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Pictured L to R from back row: Regan A., Sabrina M., Margaret C., Rachel S., April P., Cassidy H., Mirren L., Emma T., Hailey R. and Claire A.

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As we slide on icy footsteps into February, we edge closer to Thinking Day 2014. International has always been a favourite part of my Guiding life. When I was a young girl at my first district camp, held on Denman Island, we had a Miss World pageant and I was a "Miss Italy" contestant... I still own the crown with a small Italian flag, a clay 'leaning tower of Pisa' and a small plate of yarn spaghetti with felt bits sauce! It was a camp that filled me with excitement about this movement and created a great memory that I still hold on to, dec-

ades later!

As a Guider, I loved campfires and we usually took time each week to hold one at our meetings. I always enjoyed teaching new songs, building the repertoire of our unit to include lots of different ones from all parts of the globe. Tzena, Ira Congo, Skye Boat Song, the songs representing the four world centres... these and many more were always part of our camps.



Then, when my first SOAR occurred in Sooke in '98, we were thrilled to meet girls from far away. This happened

again and again at the many SOAR camps and Canadian Mosaics that I have attended with girls. It makes it that much more special when you have made friends with girls and Guiders from another part of the world.



Later I got interested in travelling internationally. I have enjoyed taking girls to Our Cabana, Star Northwest (Idaho) and - a real adventure taking eight rangers to Sweden and Denmark for a provincially sponsored homestay and camp. I treasure these memories - 26,500 members at the camp with over 3000 international participants from over 36 countries! That time, we were some of the exciting foreign guests.

As I have Norwegian heritage, I found a Guider comment on an internet wall from Norway and started up a correspondence that has lasted for



about twelve years and I even had the opportunity to meet her in Bergen when we were on a family holiday through Scandinavia. She travelled a long distance from her home to meet me and we spent a weekend together learning about each other's countries

and talking about Guiding.

There are so many ways to think about our Guiding sisterhood: finding games to introduce to your girls, songs to sing, crafts from other places, food to try. Even camp themes can have an international focus. I recall a camp we held at Kingswood during Christmas break that focused on holiday traditions around the world. Using these opportunities at Thinking Day and then expanding them beyond into your regular programming helps to make world citizens of us all. Learning about another country expands our global understanding and actually helps to make the world a smaller place for everyone. I encourage you to have a Happy Thinking Day and then use international ideas on a regular basis to build understanding and global friendship! SVI Area Commissioner, Sharon Doty



...To outgoing SVI Treasurer Janeen Sam. We owe you a big vote of thanks for joining our organization in November of 2012, taking on this very time-consuming and long-unfilled position, and for dealing with our finances so competently.

...To newly appointed SVI Treasurer **Cassandra Herbert**, who has been active in Guiding since 1999, as a girl, youth and transitioning member and now Guider in Straits District. Welcome to Area Council!

...To **Alyssa Robertson**, who has moved to Vancouver for work and has had to step down as Camas District Commissioner, a position she has held since September of 2012. Thanks Alyssa and good luck in Vancouver!

...To **Harla Batinovic**, who has taken over the position of District Contact for Camas. Guiders in that district will take turns attending Area Council meetings. A warm welcome to you all!

...To Jackie Fry and Lori McMorran for their support of the Mock Trial for pathfinders and rangers at the University of Victoria in November.

...To Laureen Dye (Woodwyn District) for preparing the amazing crafts for Guiders Craft

Night in November. Laureen is a great resource for the SVI Program Committee.

...To Becky Sutherland and Sarah Wilford, Sparks leaders in Harbours District, who discovered a break-in at Milnes Landing Camp early in January and acted quickly; to Gillian Hurwood, former Sooke Commissioner and Peter Wilford of the Milnes Landing Camp Committee, for coming so promptly to assess the damage; and to Teresa Howden, Camp Properties Liaison for communicating with the Sooke detachment of the RCMP.

...To **Suzanne Iverson** for taking on the organization of the SVI Girls' Recognition Ceremony in January even though she is no longer Awards Committee chairperson, to **Lynda Ireland** for her much appreciated assistance and to **Jessie Carr** for doing such a great job as master of ceremonies.

...To three of our young superstars who have just received word from National that they have been selected for International travel next summer. Congratulations to **Laura Fraser**, selected for the Journey Through London - Pax Lodge and **Maryna Ell** and **Christina Martinusen**, who will be attending Peru Adventure 2014. The selection process is extremely rigorous and we are very proud of you all. Well done!



2013 Canada Cord & Chief Commissioner Gold Award Recipients

Back Row: Apryl Taylor, Amber Robinson-Vincent, Michaela Pennell, Jamie Watley, Julia Fischer, Macy Preston, Isabella Lee, Katrina Britton, Mikayla Edmunds, Rachel Spencer, Kathleen Holland, Samantha Myers, Carenza Stevens, Alanna Lacharity, Courtney Hyde

Middle Row (seated): Maria Hoffman, Sheilagh Finnigan (SVI Deputy Commissioner), Hannah Carr, Dawnette Humphrey (BC Provincial Commissioner), Nicole Head, Katrina Bosecker

Front Row (floor): Meggin Crisp, Rebecca Hansen, Monica McIntyre, Natalie Fischer Absent: Julena Batinovic, Alyssa Fraser, Danielle Luzzi, Bailey Stuart, Kyra Tuggle

Guide Shopping Event @ Capital Iron

Downtown Location (Free Parking in the Store lot) February 26, 2014 6:30 – 8:30 pm 20% off Camping, Clothing and Footwear 15% off Coleman Products

This event is outside normal store hours. The camping department will be open to Girl Guides of Canada members and their families for this one time only event. Come out for a great deal on the new inventory of camping supplies. Get ready for SOAR and the spring/summer camp season. See you there.

Erlene Amero, SVI Camping Adviser



Campbell's Soup Labels

So far this season almost 2000 labels have been donated. This is a great start!

Most sincere thanks from me to the donors who keep the labels nice and flat; it makes trimming them sooooo much easier!

Please keep the labels coming in; your efforts to do so are truly worthwhile and appreciated by George Jay Elementary School.

Many thanks.

Yours in Guiding, Susan Woods Peninsula Pals Trefoil Guild



Attention All Guiders – SVI Needs YOU



Tell Our Story Meet the Media

Support Cookie Sales

Recruit Leaders

Have Fun

SVI Public Relations Team Approach

Event being planned for late April to build SVI's future public relations Interested Guiders please contact Colene Wood, girlguidespr@gmail.com by March 31, 2014



Kingswood Camp has recently updated and enhanced our two crests. While the original design has not changed, graphic and colour technologies have allowed us to add more detail and colour to our crests. New crests of both types will be available to purchase after **January 1, 2014** for **\$2.00 each.**

There are still some crests of the original designs available. These will continue to be available for **\$1.50 each** while supplies last. Please ask Chloe or Chris, the Kingswood Caretakers for crests while you are on site, or by email: chloe.faught@gmail.com or phone 778-433-1696.

New Kingswood Camp Crests! & New Price



SVI TRAINING REGISTRATION FORM 2013-2014

Name	IMIS # (if known)		
Address			
	Email		
Branch (age group you w	vork with)		
District			
Do you have any previo	us Guiding experience? Youth	years	
	Adult	years	
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7:00-9:00 pm			
Guide House			
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Everyone welcome. This is a no charge ever	ot		



Peninsula Shores Gets Magical!

a very successful Harry Pot-In late October, Peninsula Shores district held had ter-themed district camp at Kingswood. Earlier that month each girl received an invitation from Professor McGonagall as well as train tickets to travel to the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Upon arrival and before the day's activities commenced, the girls were sorted into one of four houses: Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, Gryffindor and Slytherin. They went on to play magical wide games at the Bill Reith site, make wands at Arbutus, were photographed by dementors (Wendy Kluge and Marilyn Maggiora) in Azkaban and made potions in the lodge. Dobby Elf the House (Merlane Quon) worked hard to feed us all.

Everyone came in costume, with many wizards and Muggles in attendance. Sparks and Brownies came for the day, Guides slept over in the lodge on the first night and then set up tents and camped on the second night and Pathfinders and Rangers camped at the upper site for the entire weekend. It was a great start to had time to bond event in more ways with the girls in their units. A wonderful time was had by all. It was a 'magical' than one.

Submitted by Tamara Fraser,

Peninsula Shores District WINTER 2014







From the Cover: Sooke Pathfinders Share The Joy Of Christmas

In December, the 1st Sooke Pathfinders wanted to plan a "Secret Santa" gift exchange. We decided we'd take the idea a little further and turned it into a service project, borrowing a tip from one of the internet idea-sharing sites for Guiding. After agreeing that none of us truly 'needed' another little trinket for Christmas, girls and Guiders decided to draw names and choose a gift for the person whose name we had drawn based on what we thought she might have liked as a young child. After carefully selecting and wrapping something for our secret friend, we had a lot of fun at our unit Christmas party exchanging and unwrapping, and picturing our younger selves

enjoying the gifts. We then donated all of the toys, books and games to the Sooke Christmas Bureau. What a great feeling it was to know that our special gifts were truly going to be appreciated by families in need in our community!

> Submitted by Sandi Arts, Kim Collins and Colleen Lafleur, 1st Sooke Pathfinder Guiders

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Milnes 75th Birthday Celebration

On July 21st Milnes Landing Camp celebrated its 75th birthday with a party to which the public were invited! The camp was scrubbed and shiny for its special day. Over 50 people attended the celebration that included games for the children, a tour of the campsite, a ukulele singsong, and of course, birthday cake. Visiting Brownies and Guides enjoyed the special display organized by the Archive Committee - a bell tent was set up and there was a wonderful collection of photos of the early days of camping at Milnes.



The lower lodge has had new siding and a paint job - with many, many thanks to the Rotary Club of Sooke – so it is looking refreshed. Many old time Guiders and past campers were impressed with the changes made to the camp over the last 75 years. Imagine having flush toilets! Many of these ladies had camped here when there were outdoor lats and you brought mats to sleep on the floor. The lower lodge had



a fireplace that you had to keep stoked all night if you wanted to stay warm. Times certainly have changed!

The Milnes Camp Committee would like to thank Joan Ruskowski and the Archive Committee, Sandi Arts for leading us in a singsong, Kyla Beattie for running games with the children, and Purple Shores Trefoil for looking after refreshments.

Submitted by Barb Kerr, Secretary, **Milnes Landing Camp Committee**

Remembrance Day 2013

In a longstanding and time-honoured practice, girls and Guiders from across SVI donned their uniforms and joined together on November 11th to commemorate both civilians and military personnel who served and died in the First and Second World Wars, as well as in conflicts since then, most recently in Afghanistan. 2013 was designated the Year of the Korean Veteran.

Each district has its own traditions and throughout the Area we attended ceremonies at the cenotaphs in Uplands Park, the Central Saanich, Sidney and Saanich Municipal Halls, Esquimalt's Memorial Park and Veteran's Memorial Park in Langford, at the Sooke Legion and at the Legislative Buildings. We marched in parades in Sidney, Sooke, Esquimalt and downtown Victoria. On our behalf, and as a representative of Guiding in B.C., Area Commissioner Sharon Doty, accompanied by Mackenzie Rampton, a junior leader



and second year Ranger with the 1st Victoria Rangers, laid the wreath at the Provincial Cenotaph ceremony on the grounds of the Provincial Legislature alongside members from Camas district.

In Langford, one of the largest contingents of Guiding members in recent years met at Veteran's Me-



morial Park and sang songs to entertain the crowd before the commencement of the ceremony. At the Saanich Municipal Hall all levels of Guiding were represented. Over 40 girls from Harbours District participated in a Candlelight Service on Nov 10th. The next morning they marched in the parade through Sooke and attended the service at the Sooke Legion cenotaph. Following the event, the Legion treated the youth participants to hotdogs and hot chocolate. This has been an annual event for some years now, and the numbers



have grown quietly over time – to their credit it is one of the best attended events in Harbours District.

The Veterans Affairs Canada 'Postcards for Peace' program is popular in the fall but participation is welcomed at any time; activities commemorating the contribution of our veterans need not be limited to Remembrance Day. In January, 2nd Woodwyn Guides participated in the 'Valentines for Vets' program, making cards that were distributed to long-term care facilities in time for February 14th. Check out the Veteran's Affairs Canada website at http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/stay-connected/social-media for their social media contacts and for ideas on how to stay involved year round. As the 'Canada Remembers' Facebook page states "Make remembrance more than something you feel. Make it something you do."

Submitted by Carol Gamey, Lamplighter editor





Peace

Peace is Love and Caring Peace is Friendship and Freedom When your at Peace your relaxed Peace is what ends fights big or small Peace makes this world work A peaceful place is defiantly for everyone Be a peaceful person and you'll have a good life Cause peace not war Peace is a beautiful thing Written by Victoria and Marin

Peace

Peace is happiness It comes when you are lonely It cheers you up Peace is a dove flying in the sky It is a beautiful night It brings joy to all who see it Peace is a friend someone who loves you Who takes care of you It will always be there for you Written by Teagan and Emily

Peace

Peace is good Peace is awesome Peace stops war Peace is good because there is no violence There are six different types of peace signs Written by Nicole and Destiny Peace is something we all have Filled with happiness not sad When Peace arrives, it washes away All our troubles dark and gray It is up to you to find your peace So try hard take a look Is it a memory Or is it a book Is it a sight you love to see Almost anything it could be Once you have found your peace to keep Share it with others still to seek Before you know it, the world will say We have this Peace and it's here to stay

Peace

Peace Badge Poems by the 1st Colwood Guides

Peace Passion Earth Animals Caring Eco-system

Written by Matthea and Jenna

Peace is like

Peace is like a thousand doves flying through the sky Peace is like the stars shining throughout the night Peace is like the ocean glimmering under the sun Peace is like the friendship between two little girls Peace is like the campfire glowing under the stars Peace is like a waterfall flowing down the cliff Peace is like a child sleeping silently in their crib Peace is like that special person very close to your heart Peace is like going for a nature walk in the woods Peace is like canoeing silently over the top of the lake Peace is like an angel sleeping on a floating cloud Written by Maggie and Melina

Peace Peace is Peaceful Peace is when you feel calm Peace makes you feel safe and secure Peace is when you feel happy Peace is amazing You can be in Nature You can be in Nature To feel peace you can be in a quiet place You can be by the ocean or the river Doves can make you peaceful The sunlight can make you peaceful too You can have something that makes you feel peaceful Peace can be everywhere Peace Bocks

Written by Alycia and Brooke

Peace

Peace is about love, happiness, and joy When it is peaceful, it is calm and relaxing Relaxing can be very peaceful Peace Peace Peace Peace is fun and happy Peace is a breath of air Peace is freedom There are different symbols, doves being one of them Written by Brianne and Hanna

Peace

Peace, desired peace, all global wars must cease To save our earth, we must decrease all violence and wars and restore our peace All the doves must fly again to raise the spirits of the fallen men We here have it all, our food, our shelter, and this great hall But some people in Africa ain't so well cared for and those are the ones we should be scared for Now lift up your heart and open your eyes You'll find what some people are doing a great surprise. Written by Jessica and Sash



Rangers are generally very busy girls, but sometimes we manage to coordinate our schedules and arrange a get-together. Earlier this February, the Rangers from Harbours, Pacific Skies and Peninsula Shores held an urban camp at Guide House. An activity-packed weekend began with a potluck supper on Friday night. Then, together with several Rangers from Raven district we worked with the Area Camp Adviser,

Erlene Emero and other guiders to organize the upcoming Sparks Spree. Terrific ideas were shared, plans were made and jobs allocated, as the Rangers will be running the show.

On Saturday we braved the cold and went – where else – shopping! Not just shopping – a scavenger hunt through the Bay Centre where we posed for photos with mannequins, searched for the passport office and tried on shoes.





We took advantage of the wedding exhibition at the mall, had fun in a photo booth and enjoyed a burlesque performance. Back at Guide House we worked on our service projects – we made ten fleece blankets for Transition House and about forty decorative spring-themed napkin rings to be used as tray favours. We also had a visit from DJ Jen who let us all try our hand at mixing music and then entertained us for the



evening. A late night movie and s'mores (of course) rounded out the camp. It was a wonderful opportunity for Rangers from across SVI to get together, have some fun and get to know each other.

Submitted by Maryna Ell, Sooke Rangers, with assistance from Gillian Hurwood, Sooke District



REKINDLE - What is it?

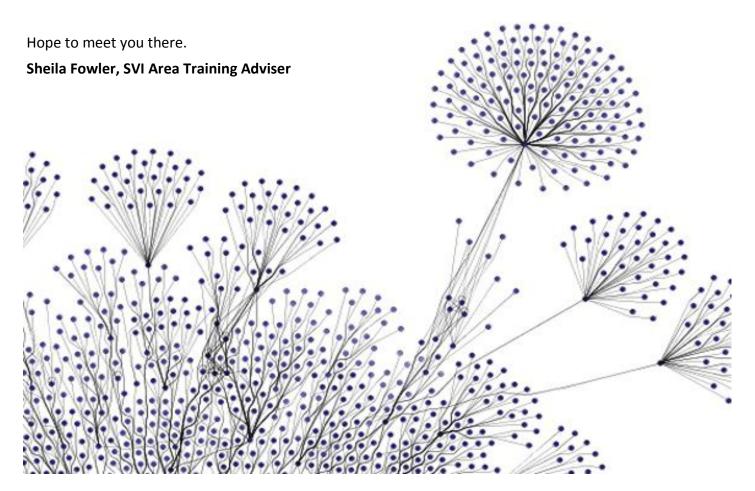
Rekindle is a biannual event held in the spring. It is designed to give Guiders the opportunity to connect with each other and experience the sisterhood of Guiding. There is time for conversation, sharing, learning and doing.

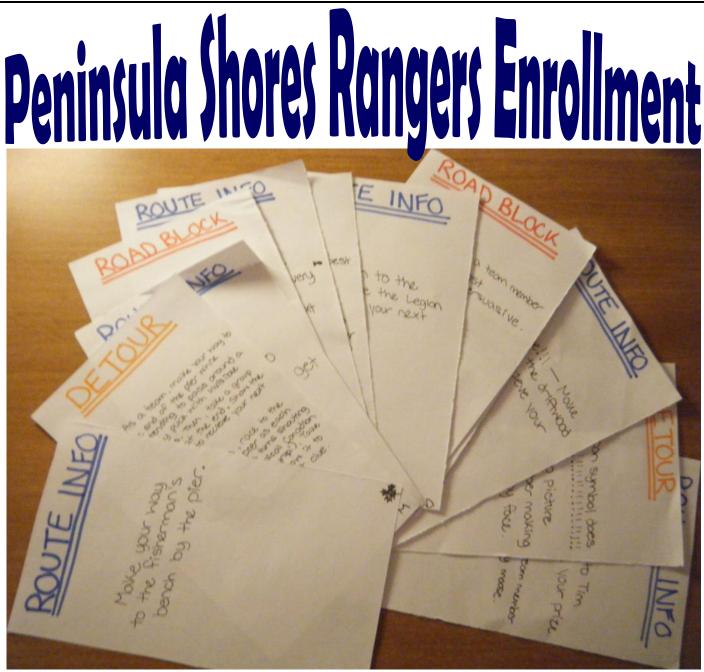
This year's theme is 'Connecting the Dots'. Those connections will be made as you progress through the weekend. Three training modules will be offered: All About Your Branch, Building Unit Guider Skills and Getting Outside.

There will be time for sharing, learning some of our favourite Guiding songs and traditions, free time and, of course, good eating and minimum chores. We are requesting a donation of \$1.00 per day that you are in attendance to help pay for cleaning the facility at the end of the event.

Overnight registration is limited to 18 Guiders. At the time of writing there were still six to seven spaces available. For those who opt to attend during the day only, check the SVI website - <u>http://www.svigirlguides.bc.ca</u> - under the Training tab for the cost breakdown. You will find the registration form there as well.

Consider giving yourself a break. Sign up to enjoy spending time with other Guiders. If you have questions, please contact me at svitraining@gmail.com





On December 7th, one of the coldest nights of the year, the Peninsula Shores Rangers welcomed seven new members into their unit. As part of their enrollment ceremony, the third year girls planned an "Amazing Race" in downtown Sidney. Among other unique challenges the new Rangers had to go to the end of the pier and yell out Canadian sayings like (we don't live in igloos!), make whale noises (and video themselves) outside the Shaw Discovery Centre, sing "Oh Canada" at the bandstand, pose in front of the eagle statue on Beacon Ave. and debate why certain things should be on the Canadian flag in front of the Army Navy & Air Force Veterans Club. They had a blast and, of course, ended their celebration in the most Canadian of ways with a visit to Tim Horton's for maple donuts!!

Submitted by Sheena McCullough, Peninsula Shores Rangers



Pictured L to R Kyra, Katrina, Carenza, Michaela, Nicole, and Sammy, with Julia kneeling.





What: Rally in the Valley is a Trade and Shout day. Trade crafts, crests, and pins in the morning, and enjoy a sing and shout with your new Guiding friends after lunch.

Who: 4000 members of Girl Guides of Canada – Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders, Rangers, Link, Trefoil and Leaders all welcome.

When: June 8th, 2014, 9am-3pm

Where: Stetson Bowl, Cloverdale Fair Grounds, 6050A -176th Street, Surrey, British Columbia

Cost: \$5.00 per participant. This includes the cost of the venue and event crests. Extra leaders and Trefoil Guild can sign up with a unit or by themselves.

Paperwork timeline - all communications will be done via email

Registration deadline: March 23rd, 2014

Registration submissions must include registration form(s), photocopy of first aid certificate(s) and cheque(s).

Acceptance notifications will be sent out by March 31st, 2014 - this will include a kit list and a map.

Deadline for song requests: March 31st, 2014

No refunds will be issued. Units that are not accepted will have their cheques shredded.

Transportation/Parking

Please use buses where possible. We have a designated parking lot, but spots may be limited. There will be a drop-off location for people arriving by bus. Please let us know what mode of transport you plan to use.

Ratios

Please use yellow level ratios for this event. Event volunteers cannot be part of ratio for a patrol. Minimum one first aider per unit. *Patrols using parent helpers: parents must be registered in iMIS as a non-member with a PRC.*

Seating

There is general seating in the grand stands for 4000. Sit-upons are recommended. EZ-Ups will not be permitted.

Food

Bring paper bag lunches. There will be a limited concession. NO in/outs to get food, NO BBQs or camp stoves please.

Kit List

A full kit list will be sent out with the acceptance notifications. Please be sure to dress for the weather.

Song Requests

Please send all song requests to <u>rallyinthevalleyggc@gmail.com</u> with "Song Requests" in the subject line. Deadline for requests is March 31st, 2014. Please note: not all requests will be selected, but we will try our best.

Payment

Cheques are to be made out to "Girl Guides of Canada – Fraser Skies Area" and must be mailed with your registration paperwork to:

Rally In The Valley, c/o Crystal McCamley 8091 210th Street, Langley, BC, V2Y 0K2

Other

No in/out privileges. No pets.

Updates and FAQ will also be posted on the Fraser Skies website at: www.fraserskiesgirlguides.com

Please direct all inquiries to rallyinthevalleyggc@gmail.com



Adult to girl ratios must meet yellow level ratios for Rally In The Valley. Parent helpers are welcome in order to make ratio, but MUST be registered as a second or extra leader with a valid iMIS number.

All applications can be mailed to:

Rally In The Valley c/o Crystal McCamley 8091 210th Street Langley, BC V2Y 0K2

Please direct all inquiries to rallyinthevalleyggc@gmail.com









2015 World Centres Tour!

From Canada:

17 Feb – depart Toronto for Mexico City 25 March – depart London for Toronto

From Australia:

27 February 2015 – Depart Sydney for Singapore 3 April 2015 – Depart Mexico City for Sydney

* Note dates may change slightly due to flight availability

Tour Outline:

- 17-26 Feb: Our Cabana/Mexico City (Canadians)
- 26 Feb: Canadians depart for Singapore
- 27 Feb: Australians depart Sydney
- 28 Feb-2 Mar Singapore (Australians joins with Canadians)
- 3-10 Mar Sangam, Pune, India
- 10-12 Mar: Agra/Delhi India
- 13-20 Mar: Our Chalet, Switzerland
- 20-25 Mar: Pax Lodge, London, England
- 25 Mar: Canadians return to Toronto
- 25-31 Mar: Our Cabana, Mexico (Australians)
- 1-2 Apr: Mexico City (Australians)
- 3 Apr: Australians returns to Sydney

Cost:

To be advised

For more information and to express interest/reserve a place contact:

Australia: Sally Thornton: <u>sallyfthornton@gmail.com</u> Canada: Nancy Walsh: <u>nancy@goingplacestogether.com</u>

International friendship - Cultural exchange - Community Leadership Outdoor adventure *and more!*

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