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**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 and it will be monitored by a Council member until a new AC team is in place. 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](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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**GUIDE HOUSE UPDATE**

Upon approval by National Council, Guide House will be placed on the market (speak to your District Commissioner for the reasons for this sale). Decisions concerning replacement space are still ongoing. The committee would like more feedback on what Guiders think is needed in looking for a new space. If you have something to contribute or would like to join the team, please email to [awgggc@gmail.com](mailto:awgggc@gmail.com).

**CENSUS COUNT AND iMIS**

The census count for SVI Area will be taken on December 3 from iMIS. Please advise Carol ([svi.imis@gmail.com](mailto:svi.imis@gmail.com)) of any amendments or cancellations before that date.

**WAITLISTS ON iMIS**

Waitlist Manager Kay Smith has reached out to all those parents whose daughters are registered in one unit but still waitlisted in another. Parents of girls who are content to stay in their current unit will be asked to remove their names from the waitlist through their family account which would give us a more accurate idea of where space is needed.

**AREA VACANCIES**

In addition to the Area Commissioner, we also need:

- Area Council Secretary
- Area PR Adviser
- Area Awards Specialist
- Chair - Bowker Hall Committee
- Chair - Guide House Committee
- Chair - Jubilee Camp Committee



## DIVERSITY & INCLUSIVITY STRATEGY

Guiders are reminder of the Nationally developed strategy which should be integrated into their units: <https://www.girlguides.ca/web/GGC/Parents/Who We Are/Inclusivity and Accessibility/GGC/Parents/Who We Are/Inclusivity and Accessibility.aspx>

## ADVOCACY GUIDELINES

If you are assisting girls who would like to advocate within their community, ensure their work meets the National criteria. Advocacy must be:

- Girl lead (the girls participating have to have their own opinion as to why they are there),
- Promoting a cause not an organization or political organization,
- Not supporting other organization's fundraising activities, and
- In line with Guiding's values and inclusivity statement.

## SVI AREA ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENTS

The following documents have been updated and are now available on the SVI website:

- Procedures
- Terms of Reference
- Responsibilities and Communications

<https://www.svigirlguides.bc.ca/area-administrative-documents>



## SOAR 2020

Drumroll please.... The SOAR 2020 Steering Committee is VERY happy to announce the site and dates for SOAR 2020: Camp Barnard, Sooke, SVI Area, July 24 to August 1, 2020.

## RECYCLING ITEMS AT GUIDE HOUSE

Over the years, Guide House has accepted items such as pop can pull-tabs, Campbell Soup Labels and postage stamps for reuse. Unfortunately, the *Labels for Education* program from Campbell's Soups is no longer active and there is no one accepting used postage stamps (if you know of a collector, please let Guide Office know).

Thank you to the Guiding community for their contributions over the years. Tens of thousands of soup labels were redeemed to provide funds for local schools, particularly George Jay Elementary. The late Rosalee Frampton and currently Susan Woods should be acknowledged for their commitment to this program. Well done ladies.



Pull-tabs will continue to be collected. The funds, from the sale of the tabs, are used to buy wheel chairs at St Mary's Priory in Colwood.



## FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REMINDER

If you receive an Area cheque, please ensure you cash it in a timely manner. This applies to District cheques as well. Those hard working Treasurers need to reconcile their bank statements each month and can't do that if you are still holding onto the cheque.

## NOMINATE MCKIVETT LODGE

Please support the nomination of McKivett Lodge to White Knight Painting's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Paint Give Away at

<https://www.whiteknightpainting.com/nomination/>  
If you need more instructions, see the [SVI website](#)

## DEADLINE REMINDERS

### 1) CAMP CRESTS

We have a NEW CREST competition for both Kingswood and McKivett Lodge.

Deadline for submissions **December 1st** - to [sviareaproperties@gmail.com](mailto:sviareaproperties@gmail.com) ( hopefully available for 2019)

### 2) IRON CHEF CREST



Submissions of crest designs are requested before **Dec 14** to Guide Office. Requirements on the SVI website: <https://www.svgirlguides.bc.ca/camping>

### 3) NEW BC CREST

BC Council is looking for a new crest. Deadline is November 30. Info and submissions to: [bccrest2018@gmail.com](mailto:bccrest2018@gmail.com)



### 4) TRAININGS AT PROVINCE

a) The deadline for applications to the Super Spark and Brownie Guider workshop are due at Area by November 30.

b) The deadline for submissions for the OAL Tent Training Camping and the Beyond Tenting sessions in the new year, are due on November 30 to [2019bccampingworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:2019bccampingworkshop@gmail.com) .

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

**Dec 1** – Kingswood and/or McKivett Lodge crest

**Dec 3** – National Census taken

**Dec 14** – Iron Chef crest contest closes

**Apr 28** – Iron Chef competition for Guides and Pathfinders

### AREA AWARDS for older girls

The next SVI Canada Cord/Chief Commissioner's Gold/Gold Trailblazer Award ceremony will be held on **Monday, June 10, 2019** at the Olympic View Golf Club. The firm deadline to have the girls' paperwork into the SVI Office is **April 30** at midnight. The Pathfinders, Rangers and their Guiders need to know these dates so the girls can plan their year accordingly.

See the Awards page on the website:

<https://www.svgirlguides.bc.ca/girl-awards>

### GIRLS FIRST

For those Guiders who are implementing the new program, how are you finding it? The SVI Girls First Champions would love to hear from you at their email [svirlsfirst@gmail.com](mailto:svirlsfirst@gmail.com)

### MEMBERS AT LARGE

New Guiders who do not complete their Safe Guide training within six months of joining will be made Members at Large and will be invoiced for their membership fees. Safe Guide training is available online or live with Trainings on the SVI website: <https://www.svgirlguides.bc.ca/training> .

### MILNES UPPER CABIN

Upper Lodge at Milnes - the fireplace is functional and instructions will be posted so that units using the facility will be able to enjoy a wood fire.