



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 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

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.svigailguides.bc.ca) under Guiding in SVI).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are very pleased to announce that the 2018 AREA DAY (formerly Area Training Day) will be February 3, 2018 at North Douglas Pentecostal Church. Watch this space and your email for details.

Area Day will be a great opportunity to meet other Guiders and participate in trainings requested by you the Guiders – GGC enrichment stream and many other options.

Area Day is also open to Rangers.

SPARK SPREE - Proposed Date is for April 15, 2018 – Sparks Contact Guiders watch your email for information and let your parents know to ‘Save the Date’.

NEW AREA CRESTS

If you haven’t got your new SVI Area crest yet, contact Darcy at svigailguides@shaw.ca to place your order. She has the new Guide House crests too!

CREST DESIGN OPPORTUNITY – CAMP JUBILEE

Camp Jubilee crests have sold out and a new design is desired. Girls and Guiders are asked to put their creative juices to work in a contest for the new design. Crest should be approximately 3” in size and include a trefoil and the name of the camp. Deadline for submission is December 15 so we can have brand new crests available for spring campers. Send your design to svigailguides@shaw.ca with “Jubilee Crest” in the subject line.



LAMPLIGHTER

The Winter/Summer Lamplighter was recently emailed to all Guiders and Rangers. We would love to have a fall issue but we need YOU to provide the content. Remember that 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 or share them with PR for the Facebook page – girlguidespr@gmail.com or text [250 516-4346](tel:2505164346).

UNIT START UP

Does your unit have lots of Guiders and a small number of girls or lots of girls and not enough Guiders? We would like Guiders to look at the situations in nearby Units and, if their unit is over ratio, consider moving their talents to a unit that needs their help.

DATES TO NOTE (Training noted separately) – additional information on these activities can be obtained from your District Commissioner or the relevant Area Adviser (*in italics*)

February 23-25 – Cupcakes and Candles Camp (*International*) for 3rd year Guides and Pathfinders (in patrols)

April 15 – Spark Spree (to be confirmed)

April 27-29 – Advanced Camp Skills for Guides (*Camping*)

SVI AREA ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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

TRAINING DATES (Registration form available on SVI website)

November 18 – OAL Basic

November 18/19 – OAL Residential

January 2018 (date TBD) – OAL Adventure Training

*OAL = Outdoor Activity Leadership (Camp)

February 3, 2018 – Area Day – Training, networking and fun

Experienced Guiders say that training of any kind is a terrific way to make connections in Guiding, learn, refresh or improve your Guiding skills. All Guiders, new and experienced, are encouraged to participate in at least one training every year.



REMEMBER – if your District wants a specific training, the Training Team will come to you!

CAMPING IN SVI

A reminder from the Properties Committee to check the SVI website for the latest information about camp availability and camp bednight subsidy forms. There is a new form for booking and bednight subsidy forms will be changing effective with rentals after December 1, 2017.

CAMP CLEAN UPS

Camp clean ups were very poorly attended this year, despite lovely weather. Your District Commissioner will be asking each of you to join in a discussion about SVI Area Camps – are you using them? If not, why not? How do we maintain them without more volunteer assistance. Please share your thoughts with your District or with the Area Commissioner team.



SAFE GUIDE UPDATES

Please note that if you are not scanning and sending your camp forms to Province via email you can continue to use the form retention envelope and pass it to your DC to drop at Guide House.

HELP STILL WANTED!

SVI Area is still on the lookout for people to fill the following specific roles. Some require skills and some just require a passion for the job. All Area Committees are always open for interested members.



We need:

- Chair - Bowker Hall Committee
- Chair - Guide House Committee
- Chair - Jubilee Camp Committee
- Membership Adviser - contact the Commissioners for information on this interesting position
- A skilled building inspector – required once per year for four properties with buildings
- Members of the Archives Committee
- Area Council Secretary

SVI AREA EQUIPMENT RENTAL

SVI Area has added a projector to its rental inventory. Cost to rent is \$10 and must be booked with Darcy at the office and returned immediately after use. Rental does not include screen or computer.

SVI also has Snap Circuits and GPS units available for rental, as well as a small number of backpacks and tents. AND – you can rent the SVI canoes out at Kingswood Camp.

Check the website for details.

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

DID YOU KNOW?

BC Girl Guides is recognized by Guiders across Canada for its terrific challenges – and they are continuing to add to the collection

https://www.girlguides.ca/WEB/BC/Program/Challenges_Activites/Provincial_Challenges/BC/Program/Challenges_Activities/BC_Provincial_Challenges.aspx?hkey=e4e72676-0871-4a1e-9c15-b344042706e6