



SVI NEWS

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EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER 1-888-884-2711 - To be used on all SG4 Paperwork where Provincial Commissioner is indicated

The SVI Area Commissioner Team will use the (250) 590-0744 number. If you have an urgent issue that does not meet the requirements for the provincial number, please call this number.

The SVI News is sent to every adult member and Ranger in SVI Area. All upcoming events and programming material are in the SVI News and the successes, highlights and community connections are in the *Lamplighter*, an E-Newsletter. If you have information that you want included in SVI News, please contact the SVI Webmaster at sviareawebmaster@gmail.com.

All issues of the SVI News can be found on our website (www.svgirlguides.bc.ca) under GUIDING IN SVI).

FROM THE AREA COMMISSIONERS' DESK

"We continue to be so very grateful to all our amazing Guiders for their innovative ideas, patience, and inner strength to continue providing such great program for all our girl members....it has been a long haul, and we know it's not over yet!

We truly know how challenging this is and we really hear the frustrations that are being voiced, not only about delivering program over a virtual platform, but for the cookie issues too. We hope that not having Spring cookies to deal with until the fall of 2021, will help to alleviate some of the current cookie stresses.

While we see that some Guiders' frustrations are being posted through Facebook, we feel confident that our SVI Guiders are following the proper protocols, and venting 'up the chain' rather than through social media. A huge 'Thank You' to all our amazing volunteers!"

Sharon & Deb

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AREA VACANCIES

- PR (Public Relations) Adviser
- Camas District Commissioner

SVI LEGACY FUND

A committee will be struck to determine the disposition of the funds from the sale of Guide House, once the Terms of Reference are finalized by Area Council. Stay tuned for information on submitting suggestions and a nomination form for joining the committee.

GUIDING LIGHTS ACROSS BC

Many locations around the province will be alight with blue lighting to celebrate Thinking Day (Feb 22) this year.

A list of participating addresses will be published by Province.

https://www.girlguides.ca/web/BC/Girl_Engagement/Program/Program_Challenges/BC/Program/Challenges_Activities/Guiding_Lights_Across_BC.aspx

News from AREA COMMITTEES

AWARDS

Please contact either Shannon Wills or Ebony Bilawka, for information/questions about awards and recognition: sviareaawards@gmail.com

TRAINING

BC Training collated some information on current Training opportunities and have forwarded that information to your DCs. See also:

https://www.girlguides.ca/web/MZ/Guider_Resource/Support_for_Guiding_Home/MZ/Guider_Resource/Support_for_Guiding_Home.aspx

Questions? svitraining@gmail.com

Leg Up National Virtual Training Convention

Registration has begun on the National website for this online conference running from Feb 23 to March 14. To start, choose one workshop from each of the three coloured categories: **Wellness Booster, Wow the Girl and Themed Meet-Ups**. Lots of interesting topics and dates to choose from.

https://www.girlguides.ca/web/MZ/Training/Leg_Up_virtual_training_convention/MZ/Training/Leg_Up_virtual_training_convention.aspx?hkey=c00cb9f8-a325-4bc8-a608-ac9f384ffa5f

INTERNATIONAL

All 5 WAGGGS World Centres will be closed for 2021, and reopen in 2022. But check out their online programming as they will continue to offer virtual programming and online resourcing/programming to use in your virtual meetings.

Our Cabana offering different webinars by donation for groups/units - different themes, culture/art/cooking and online virtual travel to World Centres.

Our Cabana webinar sessions (by donation) -

<https://www.facebook.com/OurCabanaMexico/posts/4110989605582241>

WAGGGS Resource Pages:

<https://www.wagggs.org/en/resources/world-centres-international-adventure-activity-pack/>

AND

<https://www.wagggs.org/en/news/world-centres-virtual-programme/?fbclid=IwAR15N788yKrHtchIGMz2YHvCxfde4i-rnDDrk7iqtrVanLCQhDEldpM77o>

Please reach out to Danita as she can offer international support to you and your units:

sviareainternational@gmail.com

PROGRAM

Erlene Amero has kindly stepped up to take on the position of Program Adviser for SVI. Thank you, Erlene. sviprogram@gmail.com

Erlene distributed some online meeting information to the DCs. If you have not seen the sheet, please contact your DC or Program email to get a copy.

HERITAGE BOXES from Archives

The boxes are still to be distributed to Districts once our current situation public health restrictions are lifted.

PROPERTIES

Day use of camps can be booked online for Kingswood and Milnes – outdoor sites. There will be opportunity to book the occasional weekend/day for unit meetings until March 28 (\$15.00 for 1/2-day meetings). Booking dates after March 28 will begin at a later time.

<https://www.svgirlguides.bc.ca/camp-booking-information>

UNIFIED BANKING

Let the sviub2020@gmail.com email know if you have any questions or want further training such as webinars. Unit Guiders are encouraged to take the training for an overview of the new system.

Guiders are welcome to view the PowerPoint presentation on Unified Banking on the SVI website's Financial Committee page.

<https://www.svgirlguides.bc.ca/financial>

CHOCOLATEY MINT COOKIES 2020

SVI Area has received 500+ cartons of cookies, if you would like to sell more and generate some funds for your unit. To order cartons of Fall cookies, try this link (Hold Ctrl key + Left Click): [2nd Wave Mint Cookie Order Form - SVI Area - January 2021](#)

If you have sold your cookies but have someone wanting to buy some, minty cookies are available at Thrifty Stores in the Victoria area.

National will be sending a notice in Guide Post to alert units when the date for payment of Fall 2020 cookies has been decided.

CLASSIC COOKIES 2021

For BC, a partnership has been negotiated to sell a large quantity of classic cookies through a retail partner in BC stores this spring. This will be the only type of classic cookie sale in BC during the spring months and all proceeds will be shared with BC

units, districts, and areas. All units will sell classic cookies in the fall. Additional details have been sent by email to BC members.

ADULT MEMBERSHIP FEES

Since BC Council pays the annual \$60 membership fees to National for all registered BC Guiders, they have been looking at the ratios between girls and registered adult members. BC Council is paying 1 adult member for every 2.54 registered girls (10,123 girls).

Moving forward, the expectation will be that all members whose membership fees are being paid for by BC Council will make an effort to be involved, to help out and to stay connected to activities being done by the girls.

If Guiders choose to pay their own fees, a tax deduction can be requested by using the *Charitable Donation Receipt Request* form found on the BC website under Volunteers/Finance/BC Council Documents:

https://www.girlguides.ca/web/BC/Volunteers/Finance/BC/Volunteers/Guider_Resources/Finances_For.ms.aspx?hkey=27190261-c263-4c35-b89a-f6b13329e3d9

LAMPLIGHTER

Thank you for the submissions to the *Lamplighter*. We are always looking for new material. Maybe you have done something in a Zoom meeting which really captured the girls' attention. Please share it with everyone via the *Lamplighter*. svilamplighter@gmail.com

AREA DATES TO NOTE – additional information on these activities can be obtained from your District Commissioner or the Area website:

<https://www.svgirlguides.bc.ca/> .

March 10 – Area Zoom meeting at 7:30

March 28 – you can book a day 'camp' at Kingswood or Milnes happening before this date.