



# SVI News

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### Welcome to SVI News!

The SVI News is sent to every adult member and Ranger in SVI Area. It comes out after Area meetings and it contains information that is time sensitive or that Guiders need to know or can use to develop programming for the girls. 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. To ensure that all guiders are receiving current and relevant information this change means that our SVI News issues may have more attached and be longer than 2 pages.

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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#### 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.

#### GUIDE HOUSE CREST COMPETITION

It is time to replace the current Guide House crest (below). This contest is open to all members – adult and girl. Details can be found here: [http://media.wix.com/ugd/e07274\\_f3b5557425b04\\_920a7f434af8dedcff5.pdf](http://media.wix.com/ugd/e07274_f3b5557425b04_920a7f434af8dedcff5.pdf)



#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Susan Zedel – Kingswood Camp Chair
- Brenda Lacharity – Camp Booking
- Carol Gamey – Area IMIS Specialist
- Kay Smith – Area Membership Support

#### CAMP AVAILABILITY

Bookmark the new site for camp availability - <http://www.svgirlguides.bc.ca/svi-availability-for-booking>

**Camp Jubilee** is available for booking. Our new bridge is complete and has passed inspection.



## CAMP CLEAN UPS

Camp clean ups were cancelled due to extreme weather warnings over the October 14 – 16 weekend. Watch this space for information on rescheduled cleanups. If any of your parents want to help out by taking on a task at a camp, please contact Darcy at the office – she will put them in touch with the right person.

## HELP WANTED!



SVI Area is on the search for some 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. Watch for announcement of a meeting for Guiders interested in Camping and Program Committees.

We need:

- Members of the Area Camping Committee & an Area Camp Adviser – 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.

- FR1 (Fundraising Application) Approval Team – looking for a job you can do from home at your own convenience? – look no further.
- Financial Review Team - bookkeepers or accountants to take on unit and District reviews – perfect if you want a job for a couple of days twice a year.
- 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 interest in management plans, future planning and writing grant proposals this is the job for you.

## GUIDE HOUSE OFFICE

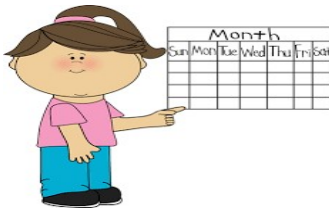
When coming in during the week to visit the office, please remember that only the first 5 parking spaces in front of the door are for our use at those times. The rest of the spots are rented out Monday to Friday 7:30 to 5:30 and are not available for Guiders during regular office hours. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

## MINUTES AND RECORDS

Are you the keeper of the old minutes of Districts, Divisions or Committees in SVI Area? We are required to keep these minutes indefinitely and would like them all stored at Guide House – eventually old records stored in peoples' garages get thrown away. If you have any of these minutes, please bundle them up and deliver them to Guide House (or email them to [svicommissioners@gmail.com](mailto:svicommissioners@gmail.com)).



## 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

**October 20** – SOAR Guiders meeting – 7 pm – mandatory for at least one Guider from each patrol but preferable if both attend.

**October 22** – Training – New Guider Modules and Safe Guide

**October 24** – Treasurer Training

**November 5** – Teen Fest – Pearkes Arena

**November 5** - Meeting for all Unit and District Treasurers (with the SVI Area Treasurer)

**November 19** – Training – Outdoor Adventure Leadership (OAL) Basic

**January 13 – 15** – Training – OAL Basic

**January 22** – Canada Cord/Chief Commissioners' Gold Award Ceremony

**February 1** – Lamplighter submission deadline

**February 4** - SVI Area Training Day

**February 22** – Thinking Day

**April 8 & 9** – Classic Cookie Blitz

**April 22** – SVI Area Annual Awards Night

**May 1** – Lamplighter submission deadline

**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.

**July 22-29** – SOAR – Smithers, BC

Training information available at

<http://www.svgirlguides.bc.ca/training>

## NEW DISTRICT STRUCTURE

At the last BC Council meeting the following standard structure for Districts was shared. This structure is to be in place by June 30, 2017.

- District Commissioner (tiebreaker vote only)
- Deputy Commissioner – no more than three (3) depending on size (with each having a vote on District Council) – not a required role
- District Treasurer - one vote
- Unit Guiders – at least one Guider from each unit (one vote per unit)
- District Secretary – Activity – No Vote
- Districts do not require Adviser positions

Your District Council needs to work together to adjust your District Guidelines and IMIS records to reflect this new structure by the mandated date.

## OCEANS AWARE CHALLENGE

St. Margaret's School and Ocean Networks Canada invite girls ages 5-17 and Girl Guiding Units to come learn about the ocean by participating in the Ocean Aware Challenge! Students will participate in facilitated activities from the 7 Principles of Ocean Literacy.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/ocean-aware-challenge-tickets-28370701532?aff=eac2>



Ocean Aware  
Challenge

## GUIDES ON THE AIR

GOTA is an opportunity for Members of Guiding - from Sparks to Guiders - to talk to other Members of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts all over the world via amateur radio. Outside Canada, GOTA is known as Thinking Day on the Air - TDOTA. GOTA and TDOTA are held every year on the third full weekend in February. This is a weekend close to Thinking Day - the day when Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world remember the founders of Guiding and Scouting as well as their sisters in WAGGGS - the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. GOTA/TDOTA is a fun way to reach out to some WAGGGS sisters during Guide-Scout week!

Are you interested in helping to get this event organized in SVI? Let Darcy at the office know and she will put you in touch with other interested Guiders.

## GUIDING ETIQUETTE

The attached document reflects the appropriate meeting etiquette at BC and Area Council meetings. The same etiquette applies to your District and Area Committee meetings.

SVI Area International Committee held a very well attended International Night at Guide House. However, 30 attendees had not RSVP'd, leaving the organizers short of supplies and space.

We ask our girls to register for events and get frustrated when they don't. Area requests that Guiders do the same for all Area events.



## CONTRACT SIGNING

ALL contracts entered into by Girl Guides MUST be signed at the Provincial Office. If the words "I agree" are in the document with a statement to be signed, this is a contract.

Even if you are not asked to sign the contract, if the receipt you are provided with has any agreement in it then it is a contract and must be signed at the Provincial Office – it has been noted that recreation centres have a lengthy agreement on their receipt and do not always ask for it to be signed.

Examples of contracts would include rental of meeting spaces or equipment, participation in special events or parades or confirmation of liability coverage.

**SIGNING A CONTRACT YOURSELF ON BEHALF OF GIRL GUIDES LEAVES YOU PERSONALLY LIABLE.**

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAYS

Human Rights Day – December 10  
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.svigirlguides.bc.ca](http://www.svigirlguides.bc.ca)

Information on managing your Unit or District's web presence (facebook, twitter, etc.) as per new BC Social Media Guidelines will be coming out directly from our Area PR Adviser in the near future.