



SVI NEWS

MAY 16, 2021

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

FROM THE AREA COMMISSIONERS' DESK

"Each of us has the potential to contribute... You have a great opportunity to make a new shape of the world"
...Dalai Lama

Sharon & Deb

SVI AREA GUIDE OFFICE

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

SVI AREA AGM (Annual Gathering of Members)

This year's AGM will be held online on **June 16**. Stay tuned for more information.

AREA VACANCIES

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

Please consider stepping up to fill one of these positions.

SVI LEGACY FUND update

If you are interested in visualizing the path ahead for SVI Area, please consider applying to be part of creating options for the disposition of the funds from the sale of Guide House.

Applications are still being taken, for several more weeks, as the Area Commissioners would like a wide variety of Guiders with different experiences and knowledge, to apply.

If you feel you have something to offer to this process and would like your voice heard, please revisit the email sent from SVI Area on April 6 or see the document at the end of this newsletter.

News from AREA COMMITTEES

AREA COUNCIL

A warm welcome to Area Council for Katt Campbell, new District Commissioner for Camas District.

Thanks to Susan Plato Mclean for her years as Pacific Skies Commissioner.

Thanks to Erlene Amero for her time as the Area Program Adviser.

AWARDS

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

SVI Area Scholarships are re-instated for 2021 (there are 2, each one is for \$400): remember to apply early, Rangers and Guiders.

Deadline is **May 31, 2021**.

<https://www.svirlguides.bc.ca/svi-education-awards>

A letter by the SVI Area Commissioners will be given to each Canada Cord girl, who did not have an official ceremony due to COVID.

TRAINING

Questions? svitraining@gmail.com

Guider trainings will resume in the fall. If you have suggestions, email the above address.

Area Training Day 2022 - Save the date for **March 5, 2022**

UNIFIED BANKING

Let the sviub2020@gmail.com email know if you have any questions for year end?

Here is a useful link in MemberZone/Guider Resources/Unified Banking/Changing Treasurers and PCard Holder, in grey tab:

https://www.girlguides.ca/web/MZ/Guider_Resources/Unified_Banking/MZ/Guider_Resources/Unified_Banking_Home.aspx?hkey=ef8aa20f-0248-4df0-901b-84a175c6e2fa

INTERNATIONAL

Please reach out to Danita as she can offer international support to you and your units:

sviareainternational@gmail.com

PROPERTIES

Camp bookings for Kingswood Camp and Milnes Landing Camp are open for booking of outdoor sites through the end of June for non-overnight use.

The Bill Reith site has now been opened for bookings
<https://www.svirlguides.bc.ca/camp-booking-information>

CHOOSE YOUR WORDS CAREFULLY

Reminder that GGC is a **Secular organization**. We should be cognizant of any specific 'religious' celebrations - Christmas, Easter etc. and treat them generically. Guiding is for everyone:

<https://www.girlguides.ca/WEB/Documents/MZ/Inclusivity/Guiding-is-for-everyone.pdf>

PROGRAM sviprogram@gmail.com

1) Ideas wanted for the celebration of the Lady B-P recipients.

2) Horticultural Center of the Pacific has some great online/kit projects for kids 5+ there is terrarium building, teacup fairy gardens and fairy garden making cost is \$25/person includes supplies more info:

<https://hcp.ca/youth-programs/>

3) Day camps are very popular and everything that is offered is filling up like crazy, all over the city. Is there any interest from leaders for putting on some day camps at Kingswood? This would need staff, but people have to be willing. Are leaders feeling overwhelmed and need the summer off? Contact Erlene at the email above, if you have some ideas or want to pursue this idea further.

CLASSIC COOKIES 2021

The only classic cookie for sale in BC during the spring months will be through London Drugs and all proceeds will be shared with BC units, Districts and Provincial Council.

CHOCOLATEY MINT COOKIES 2020

Many thanks to Betty Wannet and her family for selling so many cartons of cookies at their Keating Cross Road bakery. Betty was a Guider in Woodwyn District for several years.

Need some Minty cookies???

8th Brownies @ Chatham received cookies late, so haven't sold them yet, they have 30 cases left.

Camas District is in the same position, they had 23

cases delivered within the last 2 weeks.

Raven still has some cases remaining also.

SVI CHOCOLATEY MINT COOKIES (CookieGRAM)

Purchase Girl Guide Cookies for Girl Guides to give to Health Care Workers campaign.

CookieGRAM idea – the public would buy cookies, then, SVI would ensure that cookies were distributed to one of the 3 main hospitals for Health Care Workers.

More information on Facebook:

'Say thanks to Health Care Workers with Girl Guide cookie grams'

OR

<https://fb.me/e/1pmlHXck5>

To share this event, left click on the 3 dots or arrow, above Go with Friends to show the above link, which you can then add to your page under 'What's on your mind?' Others can Share your post.

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/calendar-app>

May 19 – Area Zoom meeting at 7:30

May 31 – SVI scholarship deadline

June 16 – Area AGM Zoom meeting at 7:30

March 5, 2022 – Area Training Day

SVI AREA GUIDE HOUSE LEGACY COMMITTEE APPLICATION

May 16, 2021

To: All Guiders in SVI Area

We are calling, again, for applications for members to sit on the SVI Area Guide House Legacy Committee. Terms of office, and meeting requirements are as stated in the TOR Legacy document.

The individuals selected, will work with a committee of other Guiders who are also passionate about creating projects that will be a legacy into the future, and be of benefit to current and future members of Girl Guides of Canada in SVI Area. This committee will consist of the Area Liaison position who will communicate on a regular basis with the AC team, (recommended by Area Commissioners and approved by Area Council), the Chair who will head the committee (recommended to and approved by Area Council), and 9 members at large including one youth (Ranger or Transitioning) member.

We are looking for applicants with the following skills:

- ability to share their passion for a variety of GGC opportunities
- familiarity with the various properties within SVI Area, and with SVI Area in general
- the ability to look for project proposals which are long lasting, significant, and benefit the majority of SVI members
- the ability to prepare proposal forms for distribution to SVI Area Council
- able to accept proposal submissions from SVI Area Guiders on a quarterly basis
- able to accept proposals from any SVI Guider or girl member for an appropriate project, and to evaluate such project proposals and report on the projects to SVI Area Council
- to research and pursue BC grant opportunities to support the project proposal, if appropriate, and to oversee and monitor the funding for a project approved by Area Council, or to appoint a designate to do so.
- Good organization and communications skills

Sharon Lohr and Deborah Buckle - SVI Area Co-Commissioners

Applicant for the Guide House Legacy Committee

Name: _____

My reasons for this application are:

Please return this completed form by email to bc-sviac@girlguides.ca by June 13, 2021