affected by the wildfires but our drivers were in constant contact with our person “in-the-know” and were able to avoid the troublesome roads. I cannot express thanks enough to our gear truck team: driver **Carrie Hartig** and shotgun seat companions **Renee Halls** and **Kathy Betts**. Not only did they drive the gear to and from camp safely and in record time, they even managed to deliver leftover SOAR camp food to the Kamloops food bank on their way home. It should be also noted here that the unloading of the gear at Reynolds was completed in 30 minutes! WOW - what teamwork! Thanks also to **Tom Aerts**, principal of Reynolds High School, for opening up the school parking lot for both loading and unloading days, and lending his energy to the endeavour as well.

Loading up.



There are so many other people who worked so tirelessly behind the scenes to make SOAR 2017 such a success. Over 20 SVI Guiders were on the Core Staff, Sub Camp or Steering Committee teams and also many Guiders here in SVI that, although they did not attend SOAR, were instrumental in helping those that did. Thank you to **SVI Area Council** for their support of the transportation of the gear.....from the truck rental to the ferries and everything in-between, Council's financial support of this part of the event helped keep the costs down for families.

I'd like to mention here that communication is key in planning any event of this scale.....and I have the proof that it works! Over 1200 emails and only (?) 15 "SOAR Memos" to patrol Guiders were required to pull this all together – and ours was just one Area of 11 province-wide, and only my own little part of the organizing. We had 19 patrols plus the International patrol also undertaking just as much communication amongst each other. Mind boggling, isn't it

Thank you to everyone who had a part in making SOAR 2017 an experience that girls and Guiders alike will remember forever. It would be interesting to ask today's participants 30 years from now what they remember about Guiding in the 2010's. Odds are they will say that their SOAR experience was the best thing they ever did in Guiding! And THAT's what it is all about!

Submitted by Lynda Ireland

Lynda

SVI Area SOAR Liaison 2017



Unloading.



4th Victoria Pathfinders' SOAR Adventure

Photos submitted by Neala St. Hilaire and Julia Pearson



Beautiful Smithers on Display at Opening

Pathfinders enjoying their SOAR set up





Exploring historic
Hazleton

Visiting the inspiring 'Ksan
First Nation Village



Awards

Congratulations to Mattie Duddridge! Mattie has been awarded the SVI Education Award of \$475. All of SVI Area wishes Mattie well in her studies.

Congratulations to Maryna Ell, who was awarded the BC Trefoil Guilds' Education Grant! Maryna is a Spark Guider who is pursuing a Nursing degree.

Submitted by Daphne MacGregor-Greer, Area Awards Advisor



Congratulations to Katie Lee, a Ranger in Peninsula Shores, who received a prestigious award from the UVIC Model UN!

Submitted by Kerri Tuggle, 1st Peninsula Sparks

Be Limitless: A Summer of Adventures Across the Globe

Four years ago I was lucky enough to be selected to be a Summer Volunteer at Our Chalet. It was a dream I had ever since I learned about the World Centres as a Guide. It was an incredible experience – quite literally a dream come true. One of the best part of my experience at Our Chalet was the girls that I lived and worked with; my Chalet Family. Little did I know how far those friendships would take me.

This summer I had the amazing opportunity to be part of the staff for the IGGNITE 2017 International Girl Guide camp in Ireland. One of the girls I worked with at Our Chalet, Aisling, an Irish Girl Guide, knew about my longstanding desire to someday visit Ireland, and wrote to me encouraging me to apply to be staff for the IGGNITE 2017 Camp. I was accepted to be staff at the camp, and I was overjoyed to finally get to travel to Ireland, and thrilled to get to visit my friend. One of my other friends from Our Chalet heard about my plans to travel to Ireland, and invited me to visit her in Moscow, Russia. It was an offer I couldn't refuse, and before I knew it, my summer plans had gone from amazing to downright unbelievable. I would get to travel to 2 places I had always wanted to see, and I would get to visit 2 of my Chalet sisters. I was ecstatic – the summer could not come soon enough!

IGGNITE was a weeklong camp in Tipperary, Ireland this



Aisling and I running the Be Limitless wide game at IGGNITE

summer, hosting over 2,000 girls from all around Ireland, as well as international staff and units from 15 other countries. Most of the girls were guide-aged, but there were also Senior Branches, and even Brownies came for 2 days to experience the camp.

My experience at IGGNITE was truly unforgettable. While I have participated in international Guide/Scout jamborees before, this was my first experience doing so as staff. While the experience certainly was a lot of hard work, it was so rewarding. I spent most of my time at camp leading one of the many activities the girls got to participate in during the week – it was such a great way to get to meet all of these girls. Seeing the smiles on



Campfire with 2000 girls at IGGNITE

everyone’s faces, watching the participants (and staff) make new friends, try new things, and experience all that Guiding has to offer – was an experience second to none. The activities at the camp included everything from advocacy stations focused on learning about climate change, social inequalities, teaching the girls what they can do to make a



A group of staff after the closing ceremonies

difference; to water obstacle courses, swimming, dancing, traditional Irish sports; to team building wide-games and overnight survival. Each evening there were activities, like opening ceremonies, Guides Own, swapping night, and even a camp wide talent show.

There were approximately 200 staff, and the experience of meeting and working with these women was incredible. I shared a tent with 5 of the other international staff, none of whom I had ever met before the camp, but by the time we had our bags unpacked it was as if we had known each other our whole lives. I met so many incredible women on the staff team, and those friendships are one of the best souvenirs I brought home from my trip. After a very successful camp, it was very hard to say goodbye to all of our new friends.



Enjoying time spent with my new friends at camp



Me and some of the international staff performing a skit at the camp-wide talent show

As hard as it was to say goodbye to my amazing IGGNITE experience, I got to leave the camp with my friend, Aisling, to spend a few days visiting with her. It was amazing that after not having seen each other since saying goodbye at the Zurich Airport after our summer at Our Chalet 4 years prior, it was like we hadn't ever been apart. After spending 5 days with Aisling and her family, I travelled around Ireland on my own for a few days, before meeting up with Aisling again for my last 3 days in the country. After an unforgettable adventure with Aisling to Blarney, Bunratty, the Cliffs of Moher, and the Aran Islands, it was time for me to once again, leave my friend. I visited Northern Ireland for a whirlwind visit to Belfast and the Giants Causeway, before

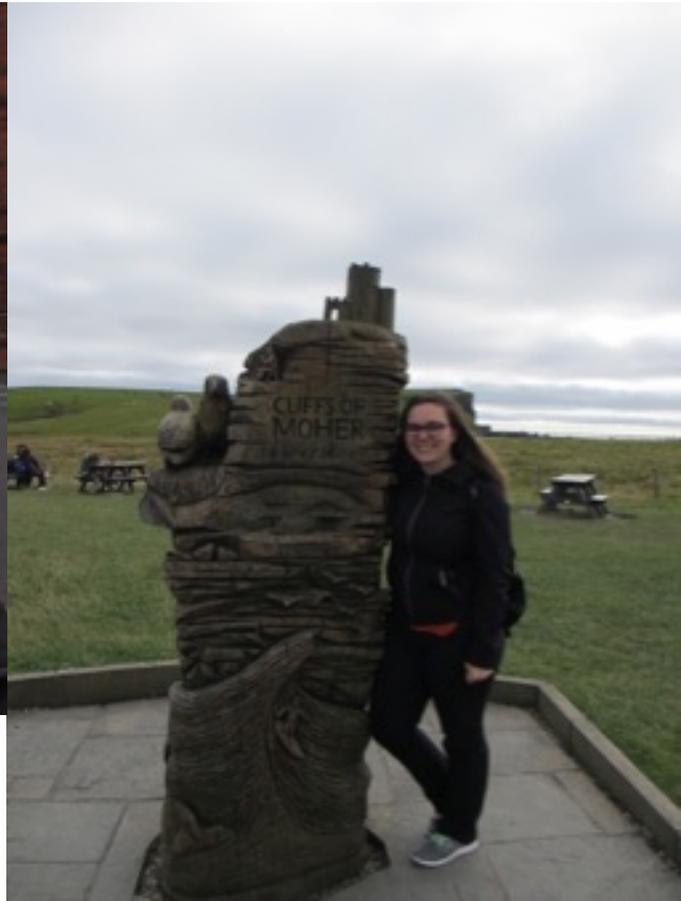
returning to Dublin to prepare for the next part of my adventure – travelling to Moscow for another Our Chalet ‘mini reunion’.

I arrived in Moscow, and was greeted by Alison, who had just returned from spending 3 weeks back volunteering at Our Chalet. She showed me around Moscow, while telling me about her latest visit to Our Chalet. We had a great time exploring the city together and catching up on everything we had been up to since we left Our Chalet. I spent a week staying with Alison and discovering Moscow. I got to see iconic sites like Red Square, St. Basil’s Cathedral, the Kremlin, Gorky Park, and so many more. My time in Moscow was remarkable – I am so thankful for Alison’s invitation, which made my dream to go back to Russia, a reality.

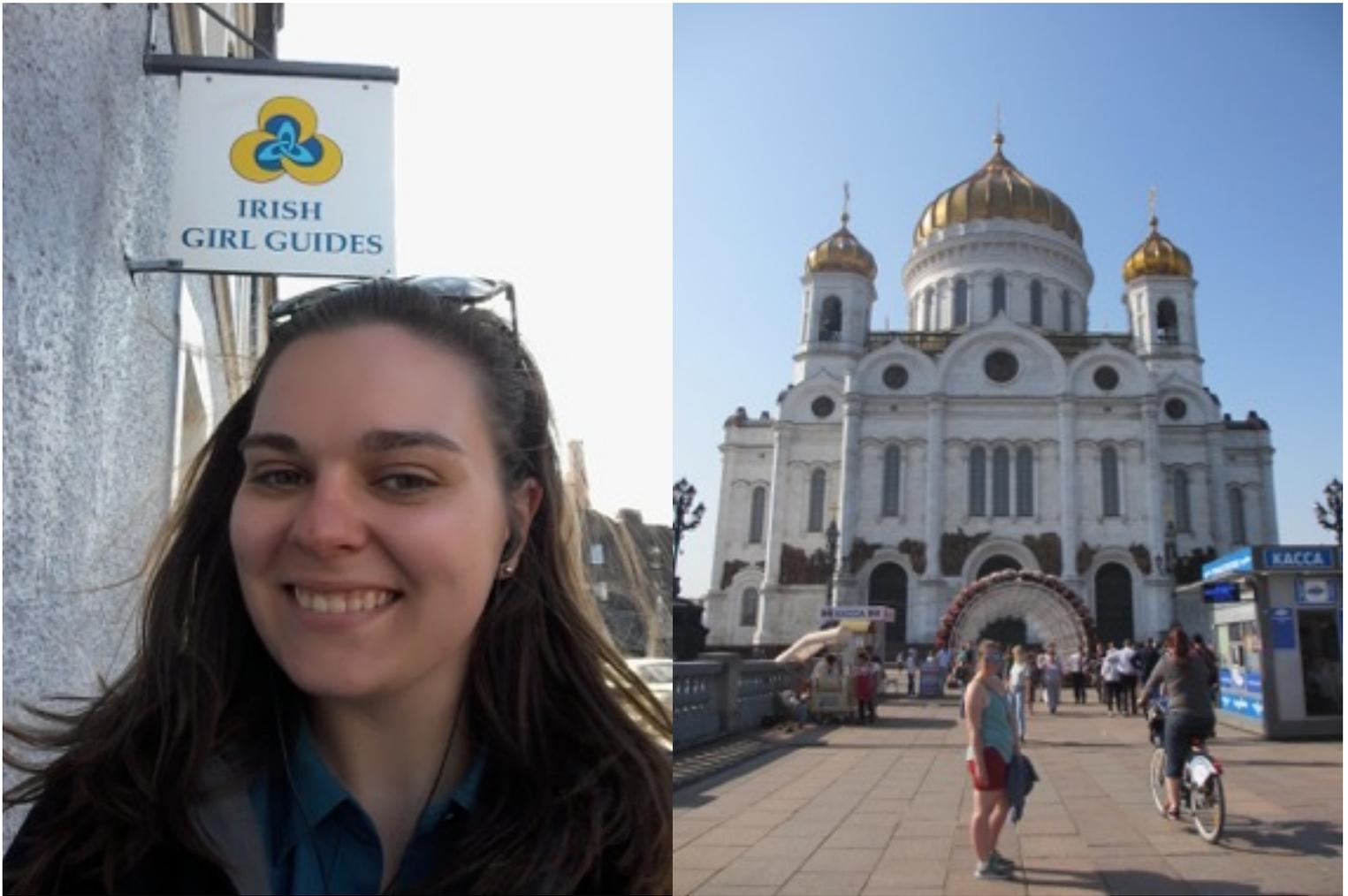
As with any incredible trip, the end came much too soon. Although it was very hard to leave, I looked forward to sharing my experiences and my stories with everyone I knew back home. I’m in touch with my friends from my travels, and they’ve extended invitations to come and visit them and to be a part of other international jamborees. While I was thrilled to get to be a part of IGGNITE, to travel around Ireland, and to explore Moscow, being able to share those experiences with my Guiding Sisters, it’s something words can’t quite describe. It is truly amazing how far Guiding can take you, and I can’t wait to see where it takes me next.



The staff shirts - names of the activity areas at camp, and also qualities each guide would develop at camp and in Guiding



Clockwise from top Left: Discovering the Titanic shipward in Belfast, NI; At the Cliffs of Moher to finish off a perfect day exploring with Aisling; Taking a break from cycling around Inishmore to enjoy the stunning views; Enjoying the beautiful city of Waterville along the Ring of Kerry.



Clockwise from top Left: Irish Girl Guides - my amazing hosts at camp IGGNITE; In front of the Cathedral of Christ the Savior in Moscow; It's not a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, it's even better, my Guiding sisters.





Clockwise from top Left:
Standing among Giants, at
Giant's Causeway, NI; Meeting
the participants at the Be
Limitless activity; Exploring
Gorky Park in Moscow with
Alison; Sunset at the staff
campsite at IGGNITE

Submitted by Danita Duguay, Lamplighter Editor

A Guider's Guide to iMIS

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Submitted by Carol Gamey, SVI iMIS SUPPORT

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In recent years there has been a major shift from paper forms to an online registration process for both girls and adults interested in joining Girl Guides of Canada. Paperwork for girls and non-members is no longer handled at the area level but is now being inputted at the Provincial office. This has necessitated a change in the way requests are handled and impacted the role and responsibilities of the iMIS Support position. Hopefully this document will be a handy reference tool that provides Guiders with the information they require to navigate the often confusing and complicated world of iMIS, our national integrated information management system.

To streamline the process and to avoid confusion and misdirection, Guiders should submit completed girl registrations (A.5Ps), unit assistant applications (A.7s) and new member interview forms (S.2s) to their district commissioner or her designate, who will in turn forward them to the responsible staff person in Vancouver. Please check the website for the most recent version of forms as we are not always informed when they are updated. (On memberzone, go to the bottom of the first page under links and click on forms. For example, the latest A.5P is dated March 2017 and only requires one signature and the most recent A.7 is from Feb. 2017).

When emailing scanned documents please ensure that the subject line indicates the nature of the request, that the original and the scan are legible (dark ink preferable) and that the individual's name, position, and iMIS number if known, and the iMIS numbers of the district and/or unit, is included where applicable. If this information is missing paperwork may be returned or inputted incorrectly causing a delay in registration.

All original paperwork must be handed in to iMIS Support before the end of June of the Guiding year for records retention purposes.

GIRL REGISTRATIONS – PAPER:

- Before submitting an A.5P, please include the image release form if the girl is new to Guiding or there is none on record, double check for a parental signature and date, include the iMIS number if known, with the name and iMIS numbers of the district and unit clearly legible. Please advise the commissioner if a subsidy is being requested, as this or a notation that payment has been received, **must** be registered on the form before it is submitted.

GIRL REGISTRATIONS – ONLINE ISSUES:

- Questions regarding the online process should be directed to Lynn Murray, murrayl@bc-girlguides.org. Area iMIS Support can determine whether or not a family account has been set up but the registration process goes on behind the scenes in screens that we do not have access to. If parents are having issues direct them to the 'frequently asked questions' screen on memberzone or direct them to support@girlguides.zendesk.com.

NEW NON-MEMBER REGISTRATIONS – A.7's:

- Because there may be financial implications if your district has a policy for reimbursing BackCheck fees, all completed A.7's, including the unit assignment/ position should be forwarded to your district commissioner. Province will send the BackCheck link to the applicant after inputting and it is up to them to connect promptly as they will be cancelled if the screening is not completed within an eight week window. There will be a \$23 charge, which may or may not be reimbursed depending on your district policy.

ADULT POTENTIAL MEMBERS:

- New potential members, current or former non-members, Guiders who wish to reactivate after an absence from Guiding of more than two months or transitioning members who have reached the age of majority should apply online to get the process launched. (Go to www.girlguides.ca and under Join Us select Start here to Volunteer). New members will be awarded the status of Adult Inquiry, and Province will contact commissioners to advise them that someone is interested in becoming a member in their district. If, after initial contact, that commitment is confirmed, they will be assigned an iMIS home and awarded the status of Potential Member. If they have an existing iMIS number, Province should amalgamate the records upon intake.
- Girl Guides of Canada has contracted with BackCheck, a private screening provider that processes Police Record Checks and references for new members and cover

the cost. A link via email will be sent to the applicant after inputting. Please advise all new applicants to check their junk email file as BackCheck requests may end up there depending on your email program. If computers are an issue a paper form is available – contact your commissioner for more information.

- Note: New guiders will not appear on unit rosters until their PRC has been entered into iMIS.

SVI IMIS SPECIALIST RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPECTATIONS

As a general rule of thumb, any *requests for changes that affect ratio or have financial implications* **must** come to svi.imis@gmail.com through the district commissioner or her designate. Once the girl or adult registration process has been completed Area iMIS Support can update personal records and contact information at a Guider's request, i.e. input missing information or add girl years/amend start dates so that membership pin years are accurate, amend girl and adult rosters and district directories, update unit demographics, enter awards and trainings, run reports and troubleshoot as before.

Members should be able to update their personal contact information and specify their skill set on Memberzone. Please take time to fill in the latter as it is a great help to be able to provide a list of individuals with expertise in areas ranging from animal care, conflict resolution, gardening, cycling, dance, drama, photography, website design, creative/technical writing to fundraising to mention just a few.

CHANGES TO UNIT DEMOGRAPHICS:

- iMIS Support (svi.imis@gmail.com) can update addresses, meeting time, frequency and day, unit start date and adjust latitude and longitude. Changes to unit maximum **must** come through the commissioner or her designate.
- Unit Guiders should keep their commissioner informed of any changes to their unit rosters, including requests for refunds and transfers. Each unit should have a contact guider designated.
- Requests to open or close units must be made through the district commissioners who will complete the required form and submit it to Province. Only they can request that a unit be hidden – this could be done in advance of spring registration for example if the unit is not reopening in the fall as active units cannot be closed until after Aug 31. Units cannot be hidden just because they are full. Girls who register in these units will automatically be placed on the unit waitlist.

TRANSFERS: Commissioners can request that iMIS Support transfer girls or adults to different units/districts within the Area. All girl transfers should be accompanied by a letter/ e-mail from parents if parent-initiated. Commissioners will forward requests for girl transfers between areas/provinces to the Provincial office for completion.

CANCELLATIONS:

- iMIS Support can cancel members and non-members at the request of a district/area commissioner. If you are making such a request please give them a reason if known – health, too busy, moved, daughter left, health etc., and be sure to use the right terminology. ‘Cancel’ means to end their active status with Guiding because they are stepping away from the organization. Avoid ‘remove from roster’ as it is too vague and can mean either cancel outright or just end that particular activity.
- iMIS Support can only cancel girls after a refund has been given if one is being requested. An accompanying letter or copy of e-mail from a parent is required - word of mouth is not deemed adequate.
- Parents who registered online, who meet the acceptable criteria and are within the allowable window, should follow the steps outline below to initiate the refund process.

Refund Guidelines

- *A full refund will be issued if Girl Guides of Canada is unable to provide placement in a unit or a unit is closed due to low enrollment or for unforeseen circumstances.*
- *A full refund less **\$20 administration fee** will be issued if the parent/guardian notifies the local Guiding office of the cancellation/withdrawal prior to the start of the fifth scheduled unit meeting.*
- *In cases where a girl joins after the unit meetings have started, refund will only be considered prior to the fifth scheduled unit meeting from her date of joining. **Refund is not based on attendance at the Unit meetings.***
- *Parents/guardians can send requests to registrationinfo@bc-girlguides.org with "REFUND REQUEST" in the subject line. The following information should be included in the email:*
 - a. *Girl first and last name, and address*
 - b. *iMIS number (registration number)*
 - c. *Brief reason for request.*
- *Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing.*

- *After a refund is issued to the credit card, an automatic receipt will be sent to parent/guardian email address on file.*

If parents/guardians have questions about this process, they can contact the Provincial Office at 1-800-565-8111.

AWARDS AND TRAININGS:

- iMIS Support can enter External Trainings (Swim and Boat Tests, Lifeguard certifications, Canoe/Kayaking and First Aid and equivalencies). The request must include a scan or copy of the relevant form or certificate, but only the swim and boat tests are required for document retention purposes.
- iMIS Support enters Training Recognition (SVI Treasurer's, New Guider's modules, OAL/Camp, Safe Guide etc.) These are usually sent directly from SVI Training upon completion. If Safe Guide is completed through e-learning that training will be updated by the system.
- Commissioners are responsible for keeping iMIS support up to date on awards and significant membership pins and thanks pins presented over the course of a Guiding year. If you notice yours is missing from your member profile, let the commissioner know and they will send along an updated list. Area presents membership pins 15 years and greater and merit awards, often at the Annual Gathering of Members in the spring, but for those recipients not in attendance those pins are given to the Commissioner to present at a later date.
- Guide Contact Guiders should submit the names of those girls who have completed the Lady Baden-Powell award. Province enters the Chief Commissioner's award and Canada Cord.

ROSTERS AND REPORTS:

- Unit guiders should have access to their own roster on Memberzone and they should check then frequently in the lead up to the start of the Guiding year. If guiders have trouble accessing them on memberzone first confirm that your status is active and that you have been assigned to that unit. If the issues persist email the memberzone helpline – support@girlguides.zendesk.com as passwords may need to be reset.
- Commencing in October contact guiders will be sent an email to advise them when a name has been added to their unit.
- iMIS Support can provide unit guiders with external training reports (like swim and boat tests and first aid) and unit award and membership pin reports as this information is not available on Memberzone.

WAITLIST:

- District commissioners receive unit capacity and waitlist reports at regular intervals over the late summer and fall and should be sharing this information with unit guiders. We have requested that memberzone rosters indicate that the unit has a waitlist but that remains on our wish list and may or may not be incorporated into the next upgrade, whenever that might be.

Why it's good to be in iMIS!

As we start this Guiding year, I'd like to remind you of all the benefits of having an up-to-date profile in iMIS, our membership database:

1. **It reduces paperwork (and who doesn't love that!):** As an integrated membership information system, iMIS records each Member's position, training, awards and qualifications and so much more. When your record is up to date, it goes a long way to ensuring our volunteers aren't bogged down with paperwork and inconsistent data.
2. **It saves time:** Accurate records provide the functionality GGC needs to increase efficiency, reduce duplication, facilitate communication at all levels, provide improved Member services and dedicate more time to developing great programming for girls.
3. **It keeps you connected:** Through iMIS and Member Zone, you can interact directly with other Members online – a great way to keep our Movement strong and our Members connected.
4. **It keeps you covered:** GGC's insurance policy provides coverage to you while you are participating in Guiding activities, making it imperative that you and all of your girls are in iMIS.
5. **It gives you full access to thegirlguidestore.ca:** With an up to date iMIS profile, you'll have full access to all areas of our online store as appropriate for your position.
6. **It keeps you in the loop:** When we have your current contact information and email address, it means you won't miss out on hearing about great opportunities or events for the girls in your Unit. And the best part? Updating this info is quick and easy to do yourself.

Submitted by Carol Gamey, SVI iMIS Support

An Experiment in Project Management for TRENCH Members

This year, our Trench unit voted to work on the Geocaching Challenge, which involved teaching another unit about geocaching. The Guiders decided to have the Trench do this as a self-directed project, which was both scary and exciting. Due to the nature of Trench activities, we are rarely able to give our members the freedom and planning responsibility that they should be experiencing at this stage. So, this geocaching meeting was the perfect opportunity for a low-risk experiment with leadership and project management for the girls.



Learning how to use the GPS



TREX teaching the brownies about geocaching

The approach we used was strongly influenced by Project-Based Learning, where the girls would gain meaningful skills and knowledge through planning, executing, and reflecting on a project. The role of the Guider was that of a mentor/facilitator. As I told my own team, “My only job is to make sure you don’t fall off a cliff. The rest is up to you!” They were fully responsible for executing the project, from communicating with the other unit to planning and leading the meeting.

First, we put out a call for units interested in participating. We then divided our Trex into small teams based on their weeknight availability and paired them with a unit and a Guider-mentor. The teams met at the end of February to begin their planning. They were given a worksheet which guided them through the process of conceptualizing their objective and planning how to get there.

- What’s fun about geocaching? Why should other groups learn how to do it?
- What skills or knowledge do you need to go geocaching?
- How old is the unit you will be working with? What can they reasonably be expected to learn or understand?
- How do you like to learn – what’s fun and effective?

- Plan your meeting. then, make a list of all the jobs that need to be done. Assign a person and a due date to each one.
- When and how will you next check in with each other?

At that point, we left them to their own devices. This was when some of the groups stumbled. By mid-April, one of the Guiders was having to intervene a more than we'd anticipated, but in the case of my team, they simply told me where and when to show up! The only authority override that I had to exercise was to say that we needed to arrive 40 minutes early – not 10 – to hide the caches and program the GPS units.

After the activity, each team and Guider-mentor had a short debrief and reflection. Here were some of the questions and answers from my own team:

- Was the meeting a success? Yes.
- How do you know? *The girls were engaged and focused on the activity.*
- What did you learn about leadership? *It's hard to stay calm when things are so chaotic, but you have to. It's important to explain things using words and ideas that the girls can understand, and to ask questions to keep them involved.*
- How did the planning go? *(*guilty looks and shifting feet*). Instagram was not a good choice for communicating. It's important to set target dates for tasks and check in with each other so as not to be rushed at the end.*

I also took the opportunity to identify successes and positive skill-development that I had observed throughout the project.

All the Guiders agreed that the project was a success, both for the other units and for our Trex. I am so proud of each team, and I am very much looking forward to doing something similar next year!

Submitted by Theresa Leask, Emily Carr Trex



Finding the geocash!

Peninsula Shores 'Build-a-Boat'

On Canada Day, this past summer, members of Peninsula Shores District entered into Sidney's annual Slegg Lumber Build-a-Boat contest; a much loved community event in Sidney. Teams of 3 are provided with \$100 worth of materials (donated by Slegg lumber) and are tasked to build a 'boat'. The only requirement be that it be built from the materials provided. The contraptions are then tested on the water in a fun race, providing no shortage of entertainment for participants and viewers alike. Three members of Peninsula Shores, Katie, Darlene, & Heather, built a Canada 150 themed vessel, and then took it out for a bob in the ocean. While they didn't win for speediest entry, they did take home the trophies for 'Crowd Favourite' and 'Most Creative Design'. Overall a successful, and fun day, enjoying the beautiful weather and Canada Day festivities!



Heather, Darlene, and Katie hard at work building their boat



**Submitted by: Danita Duguay,
Lamplighter Editor**

**Pictures by: Carole Whitehouse,
Peninsula Shores District
Commissioner**

**Above: The boat built by Healthier, Darlene, and Katie;
Right: The 2 trophies won by the Peninsula Shores Build-
a-Boat Entry**





Walking a compass trail

OAL Recognition

The SVI Training Team would like to congratulate those Guiders who have taken training in the last year and completed OAL (Outdoor Activity Leadership) training modules.

In SVI, Guiders take OAL training in two parts—first OAL Basic and then OAL Residential or Tenting, or both

Hats off to these Guiders who had previously done Basic and completed Residential Training in January:

Brenda Matthews- Woodwyn, **Heather Carley**- Peninsula Shores, **Liz Ashton**- Portage Inlet, **Angela McIndoe**- Bay to Bay, **Rhea Oak**- Camas, **Robin Alexander**- Lakes, **Melissa Dyck**- Bay to Bay, **Gwen Herperger**- Woodwyn, **Martina Redman**- Woodwyn. All received the green OAL training pin.



Camp Hats off to these Guiders who had previously done Basic and completed Tenting Training in September:

Cheyenne Duguay- Woodwyn, **Danita Duguay-** Peninsula Shores, **Angela McIndoe-** Bay to Bay, **Robyn Whitbread-** Portage Inlet, **Helen Brown-** Bay to Bay. All received the yellow enrichment training pin.

Would you like to expand your camping knowledge and ability to take girls to camp? Register for an upcoming OAL training.

Submitted by Brenda Fraser, all photos by Sheila Fowler



Top Left: We laugh a lot at trainings; Above: Playing a wide game; Bottom Left: Participants learn to make fire starters



Above: Rigging a tarp

Right & Below: What's for dinner-
chicken skewers, tinfoil veggie packets,
vegan chili and dutch oven biscuits. We
eat very well at trainings!





Discover SVI Camps Challenge (Revised October 2017)

The Discover SVI Camps Challenge was created in 2011 to encourage members of Southern Vancouver Island Girl Guides to get to know our camp properties better. Each of the three challenges will run until the supply of crests is exhausted. There is a charge of \$2/crest to help offset the cost of the crests. There are three camps on Southern Vancouver Island where the challenge is available, two with tenting sites and one residential.

- 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, water tank, 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. A box of challenge materials is available on site in the Kirby panabode. (Look on small shelf to the left of the door.)
- Milne's Landing 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. Laminated challenge maps and information is located in the sign-in kiosk.

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

- Sleep at the camp 2 consecutive nights
- Camp Skill
- Site History
- Ecosystem/Nature
- Guiding component (songs/skits/stories)

Once you have completed the challenge return the completed form with a picture of your unit to the SVI office. Crests will be mailed out to you. There is no charge for crests for SVI units. There is a cost of \$2/crest to non SVI units. Please note units may not request extra crests. The number of crests requested and the number of participants in your photograph should match (minus the photographer of course).

GPS units for units wishing to access the geocaches located on all three properties are available through the Area Camping Adviser. Rental on the units is \$10 for all 9 units per weekend or week.



Camp Jubilee Challenge – Bridges, Kirby or Gateway Site

Recommended for Guide age and older

Prior to Camp: Contact the SVI Camp Properties Bookings to obtain a short list of possible simple service projects.

At Camp:

1. Sleep in tents for a minimum of two consecutive nights at Camp Jubilee. Girls should 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 in the challenge box located in Kirby panabode.
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 lightweight 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. Check the BC Girl Guide Site under the Camping Resources tab for some great ideas.
4. Describe in writing or draw 5 terrestrial plants growing on Camp Jubilee property, then identify them.
5. The laminated map of Camp Jubilee has 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.
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: Return the Challenge Box to where you found it. Complete the challenge form and submit it along with a picture of your group at camp to the SVI Office at 938 Mason Street, Victoria, BC.



A Southern Vancouver Island Area Tri-Campsite Challenge

DISCOVER SVI CAMPS

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 submit a group photo of your entire group while at camp. We hope you had fun at camp. Please submit your form to the SVI Office to claim your challenge crests.



Kingswood Camp – Bill Reith or Freeman King Site

Recommended for Guide age and older. Can be adapted for Brownies tenting.

Prior to Camp: Contact the SVI Properties Booking or the site caretaker to obtain a list of simple service projects you may choose from at camp. Please note: If your unit chooses to cut *Daphnia*, an invasive plant found at Kingswood, it is poisonous. Everyone should wear gloves while cutting and handling the plants. Wash your hands thoroughly after your service to prevent contamination.

At Camp:

1. Sleep in tents for a minimum of two consecutive nights at one of the tents sites at Kingswood Camp. Girls should 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 stories in the information handout. The information handout and maps are located in the Kingswood kiosk.
3. The water for this camp comes from a well. It is located on the road near the upper site. The treatment facility to make that water potable, is in a small building with a dome on top located near the road to the upper tent site. Go to the well location. What actions can campers take to help keep the water clean and safe to drink?
4. Walk along a portion, 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?
6. Find 3 plants growing on site that were used by First Nations and learn what they were used for. Check the hand out on plants for clues.
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 in the dark or do a night activity.
9. All together, sing an action song at campfire in the evening.
10. Each write one thought or draw a picture of a favorite or special moment at this camp to share with your fellow campers.

After Camp:

Return the Challenge handout to where you found it. Complete the challenge form and submit it along with a picture of your group at camp to the SVI Office at 938 Mason Street, Victoria, BC.



DISCOVER SVI CAMPS

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 submit a group photo of your entire group while at camp. We hope you had fun at camp. Please submit your form to the SVI Office to claim your challenge crests.



Discover SVI Camps Challenge – Milne’s Landing

(Revised October 2017)

Challenge is open to all members who attend camp. Sparks and Brownies please do challenges #1 – 8, Guides and older challenges #1 – 10.

1. Sleep for two consecutive nights at either cabin.
2. Find out how long Girl Guides of Canada – Guides du Canada has owned Milne’s Landing Camp. What is different about the clothing the Leaders wore then and the clothing the Leaders wear now?
3. Walk down onto the estuary (grassy area near river). What did you see hear and smell there? Collect ideas from everyone and create a list.
4. Make a craft to attach to your camp hat.
5. Help with some mealtime chores.
6. Play an outdoor game or activity for at least 15 minutes.
7. Leaders or older girls set up an “Un-Nature Trail of at least 20 items for the other girls to follow. Remember to remove all the materials once everyone has followed the trail.
8. Listen to a story about Nature or Friendship.
9. Draw a picture or write about a favorite moment at camp, then share it with the group if you are comfortable doing so.
10. Guide aged and older only: Remember what it was like to be a Brownie at camp or a previous camping experience at this camp. What made the camp special and what happened that made you feel like you accomplished something? With all this in mind, create a camp itinerary. You may work in groups of up to 6.

A Southern Vancouver Island Area Tri-Campsite Challenge

DISCOVER SVI CAMPS

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.



Gone Home

Darleen Jubb (pictured below, left)



Darleen Mara Jubb, a former Area, Division and District Commissioner in SVI Area and Honourary Life Member was a member of Girl Guides for close to 60 years. She started her Guiding career as a leader in Alberta and Manitoba with an overseas stint in France and Germany before moving to Campbell River in the early 1970's. Upon relocating to Victoria, she served in many capacities including Area public relations adviser, member of the Archives Committee and the Commonwealth Chief Commissioner's Conference Planning Committee. A member of the 2nd Victoria Trefoil Guild from 1998 to 2012 and a frequent attendee

at National Trefoil gatherings across the country, Darlene moved to Surrey in the latter years of her life. She maintained that Guiding connection by joining the Semiahmoo Trefoil Guild in Surrey. One of her final wishes was that her sisters in Guiding sing Taps at her funeral in Victoria, and that wish was granted.

Heather Nicol (pictured right)

Heather Nicol started her Guiding life as an Australian Scout and her Canadian Guiding life as a Brownie Guider in Emily Carr Division and spent ten years as a Unit Guider and served a time as a Camping Adviser. Her passion for music led her to a position as a Music Trainer in



SVI Area and a position at BC Training Committee and to a variety of events and workshops.. She held positions at Division and Area Councils as Program and Training Advisers, as well as Deputy Commissioner of Lady Douglas Division. she was a member of the Faded Blues, 1st Canadian Internet and Peninsula Pals Trefoil Guilds. She was made an Honorary Life Member of Girl Guides of Canada in 1995 and will be remembered by many for her gifts of singing and story telling.

Joan Yazedjian

Joan Yazedjian spent her Guiding life in SVI Area, starting as a Brownie Guider in North District, Emily Carr Division in 1983 and her last Guiding years were as a member of the Faded Blues Trefoil Guild. She sat at BC Council as a Program Director (Senior Branches) and was a member of the SVI Training Committee. She sat on SVI Area Council as the Commissioner for Lady Douglas Division for five years and was a Deputy Area Commissioner. She worked with Guides in Camas and was a member several committees over the years, including Guide House. The list of events, camps and conferences she attended attest to her dedication to Guiding. While she had let her Guiding membership lapse in recent years she will be missed.

