



# SVI NEWS

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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](mailto:sviareawebmaster@gmail.com).

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

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**FROM THE AREA COMMISSIONERS' DESK**

"We are pleased that BC is able to move forward now, with indoor meetings, and are happy that our Kingswood campsite (McKevitt Lodge) and Milnes Landing can be put to use in this regard. There is still more potential for the use of the Kingswood cabin (former Caretaker's cottage), currently being used for storing all of the archives, and material that was formerly at our storage locker.

We are grateful for everyone's patience and understanding as we go through these unprecedented (and challenging) times with the Covid crisis. Hats off to all you Guiders who are coming up with new and innovative ways of meeting in a safe manner, completing program work, and keeping on track with the Girls First platform, and dealing with the new way of selling cookies. "

Sharon & Deb

**SVI AREA GUIDE OFFICE**

Guide Office is no longer in Colwood.

Mailing Address for SVI Area:  
**611 Linnet Lane, Victoria, BC V9E 2B1**

\*Phone number: please use the National # 1-800-565-8111 or email address [svirlguides@shaw.ca](mailto:svirlguides@shaw.ca) which is monitored at the local SVI Area level.

**AREA VACANCIES**

- PR (Public Relations) Adviser
- Program Adviser
- Camas District Commissioner

**GUIDING ARCHIVE ITEMS**

Since Archives is not collecting new donations at this time, if you have a question, send them an email: [sviggcarchives@gmail.com](mailto:sviggcarchives@gmail.com)

## News from AREA COMMITTEES

### AWARDS

Things have been put on hold for most awards for Guiders and girls. A few **National** awards and scholarships have been given the ok to proceed, but these are limited.

At the **Provincial level**, some awards may be processed - this depends on stock the Awards people have on hand in their personal possession. We are still waiting to process several BC Guider Appreciation awards: the pins are not accessible at the moment and we are anxiously waiting to hear when the awards can proceed.

**SVI Area** is permitted to accept and review applications for Guider recognition (for example Merit Awards), so please continue to nominate your exceptional guiders!

At the **District level**, recognition and distribution of both formal and informal awards are encouraged to continue. It is especially important to recognize our hard-working Guiders at this time: they are faced with many challenges and a small token of appreciation is welcome.

Please contact either Shannon Wills or Ebony Bilawka, for information/questions about awards and recognition: [sviareaawards@gmail.com](mailto:sviareaawards@gmail.com)

### TRAINING

In-person Area training ( [svitraining@gmail.com](mailto:svitraining@gmail.com) ) is suspended at this time but training opportunities still exist on the National website.



[https://www.girlguides.ca/web/MZ/Guider\\_Resources/Support\\_for\\_Guiding\\_Home/MZ/Guider\\_Resources/Support\\_for\\_Guiding\\_Home.aspx](https://www.girlguides.ca/web/MZ/Guider_Resources/Support_for_Guiding_Home/MZ/Guider_Resources/Support_for_Guiding_Home.aspx)

### INTERNATIONAL

As recently announced in the Guide Post, National has made the hard decision to suspend all international travel through 2021. The international spirit of guiding lives on, and I encourage you to check out the resources and activities shared by WAGGGS and the World Centres on their social media platforms (see October Area minutes for links) and please reach out to Danita as she can offer international support to you and your units: [sviareainternational@gmail.com](mailto:sviareainternational@gmail.com)

### CAMPING

Camping is suspended for this Guiding year – see note below in **PROPERTIES** about Day rentals at our Camping Venues.

### PROGRAM

This position is vacant. We would love to have someone take on this interesting Committee.

### PROPERTIES

Day use of camps can be booked online for Kingswood and Milnes. There will be opportunity to book the occasional weekend/day for unit meetings \$15.00 for 1/2-day meetings.

<https://www.svirlguides.bc.ca/camp-booking-information>

### CURRENT FINANCIAL INFORMATION BELOW

SVI Money Talk, about Unified Banking .....

### CHOCOLATEY MINT COOKIES

Cookies are now available to the public online at:  
[https://www.girlguides.ca/web/GGC/Cookies/FindCookies/Cookie\\_Finder\\_Map/GGC/Cookies/Cookie\\_Forms/CookieFinderMap.aspx?hkey=d8785ba9-7dbd-4ec3-9dd6-3b2eb644a211](https://www.girlguides.ca/web/GGC/Cookies/FindCookies/Cookie_Finder_Map/GGC/Cookies/Cookie_Forms/CookieFinderMap.aspx?hkey=d8785ba9-7dbd-4ec3-9dd6-3b2eb644a211)

There is a minimum purchase of 4 boxes and \$8.00 shipping minimum.

Minty cookies will also be available at Thrifty Stores in the Victoria area.

Many units have opted out of the online cookie portal and have ordered cookies to be delivered to their Districts – many still waiting for delivery. While selling the cookies, health protocols will need to be followed.

[https://www.girlguides.ca/WEB/Documents/GGC/cookies/Cookie\\_selling\\_safety\\_protocols.pdf](https://www.girlguides.ca/WEB/Documents/GGC/cookies/Cookie_selling_safety_protocols.pdf)

FAQ on cookies can be found on the National website in MemberZone:

[https://www.girlguides.ca/web/MZ/Cookies/FAQs/MZ/Cookies/Fall\\_2020\\_Cookie\\_Campaign\\_FAQs.aspx?hkey=56963fd9-9461-4be0-b7f4-ca4b4de4dee7](https://www.girlguides.ca/web/MZ/Cookies/FAQs/MZ/Cookies/Fall_2020_Cookie_Campaign_FAQs.aspx?hkey=56963fd9-9461-4be0-b7f4-ca4b4de4dee7)

The COOKIE FINDER map for unit sales is not operational this year but you can advertise your outdoor sales on the SVI Area website by emailing [sviareawebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:sviareawebmaster@gmail.com).

### MEMBERZONE

Quite a number of SVI members were locked out of MemberZone after a security breach at National. Hopefully, everyone is now able to reconnect to this important resource. If you are still having problems, try one more time then reach out to [support@girlguides.zendesk.com](mailto:support@girlguides.zendesk.com) and secure a Ticket # to enter the queue for assistance. National has been working hard to get Guiders reconnected.

### SOAR 2020

The steering committee for SOAR hopes “to resume its regular triennial schedule in 2023, if logically and financially feasible”. All patrols should have received refunds by now.



### TREFOIL RENDEZVOUS

This event has been rescheduled to April 2022 in Victoria. More information, when available, will be posted on the SVI Area website:

<https://www.svgirlguides.bc.ca/trefoil>

### LAMPLIGHTER

If you have any articles (pictures, write ups or both), please send them to the *Lamplighter* – let’s celebrate our successes, whatever they happen to look like this year (did you have a great virtual meeting? Have fun at an outdoor meeting? – share it!). The next edition will be published upon receiving enough content. Send any submission or questions to: [svilamplighter@gmail.com](mailto:svilamplighter@gmail.com)

### SAFE GUIDE

Please use newest forms for everything – download them from the updated Safe Guide on Member Zone. All SG forms have been updated.

[https://www.girlguides.ca/web/MZ/Guider\\_Resources/Safe\\_Guide/Safe\\_Guide\\_Forms/MZ/Guider\\_Resources/Safe\\_Guide\\_SubPages/Safe\\_Guide\\_Forms.aspx?hkey=cc3e252c-8d0b-4fc4-aeec-c461ffd93b32](https://www.girlguides.ca/web/MZ/Guider_Resources/Safe_Guide/Safe_Guide_Forms/MZ/Guider_Resources/Safe_Guide_SubPages/Safe_Guide_Forms.aspx?hkey=cc3e252c-8d0b-4fc4-aeec-c461ffd93b32)

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

<https://www.svgirlguides.bc.ca/>

**November 18** – next Area meeting

## **SVI AREA MONEY TALK** - Gillian Hurwood (SVI Area Treasurer, acting)

I would like to thank all of you for your patience as we move to Unified Banking. For a variety of reasons, this has not happened as quickly as we had all hoped, once we started the process. Special thanks to the Champions (Eva Herbert and Nancy Fischer) who worked with me to provide training to Unit and District Treasurers. The Champions team is always available to answer your questions or provide trainings to new Treasurers or any Guider who might be interested. The team can be reached at [sviub2020@gmail.com](mailto:sviub2020@gmail.com)

**So, where are we now?** As of this writing, most of the Units and Districts have provided the bank with the information required to close the accounts. To save on bank charges, we had all the Units rolled into the District and then funds will be deposited by the Districts and transferred back to the Units. We are hopeful that the District funds will be provided to us this week.

**What comes next?** As soon as Units have their funds in place, expenses can be reimbursed and the Purchase Cards should arrive. If your unit does not yet have a Purchase Card holder(s), talk to your Treasurer and make arrangements to set one up. A Purchase Card is a Visa card in the name of a specific Guider (cannot be shared) with a monthly credit limit of \$300 (can be changed). Your Treasurer will be able to explain how the Purchase Card works and provide you with direction on submitting your receipts. We can also reimburse 'manual expense claims' for those Guiders who are not Purchase Card holders. These should be submitted to your Treasurer with an expense claim form (new one uploaded on SVI Area website under COMMITTEES/Financial - <https://www.svgirlguides.bc.ca/financial> ). The best way to use the expense claim is to fill it in on your computer and let the computer do all the work.

Some questions we have been asked along the way

1. **How will cookie money work?** If you are selling your cookies direct (not online) GGC National will advise you how much you owe for cookies and the date that the amount will be removed from your account. If you are selling them online, it is my understanding that your share will be deposited to your account at the close of the campaign.
2. **How will we pay for camp use?** On a regular basis, our Area Camp Treasurer will provide a list to GGC National of what each unit owes to which property (based on the information you submit after your rental). National will tell you how much and when they are removing the money from your account.
3. **Can we do ATM or business banking deposits?** Not at present.
4. **How do we get parents set up to pay bills?** Your Treasurer will be able to provide you with a form for each parent to use which has directions on setting up online bill payment. Each parent will need the Unit's Banking ID and their child's iMIS number.
5. **What is the quickest way to get reimbursed for an expense?** Complete the direct deposit form in MemberZone. Go to Guider Resources-Unified Banking to locate the form. Send it to the email address at the bottom of the form. When you submit an expense claim, have your Treasurer indicate in the comments that you are set up for direct deposit and give them your iMIS number.