



SVI NEWS

JANUARY 15, 2022

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

FROM THE AREA COMMISSIONERS' DESK

We hope you all had a wonderful break from Guiding over the winter holidays. You all most certainly deserve it!

You should all be aware by now, that effective Dec 22nd, Girl Guides of Canada (GGC) activities in 'British Columbia are moving to Indoor 1 and Outdoor 2, with a 50% capacity limit. Multi-unit activities are no longer permitted'.

We are now in receipt of 30 cases of cookies which were designated for a Raven Spark unit which never did open in the fall. Please help us with distributing these last few cases of Spring cookies within your units. 5 cases are already gone, so it now equates to 2.5 cases per District. Please contact Sharon Lohr to arrange for pick up of those cases that you can help us sell. We really appreciate your support in helping with this!

These continue to be unprecedented times. We so thought that we would be back to 'normal' by now, but here we are again, facing rising numbers of Covid cases. We hope that you all can stay safe, and we truly appreciate all the unit Guiders that are continuing to provide program to your girls in which ever way you choose.

Sharon & Deb

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*Phone number: please use the National # 1-800-565-8111 or email address svgirlguides@shaw.ca which is monitored at the local SVI Area level.

Please reach out to Danita as she can offer international support to you and your units: sviareainternational@gmail.com

AREA VACANCIES

- Pacific Skies District Commissioner
- PR (Public Relations) Adviser
- Program Adviser

Please consider stepping up to fill one of these positions.

News from AREA COMMITTEES

AREA COUNCIL

Carol Gamey of Woodwyn District has stepped up to be the Area Secretary. Welcome Carol.

PROPERTIES

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As of January 2022, bookings will be received via the online form for dates from January to June 2022 for day use - partial days or full days.

Day use for meetings and events at any of the properties – Outdoor sites at the 3 camps, Indoor spaces at all properties. For less than 4 hours, please book times between 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm or 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. A booking for a site such as McKeivitt Lodge and Milnes Landing Upper or Lower Cabins will include use of the outdoor area near the building.

When it looks like Overnights will be permitted again, the Camp Bookings will be open for overnights. A unit that has a tenting camp booked for this spring can retain their booking for now.

OR Saturday 4:00 pm to Sunday 4:00 pm.

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

INTERNATIONAL

AWARDS

It may seem early to be thinking about year-end tasks but the sooner you start to think about potential awards in your District, the easier the process. Also, Guiders can be nominated for Awards at any time during the year.

Remember there are 2 Area scholarships (youth and adult) which are listed on the SVI website: <https://www.svigailguides.bc.ca/awards>

BC Council scholarship deadline is **March 15**.

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

TRAINING

Questions? svitraining@gmail.com

Unfortunately, in the interests of safety, the Area Training Day for 2022 has been cancelled.

Watch in the next few *Guide Post* emails for information about Winter WonderLearn, an online conference sponsored by National. The range of topics during the most recent National training was amazing and the trainers outstanding.

FINANCIAL - UNIFIED BANKING

Let the sviub2020@gmail.com email know if you have any questions as you use the new Unified Banking.

Copies of the training PowerPoint sheets are available on the SVI website, if you need a refresher: <https://www.svigailguides.bc.ca/financial>

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The webmasters of the SVI Area website are looking for ideas, suggestions, changes to the website. They are working to make the website more phone friendly.

PROGRAM sviprogram@gmail.com

For those on Facebook, consider joining YUNCA UN (Youth and United Nations Global Alliance), for ideas on how to be an active agent of change.

You can go directly to their website as well for program ideas:

<https://www.fao.org/yunga/resources/challenge-badges/en/>

LEGACY PROJECT PROPOSALS

The first round of proposals for spending the proceeds from the sale of Guide House are due on January 31, 2022.

The link to the Google form is:

<https://forms.gle/tVvK33sraWrLJ9vRy6>

The letter, which was sent to all SVI Area Guiders, with more details, can be found on the SVI Area website at: <https://svigirlguides/bc/ca>

SHINE YOUR GUIDING LIGHT

BC Council is excited to share that this much-enjoyed initiative is returning for a second year, with new event features. Stay tuned to the [Guiding Lights Across BC page](#) and on social media as we begin to share 2022 event information ahead of February!

CLASSIC COOKIES 2022

Reminder: The e-cookies portal has been retired. 2022 classic cookies will be sold by traditional methods. The 2022 classic cookie campaign launches April 1, 2022.

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

<https://www.svigirlguides.bc.ca/calendar-app>

Next Area Meeting – February 16, 2022

WE MADE THE NEWS

The weekly Black Press newspaper *Oak Bay News* has our member, Margaret Lidkea, featured as receiving an award on page A3.

Margaret started the Scotch Broom clearing “Broom Bash” at Cattle Point Park almost 30 years ago. The fall event will soon involve the children of Girl Guides who participated as children.

Oak Bay News, November 18, 2021:

<https://issuu.com/blackpress/docs/i20211118020017489/2>

CANADIAN BLOOD SERVICES

If you are a regular donor, please consider joining our ‘team’ with your donation.

How your members can join:

1. Set up an account on blood.ca or on the [GiveBlood app](#) for [Apple](#) or [Android](#)
2. Select “partners” from the menu
3. Select “join a team” and search *Your team name* – a drop down list will appear – see below
4. Select the team you wish to join;
5. Book your next appointment either through your team bookings (visible under your team) or as an individual.

Please note: If a member has already donated this year the count will be retroactive to January 1.

Partner ID: GIRL009747 (four letters and six numbers)

Organization: Girl Guides Of Canada - SVI
Year: 2022

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to saving lives.

Sincerely,
The *Partners for Life* team

