



# SVI News

March 31, 2017



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**EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER 1-888-884-2711**

**To be used on all SG4 Paperwork where Provincial Commissioner is indicated – see your email from BC Girl Guides (March 16, 2017) for details on the use of this number**

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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

## Welcome to SVI News!

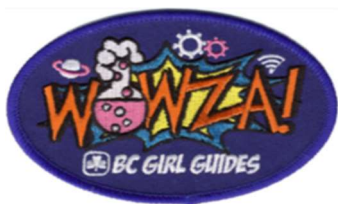
The SVI News is sent to every adult member and Ranger in SVI Area. All upcoming events and programming material are in the SVI News and the successes, highlights and community connections are in the Lamplighter that is also an E-Newsletter.

All issues of the SVI News can be found on our website ([www.svgirlguides.bc.ca](http://www.svgirlguides.bc.ca)) under Guiding in SVI).

Need to contact the office – [svgirlguides@shaw.ca](mailto:svgirlguides@shaw.ca)

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### BROWNIE WOWZA!!



Deadline to apply for your group of one Guider and 8 Brownies is April 3, 2017. Wowza will be held at Caleb Pike Heritage Park on Sunday May 7, 2017 (930-430). Information on this event was emailed to all Guiders in SVI on March 6, 2017.

### CAPITAL IRON GIRL GUIDE SHOPPING EVENT



The camping department of Capital Iron (downtown) will be open to Girl Guides of Canada members and their families after regular store hours on Thursday April 6 after 630 pm. 20% off camping, clothing and footwear. 15% of Coleman products.



### **SVI AREA AGM & AWARDS NIGHT – SISTERS IN GUIDING**

Come and join your Guiding sisters for an evening of fun, good food and celebration!

April 22, 2017

Deadline to RSVP to [svgirlguides@shaw.ca](mailto:svgirlguides@shaw.ca) – April 5 (no latecomers accepted)

Cost - \$22 per person

Copy of flyer attached to this edition

### **TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

Safe Guide – Wednesday April 12 – 6-9 pm

- Required for all Guiders within 6 months of joining Girl Guides of Canada – last chance this Guiding year.

Outdoor Activity Leadership (OAL) Tenting

- April 22 9 am -23 noon – Camp Jubilee

If you would like more information or to register, please contact Sherry Fortais at [svitraining@gmail.com](mailto:svitraining@gmail.com). Registration deadline is April 7. Training information available at <http://www.svirlguides.bc.ca/training>

### **LADY BADEN-POWELL AWARD EVENT**

Third year Guides who have completed the Lady Baden-Powell Challenge are invited to a celebration the evening of June 27 in Brentwood Bay. Guiders will receive details and requests for information from the office. Please ensure you get your girls' names in by the specified deadline so they can participate.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Welcome to Rebecca Hof – Bay to Bay District Commissioner

**Sherry Fortais, Area Training Adviser** will be completing her term this June. If you are organized, interested in training and willing to take on a rewarding position, please contact the Area Commissioner team. Note that you do not need to be a GGC trainer to hold this position.

### **BACKCHECK RENEWALS**

Guiders requiring external ID verification when they start their backcheck renewal (usually referred to the post office for documentation) can more easily provide ID by contacting their District Commissioner, who will make arrangements for ID to be provided by another Guider. Special form is required which your DC can get from the IMIS Adviser at the Provincial office.

### **SPRING COOKIES**

As spring cookie sales get underway, please be aware that your cookie money is due to your District in plenty of time for Districts to make their payment to Area. Your District Treasurer will let you know when payment is due.

### **FLAGS**

Area has a collection of flag sets available for use by Districts and Units. There is a complete set of provincial and territorial hoisting flags, a tabletop set of international flags and a variety of parade flags. Please contact the SVI Area Office if you wish to borrow them. A \$50 damage deposit will be required.

### **LAMPLIGHTER**

Your Lamplighter Editor wants to hear about and see pictures of all the fun you and your unit are having. Send your pictures and write ups to [svilamplighter@gmail.com](mailto:svilamplighter@gmail.com). You don't have to be an author, just send the information and the talented Lamplighter crew will do the rest. Deadline for next issue is May 1, 2017.

## AWARDS

Every Guider is eligible to receive awards and it is a simple process to nominate somebody. If you think there is a deserving Guider in your Unit or District, contact your District Commissioner for help or the Area Awards Adviser, Daphne McGregor-Greer at [dgreer@telus.net](mailto:dgreer@telus.net)



## FINANCIAL REVIEWS

Thank you to the Unit and District Treasurers who got their financial records in for the 2016 review. Most reviews have been completed and returned to the treasurers. If you need assistance with your books, please do not hesitate to email the treasurer ([svitreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:svitreasurer@gmail.com)) to arrange for additional training or just to get all your questions answered.



## CAMP CLEAN UPS

An email blast was sent to all Guiding families earlier this month inviting them to participate in camp cleanups on April 23. We are very fortunate to have had several parents offer special skills to our camps. A reminder will go out shortly before the cleanup date. Please encourage all families to come out and visit our camps and help with the cleanups.



## MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAYS

Hunger Awareness Day – May 28, 2017  
Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday – July 2017

Check out the list of Special Days we'll be celebrating in the 2016-2017 Guiding year and related programming links at

[https://www.girlguides.ca/WEB/GGC/Programs/Specialized\\_Programming/MAD\\_Days/GGC/Programs/Specialized\\_Programming/MAD\\_Days/MAD\\_Days.aspx?hkey=c763967c-68dd-4511-955f-3217f5a24aaa](https://www.girlguides.ca/WEB/GGC/Programs/Specialized_Programming/MAD_Days/GGC/Programs/Specialized_Programming/MAD_Days/MAD_Days.aspx?hkey=c763967c-68dd-4511-955f-3217f5a24aaa)

## SVI AREA ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Are you doing something fun with your unit? Take a picture (make sure girls have signed image release) and send it with a brief description to Cassandra to post on the SVI Twitter and Facebook!

Email [girlguidespr@gmail.com](mailto:girlguidespr@gmail.com) or text [250 516-4346](tel:2505164346).

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

Also check out the Area website - [www.svirlguides.bc.ca](http://www.svirlguides.bc.ca)

## CALENDAR



The SVI Area Calendar is available on the SVI Area website and contains lots of dates for the coming year. Calendar will be updated as dates are added.

## DATES TO NOTE

- April 3** – deadline to register for Brownie Wowza
- April 5** - deadline to register for AGM
- April 6** – Capital Iron night
- April 7** – Registration deadline – OAL training
- April 8 & 9** – Classic Cookie Blitz (some Districts already scheduled for April 1 & 2)
- April 10** – SOAR patrol Guiders meeting
- April 12** – Safe Guide training
- April 22** – SVI Area Annual Awards Night & AGM
- April 22-23** – OAL Training (tenting option)

**April 23** – All camp cleanups

**May 1** – Lamplighter submission deadline

**May 7** – Brownie Wowza

**May 26-28** – Pre-SOAR camp – remember that attendance at a Pre-SOAR camp is required for girls to attend SOAR 2017.

**June 3 & 4** – Tetley Tea fundraiser for girls on selected travel trips.

**June 27** - Lady Baden Powell Event – for Guides

**July 22-29** – SOAR – Smithers, BC

### **HELP STILL WANTED!**

SVI Area is always looking for new faces to work at the Area and Committee level. Some require skills and some just require a passion for the job. If you think you would be interested in any of these jobs, please contact the AC team – we are glad to discuss the requirements with you. Please share these job openings with the parents in your District or Unit – not all of them require membership in Girl Guides of Canada.

We need:

- Members of the Area Camping Committee - passionate about getting girls out camping and helping them to learn camping skills? – this one's for you!
- Members of the Area Program Committee & an Area Program Adviser – love to share program ideas and create activities? We need you here!
- Member of the Property Management Committee to chair the Guide House Committee – help oversee the maintenance of Guide House
- Member of the Property Management Committee to chair the Bowker Hall Committee – help oversee the maintenance and management of Bowker Hall.
- Member of the Property Management Committee to chair the Jubilee Camp Committee – help oversee the maintenance and management of Camp Jubilee.
- Members of Area Camp Committees – want to take on maintenance and upkeep of our camps? - terrific job for a handy person.

- Area Membership Adviser – assists with potential members, screening and recruitment – this is a job that can be done from home.
- A skilled building inspector – required once per year for four properties with buildings
- Camp paperwork specialist – if you're interested in management plans, future planning and writing grant proposals this is the job for you.

### **NEW AREA AND DISTRICT COUNCIL STRUCTURE**

There will soon be a new document available discussing the changes to our structures. There is no active link yet but it will be forwarded as soon as available. In the meantime, here is some of the information included.

Most Guiders are aware that the structure of councils has been under review for quite some time and we have all been working towards the implementation of the new models, which come into place by June 30, 2017 at the latest. Area Councils in British Columbia will now all follow the same model and will be made up of Area Commissioner(s) and Deputy(ies), Treasurer, District Commissioners and six Advisers – PR, International, Membership, Camping, Program and Training. Secretary is a support activity at Council and does not have a vote.

District Councils will be made up of District Commissioner(s) and Deputy(ies), Treasurer and Unit Guiders (one vote per unit). Secretary is a support activity and does not have a vote.

Individuals wishing to support council activities may work individually or in groups on activities that support short-term projects. These groups disband when no longer needed and report to the Commissioner. Examples of activities that may be taken on to support Districts could include: - screening, cookie ordering, awards, special events, mentoring, communications, recruitment.

There has been much discussion about the many District Guiders supporting our Councils and the role they will play as we move forward.

A District Guider is a resource to Unit Guiders and/or supports the administration of Guiding in the District in collaboration with the council's Commissioner. For example, she may be an informal mentor to other Guiders, take on the Guider role in a unit temporarily or do a specific task in support of the work of the council. She must maintain relevant skills and knowledge for her tasks or role by being

familiar with the girls programs and training available to adult members and participating in relevant trainings. The District Guider does not have a defined term of appointment and does not have a vote at District Council. However, to continue in her role she must be actively supporting the work of the council. A minimum of every three years the District Commissioner must conduct a review to ensure that she is working effectively in her role. A Guider who already has a named role in the District (i.e. as a Unit Guider or Treasurer) should not also be recorded as a District Guider.

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### **CONTACT INFORMATION AT AREA**

If You want to contact somebody at Area on a specific topic or you would like information on working with an Area committee:

**Camping – Araina Golding – [svicampadviser\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:svicampadviser(at)gmail.com)**

Camping events, assistance with camp skills

**IMIS – Carol Gamey – [svi.imis\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:svi.imis(at)gmail.com)**

Enquiries about your own or your unit's IMIS information. Note that requests for changes must go through your District Commissioner

**Awards – Daphne McGregor-Greer – [dgreer\(at\)telus.net](mailto:dgreer(at)telus.net)**

Information and assistance awards available for Guiders

**Training – Sherry Fortais – [svitraining\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:svitraining(at)gmail.com)**

All Guider training – information and assistance organizing Guider trainings

**International – Denise Howden - [sviareainternational\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:sviareainternational(at)gmail.com)**

Assistance with presenting International aspect of Guiding program

**Public Relations – Cassandra Herbert – [girlguidespr\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:girlguidespr(at)gmail.com)**

Organizes PR opportunities – contact Cassandra for access to PR tools

**Properties – Sheilagh Finnigan – [sviareaproperties\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:sviareaproperties(at)gmail.com)**

Co-ordinates the management of all SVI Area properties

**Program – email not currently monitored but position tentatively filled**