



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 continue to use the (250) 590-0744 number and it will be monitored by a Council member until a new AC team is in place. 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).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AC Team update

As a replacement(s) have not yet been found, Darlene Kent, Deputy Provincial Commissioner is now the Acting AC for SVI Area (1-604-785-2431). You can continue to contact the SVI Commissioners gmail if you have questions or you can contact Darlene directly at dpc-dkent@bc-girlguides.org. If you are interested in discussing the position responsibilities, please contact Darlene. This important position can not be vacant indefinitely so please think about Guiders who you think could take on the leadership of our great Area.

HELP WANTED!

We also need:

- Area Council Secretary
- Area PR Adviser
- Area Awards Adviser
- Chair - Bowker Hall Committee
- Chair - Guide House Committee
- Chair - Jubilee Camp Committee

FOOD SAFE COURSE

There is still room in the Food Safe course (Nov 3 at Guide House: 9am-4pm for \$40) Please contact Guide Office at 250-383-1712 for more information.

AREA ARCHIVES

Check out the new blog created as an online presence for our Area's archive collection: sviggcarchives.blogspot.com. Archives also has a new email address for questions about the collection: sviggcarchives@gmail.com.

GUIDE HOUSE

Now that the decision to sell Guide House has been approved at Area and Province, the transition team is looking for input from local Guiders about alternatives, requirements, opinions. If you have something to contribute or would like to join the team, please email to awgggc@gmail.com.

SERVICE AT CAMP

There will be a list or job jar at the camps with options for small service projects. If possible, please try to incorporate 15 or 20 minutes into your camp schedule to have the girls complete one of these tasks



CAMP COMMITTEES

All 3 camp committees are looking for enthusiastic members who would like to see our camps grow and flourish. Contact sviareaproperties@gmail.com if you are interested in attending a few meetings per year to plan for the future.

CAMP CRESTS

We would like to have a NEW CREST competition for both Kingswood and McKivett Lodge. Make your mark, by having your crest collected by guiding members for years to come! Deadline for submissions **December 1st** - to sviareaproperties@gmail.com (hopefully available for 2019)

IRON CHEF CREST



Submissions of crest designs are requested before Dec 14 to Guide Office. This crest will be used for the Iron Chef competition in 2019, sponsored by the Camping Committee. Requirements on the SVI website: <https://www.svgirlguides.bc.ca/camping>

COOKIE MONEY

All minty cookie money is due to Area by November 14, 2018. Please check with your District Treasurer to find out the due date for your Unit cookie money to District.



AREA TRAININGS

More trainings have been scheduled for the fall (Safe Guide and Treasurer). See the below and the website for the events at the Sidney Guide and Scout Hall in November.

(<https://www.svgirlguides.bc.ca/training>)

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

Nov 3 - New Guider Training and Food Safe

Nov 7 – International Night at Guide House

Nov 14 – Cookie money to Area

Nov 17 – OAL (Outdoor Activity Leader) Basic and Residential

Nov 24 – Safe Guide

Nov 25 - Treasurer's

Nov 14– Cookie money to Area

Nov 30 – BC Council crest deadline

Dec 1 – Kingswood and/or McKivett Lodge crest

Dec 14 – Iron Chef crest contest closes

Apr 28 – Iron Chef competition for Guides and Pathfinders



GIRLS FIRST

Watch for updates on the new Girls First program.

The updates can be found at

http://www.girlguides.ca/web/girls_first

If you would like to talk to one of our three SVI Girls First Champions, please email

svirlsfirst@gmail.com

MEMBERS AT LARGE

New Guiders who do not complete their Safe Guide training within six months of joining will be made Members at Large and will be invoiced for their membership fees. Safe Guide training is available online or live with Trainings on the SVI website: <https://www.svigailguides.bc.ca/training>.

AREA PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Plans are underway for a Ranger event in January and a Brownie event in the spring. Area Rangers are encouraged to be involved. If you have some ideas and energy to help with either of these events, please contact sviprogram@gmail.com.

NEW BC CREST

BC Council is looking for a new crest. Deadline is November 30. Info and submissions to: bccrest2018@gmail.com



NEW BRANDING

[Brand Centre](#) has downloadable samples of the new trefoil or logos.



SOAR 2020

Deb Oakley and Cathy Cook have been named as the co-responsible Guiders of the next SOAR. The search for Committee heads is in progress and the location of the camp is pending. <http://soarbc.com/>



SVI CAMPING PROPERTIES

The SVI Properties Committee encourages all Guiders in SVI to come and enjoy our beautiful properties. We have a wide diversity of locations for girls to enjoy safe, affordable accommodation while exploring their programming options.

Bowker Hall is a residential option in Oak Bay. Staying here often allows for the visits to the Fire department or a walk to Willows Beach.

Kingswood is close to town, bordering Beaver/Elk Lake and the trails to Bear Hill or over to the Commonwealth Pool. The Lodge has had numerous updates and is fun with the bunk room and comfortable interior.

Camping at either **Bill Reith** or **Freeman King** site, is always a great option to get your girls outdoors, while being close to town.

Milnes Landing has had some improvements that will make your sleepover much more comfortable at both the Upper and Lower lodges. Views of the estuary from the Lower Lodge or the forested setting of the Upper Lodge, these settings are always changing and allow girls some space for safe exploration and a cosy retreat when the weather brings you indoors.

Camp Jubilee is our largest and most rustic campsite. It is a beautiful forested area with 3 distinct camping areas. There are Platform tents on Kirby to reduce the work for Guiders and provides comfortable tenting opportunities for the girls. All sites have covered cooking shelters and offer lots of space for girls to enjoy the outdoors, so bring your tents and improve your camp skills.

Get out and enjoy your properties.