

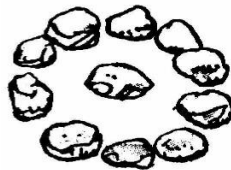


EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER 1-888-884-2711 - To be used on all SG4 Paperwork where Provincial Commissioner is indicated

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

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 that is also an E-Newsletter.

All issues of the SVI News can be found on our website (www.svigirlguides.bc.ca) under Guiding in SVI).



GONE HOME

Chloe Berry (3rd Victoria Spark) and her younger sister Aubrey - December 25, 2017

Southern Vancouver Island Area sends condolences to the family and friends of Chloe and Aubrey and to the Guiders of the 3rd Victoria Sparks and Chatham District. The Unit Guiders are working on a special way to commemorate the lives of these two little girls.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adrienne, Wendy and Gillian will complete their term as your Area Commissioner Team on June 30, 2018. Watch your email for an opportunity to nominate your next AC.

Peninsula Shores District has published a book! Saffron the Slug was written and illustrated by the girls and Guiders of the District and is being released at the Sidney Library January 23, 2018

Rally on the Rock – for those of you who have always wanted to attend Rally in the Valley on the lower mainland, SVI Area has committed to hosting the Island equivalent – Rally on the Rock – in 2021. Yes, this is years away but as we all know, time flies in Guiding. Anybody who might be interested in getting involved in the planning of this day long event, please contact the AC Team. Note that there will be an up-island version held before SVI hosts.

ATTENTION: TREASURERS!

New forms for tracking your unit funds are going up on the website (very very soon) at <https://www.svigailguides.bc.ca/financial>. These include a new and improved spreadsheet as well as all the forms you need to manage the finances in your unit. These are required to be used by all treasurers effective now! If you have any questions please contact your District Treasurer or our Area Treasurer.

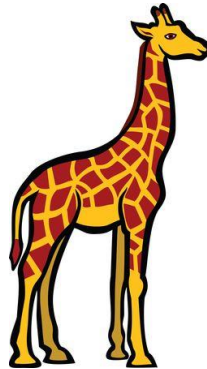
NEW AREA CRESTS

If you haven't got your new SVI Area crest yet, contact Darcy at svigailguides@shaw.ca to place your order. She has the new Guide House crests too!

CREST ALERT – CAMP JUBILEE

New Camp Jubilee crests will be available for your camps this spring. Watch this space for the new design.

A GRAND AFRICAN ADVENTURE



Five SVI Trefoil members joined other Canadian Trefoil Guiders on an African Safari to Kenya and Tanzania this past fall. Sheilagh Finnigan, Carol Gamey, Sharon Lohr, Suzanne Iverson and Lynda Ireland invite SVI adult members (including Rangers) to a photo/video presentation on this exciting once in a lifetime trip.

Monday February 19th at 7:00 pm at Guide House.

Donations to CWFF would be greatly appreciated.

TRAVEL SELECTIONS

Congratulations to the following SVI Girls selected by the Provincial International Committee to participate in Colours of the World in Vancouver this summer.

Rhi-Ella and Kate (Chatham), Lila (Harbours), Tamara (Camas), Alexis (Straits).

Girl selection by National to travel are:

Kirsten (Bay to Bay) – England

Jocelyn (Raven) - Australia

Amy & Meagan (Woodwyn) – Australia (alternates)



ANNUAL REPORT

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 (February 15 at the latest please).

All Guiders are invited to submit photos for the Annual Report or the slide show at the Annual Gathering of Members (May 2018 – date TBA). Please send via email to [svicommissioners\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:svicommissioners(at)gmail.com) with the subject line "AGM Photos"

AWARDS



While Awards can be given at any time of the year, they are most often considered for the end of the year. Area Awards Adviser Daphne McGregor-Greer is available to help any Guider

nominate another Guider for an award. All Guiders are encouraged to look at the Guiders they work with and discuss possible awards with Daphne. Please note that ANY Guider can nominate and be nominated. Check out [the list](#) of awards available.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Rangers! – Scholarships are available at all levels of Girls Guides. Deadlines are different depending on the awarding Council. Visit Provincial, National and SVI websites for information.

Adult students – GGC has scholarships for you too!

LAMPLIGHTER

Deadline for the next issue of the Lamplighter is February 1, 2018. The editor would love to have write ups and photos of your activities. Send to svilamplighter@gmail.com or share them with PR for the Facebook page – girlguidespr@gmail.com or text [250 516-4346](tel:2505164346).

DATES TO NOTE (Training noted separately) – additional information on these activities can be obtained from your District Commissioner or the relevant Area Adviser (*in italics*)

February 23-25 – Cupcakes and Candles Camp (*International*) for 3rd year Guides and Pathfinders (in patrols)

April 15 – Spark Spree

April 22 – Camp Clean ups – please share NOW with your parents

April 27-29 – Advanced Camp Skills for Guides (*Camping*)

SVI AREA ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Please let your families know about our Facebook page – Girl Guides of Canada Southern Vancouver Island Area and our Twitter feed @VictoriaGuides.

Check out [this video](#) made by Area PR Adviser Cassandra Herbert at Discovery Camp last fall. It was shared with BC Council at the November meeting.

THE INTERNET!

There is an abundance of information available on various Girl Guide sites around the web. Many questions are asked on these sites that would be better addressed at a local level as Guiding does differ depending on your province or even your Area. Please check in with your District Commissioner first and, as always, don't believe everything you read on the internet!



TRAINING DATES (Registration form available on SVI website)

January 2018 – OAL Adventure Training - postponed
February 3, 2018 – Area Day – Training, networking and fun - REGISTRATION FORM was sent out via email recently. Please consider coming for all or part of the day – share in the guiding community – deadline for registration is January 19 – don't miss it!

April 14, 2018 – Outdoor Cooking Day (Kingswood Camp)

REMEMBER – if your District wants a specific training, the Training Team will come to you!

PLEDGE OF CONFIDENTIALITY

Every Guider and non-members who have access to confidential information (treasurers, first-aiders at camp) are required to sign the Guiding [Pledge of Confidentiality](#). If you haven't already done so, please print this out, sign, submit to your Commissioner who will have it input to your IMIS record.

CAMPING IN SVI

A reminder from the Properties Committee to check the SVI website for the latest information about camp availability and camp bednight subsidy forms. There is a new form for booking and bednight subsidy forms have also changed.

Milnes Landing has undergone a massive improvement – the lower lodge has a brand new metal roof. However, the work revealed some serious issues with the roof decking which resulted in a costly overrun. To help us maintain and keep our camps, Area Council encourages every Guider to consider using all our camps as much as possible but specifically to please try and use Milnes at least once per year. We would like to see the Milnes calendar fully booked to help replenish the camp's funds.

HELP STILL WANTED!

Cupcakes and Candles Camp (Feb 23-25) is looking for a Quartermaster. If you are interested in cooking for this large group (80-100 people), contact Denise Howden at denah@shaw.ca.

We need:

- Chair - Bowker Hall Committee
- Chair - Guide House Committee
- Chair - Jubilee Camp Committee
- A skilled building inspector – required once per year for four properties with buildings
- Members of the Archives Committee
- Area Council Secretary