



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.svirlguides.bc.ca) under GUIDING IN SVI).

FROM THE COMMISSIONERS' DESK

It has been very busy these past few months, with the planning and organizing of everything in Guide House with the preparation for our move-out date of January 30th. Many hands helped to make a lighter work load, and we really want to thank all of you who participated....we could not have done it without you! We especially want to thank the previous AC team of Gillian, Wendy and Adrienne who continued to liaise with the realtor until completion.

We realize that Guide House held so many wonderful memories for many of you, and can appreciate all the sentiments attached to the building. Change can be difficult at times, but the logistics of this move was not taken lightly, and this action to sell was deemed to be a timely one and in line with National's direction. The constant need for extra security of the building alone, was a challenge in itself.

As we move forward, we anticipate some much needed improvements to our three beautiful SVI Area campsites.

We look forward to another positive year, and working with all of our amazing Area members. We hope to see many of you at the AGM and SOAR! Deb and Sharon

SVI AREA GUIDE OFFICE

Guide Office has temporarily moved from downtown Victoria to Colwood.

New address: **#132-328 Wale Road, Victoria**

Same hours: M/W/F 10am-2pm

*Same phone number: 250-383-1712

*Same email address: svirlguides@shaw.ca

* not as circulated in January

AREA VACANCIES

- PR (Public Relations) Adviser
- Camas District Commissioner

NEW AREA APPOINTMENTS

Camp Booking - Shae-Linn Davies

Welcome to Area Council to:
Area Camp Adviser – Kathy Betts
Area Treasurer – Gillian Hurwood

Thank you, ladies for stepping up to take on these important tasks.

AREA ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2019

Districts, Advisers, Trex Units and Trefoil Guilds are advised that their submission for the SVI Area Annual Report is due to Area as soon as possible (March 15 at the latest please).



All Guiders are invited to submit photos for the Annual Report or the slide show at the AGM (Annual Gathering of Members) on May 30, 2020. Please send via email to bc-sviac@girlguides.ca with the subject line “AGM Photos”

NOTE: new date for the AGM is May 30.

FINANCIAL REVIEWS

Unit, District and Property financial records are due in for review as soon as the December bank statement has been received and reconciled. Please ensure that your books are complete, necessary forms provided and all documentation included before forwarding them to the next Guiding level up for review.

MINTY COOKIES

Let Guide Office know if you have any minty cookies for sale, in case they receive a request from the public.

CLASSIC COOKIE BLITZ

The Area Cookie Blitz weekend has been set for April 4-5, 2020. Be sure to let the Area webmasters know of your cookie locations and times so it can be posted on our website



sviareawebmaster@gmail.com

Also add your cookie locations to the Cookie Finder on the National website:

https://www.girlguides.ca/web/GGC/Cookies/FindCookies/Cookie_Finder_Map/GGC/Cookies/CookieForms/CookieFinderMap.aspx?hkey=d8785ba9-7dbd-4ec3-9dd6-3b2eb644a211

SOAR 2020

Patrols are expected to attend an Area pre-SOAR camp. The main date is June 5-7 with an alternative date of May 22-24, if unable to attend the June camp. Both camps will be a Camp Jubilee.

Be sure to check the SOAR website to ensure that you are up-to-date on the registration requirements. <http://soarbc.com/>

SOAR 2020: Camp Barnard, Sooke, SVI Area
July 24 to August 1, 2020.



AREA LIAISON for SOAR 2020

The area liaison for SVI Area has an email address: svisoarliaison2020@gmail.com. Please note that the email in the October SVI News was incorrect. This email address should work for you. Communications will continue directly with patrol guiders.

CAMPING VENUE RATES

As of January 1, all the camping venues have consistent nightly rates and bed subsidies. You can find the rates on the booking page:

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

OR on the bed subsidy page. The form is completed after the end of your camp:

<https://www.svigailguides.bc.ca/svi-rent-subsidy-forms>

GUIDING ARCHIVE ITEMS

Since Archives is not collecting new donations at this time, if you have a question, send them an email:

sviggcarchives@gmail.com

CAMPING SUPPLIES

Members of Girl Guides of Canada are eligible for 15% off regular prices for camping gear at Capital Iron, both in Victoria and Sidney.

SPECIAL NOTICE

A special Girl Guide only shopping night has been scheduled for **April 14, 2020** from 6-8 pm for all members of Girl Guides of Canada and their families, at the Capital Iron Downtown location on Store Street.

SVI AREA CAMPING EQUIPMENT RENTALS

An updated list of items for rent from Area is now on the SVI Area website under COMMITTEES/Camping. Look for the bright yellow buttons:

<https://www.svigailguides.bc.ca/camping>



AREA TRAINING DAY

Written material from the SVI Area Training Day in February can now be found on the SVI Area website under [COMMITTEES/Training](#).

BC Scholarship DEADLINE

Applications for BC Bursaries and Scholarships is March 18. See the [BC Website](#) for details.

TREFOIL RENDEZVOUS

Registration has closed for the Victoria edition of the Trefoil Rendezvous (April 17-19, 2020).

See the SVI Area website for information for registered attendees:

<https://www.svigailguides.bc.ca/trefoil>

A BETTER WORLD, BY GIRLS

Join the National Service Project by sharing your visions and ways to take action for your better world, from now until August 2020, check out <https://nsp.girlguides.ca/>! BC Council's "Period Promise" is part of that project (see the email sent to Guiders recently).

Everything she wants to be.

BRANDING WITH GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA

The Brand Centre on the National website, contains downloadable samples of all the brand information – logos, PowerPoint sample pages, unit colour information, signature blocks, graphic elements.

[https://www.girlguides.ca/web/MZ/Communications/Brand Centre/MZ/Brand Centre/Brand Centre.aspx?hkey=041cf6ef-eb0f-47a1-a518-a15ebb167721](https://www.girlguides.ca/web/MZ/Communications/Brand%20Centre/MZ/Brand%20Centre/Brand%20Centre.aspx?hkey=041cf6ef-eb0f-47a1-a518-a15ebb167721).

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

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

April 4-5 – Cookie Blitz

April 14 – One Day Shopping

April 17-19 – Trefoil Rendezvous

May 30 – Area AGM (Annual Gathering of Members)

June 5-7 - SOAR pre-Camp

May 22-24 - alternate SOAR pre-Camp

July 24 to Aug 1 - SOAR 2020 at Camp Barnard