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

WELCOME BACK TO GUIDING for 2019-2020

Deb Buckle and Sharon Lohr, your new AC team, have been spending the summer catching up with their families and getting ready for an exciting year, with a new AREA EMAIL - see below.



SVI AREA SUMMER EVENTS

Some other Guiders were busy this summer also, with Arts & Glam Camp and DipNSwing Camp, both held at Kingswood for Guide age girls. These camps were a great preparation for SOAR next year. Hopefully, we'll see an account of these camps in the next *Lamplighter*.

GIRLS FIRST

The SVI Area training committee will be offering sessions this fall – see the SVI Area website under COMMITTEES/Training for a list of trainings.



AREA VACANCIES

SVI Area Council needs:

- PR (Public Relations) Adviser
- International
- Camping
- Treasurer

Darcy at the Guide Office has copies of the job descriptions, if you want to see what is expected. Please consider taking on one of these important tasks.



BC COUNCIL EMAILS

BC Girl Guides have changed all their emails. A list of all the emails can be found at: www.bc-girlguides.org > Volunteers > Contact Us

This also means that the **SVI Area Commissioners'** email has changed to: bc-sviac@girlguides.ca. As in BC Council – SVI – AC (Area Commissioners). You might want to change your contact list.

FALL COOKIES

Cookie Blitz will begin the weekend of October 5-6, 2019.



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

https://www.girlguides.ca/web/GGC/Cookies/FindCookies/GGC/Cookies/Find_Cookies.aspx?hkey=a8518de9-46e7-4627-97f2-6dfd6968ad4c

And let the SVI Area webmaster know your locations and dates (sviareawebmaster@gmail.com).

SOAR 2020

The applications for Patrol Guiders and Core Staff are being taken. <http://soarbc.com>

Deadlines for submission:

Patrol Guiders: September 15, 2019.

Core Staff: suggested by October 31, 2019

Girl registration starts: January 1, 2020

SOAR 2020: Camp Barnard, Sooke, SVI Area

July 24 to August 1, 2020.



FUNDRAISING FOR SOAR?

Be sure to include your District Commissioner in the discussions when completing the FR.1 forms. They need to know what fundraising is being done in your District.

AREA TRAININGS

New Guider, includes Safe Guide

Saturday September 14 9 – 4 at Guide House; no fee
Sunday, October 20 9 – 4 at Guide House; no fee

Outdoor Activity Leader

OAL Tenting Training at Camp Barnard (fee \$50)
Friday, Sept 27 @ 7 pm to Sunday, Sept 29 @ 1 pm

OAL Residential Training at Milnes Landing (fee \$50)
Saturday, Nov 16 @ 9 am to Sunday, Nov 17 @ 4 pm

See the SVI website for registration info

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Area Council is pleased to welcome these new DCs:
Peninsula Shores – Anne Gardam
Raven – Renee McCulloch
Lakes – Sandra Bullen
Woodwyn (Co) – Brenda Matthews & Fiona Mosher

GUIDE HOUSE

Presently there are no new updates on the sale of SVI Guide House. Therefore, we've done nothing about a new space since we can't predict the future.

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/> .

Sept 14 – New Guider with Safe Guide

Sept 25 or 26 – Tentative date for Area meeting

Sept 27 to 29 – OAL Tenting

Sept 30 – first day of cookie sales

Oct 4 to 6 – Discovery Camp

Oct 5 & 6 – Cookie Blitz

Oct 20 – New Guider with Safe Guide

Nov 16-17 – OAL Residential

INTERNATIONAL – Pathfinder and Ranger Guiders

If you would like a member of the Area international committee to help your unit with the application process, they would be happy to do that. See the opportunities below:

NATIONAL TRIPS:

- Nova Scotia
- Paris and London
- Amsterdam and Poland
- Kenya
- Yukon
- Switzerland
- Ecuador

Deadline for applications are:

Guiders: September 11, 2019

Girls: October 9, 2019.

PROVINCIAL TRIPS:

- India
- Mexico

Deadline for applications are:

Girls & Guiders: September 30, 2019

Contact the International Committee at svireainternational@gmail.com.

NATIONAL EVENTS

Check out this conference for young Guiders (18-24 years)

Women's Leadership Circle (18-24 years)

Nov 22-24, 2019 in Ontario (subsidized)

Deadline for submission: Sept 30, 2019



RINGETTE PROGRAM

The Victoria Ringette Association (gym based rather than ice) is welcoming Guiders to contact them so the girls can try out a new sport while developing physical literacy and team skills with an emphasis on friendship and fun.

Contact kristenareed@gmail.com or victoriaringette@gmail.com.

CAMP SKILLS DAY

The Area Camping Committee is encouraging Districts to run their own Camp Skills event or join together with two or three Districts to help your event happen. BC Council has a resource package available on the challenges page for a team lead/Area hosted event. Working as a District qualifies you to purchase the crests pictured on the pdf from BC Council (\$1 per crest for BC units) OR use e-patches.

<http://www.bc-girlguides.org/web/Documents/BC/camping/Camp%20Skills%20Day%20Camp.pdf>

Tips:

- ☑ When selecting a venue look for somewhere with parking where girls will not be crossing a busy road if possible. If using Kingswood Camp, have units carpool or use a staggered drop-off and pick-up to reduce traffic congestion.
- ☑ Choose a venue that offers a covered area if possible, in case of rain.
- ☑ Make sure there are adequate washrooms near the activity areas.
- ☑ Plan to have at least four stations for the girls and leaders to rotate through.
- ☑ Have older girls help at stations. An adult can lead the station for the first round or until the older girls are feeling ready to take over.
- ☑ Use your district tents for a set up/take down tent station to help district members become familiar with the tents they will be using at SOAR.
- ☑ When selecting your venue look for a graveled or cement area for lighting matches or making fire starters. It is much easier to clean up wax on gravel.

If you have any questions or need some advice on running a District Camp Skills Day, please feel free to contact svicampadviser@gmail.com.