



# SVI NEWS

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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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**FROM THE AREA COMMISSIONERS' DESK**

"We were happy about the notification of SVI being back to Outdoor 1, but recognize and acknowledge everyone's comfort zone, and respect the preferences of unit Guiders to have the option of in-person meetings, or to continue with virtual. Thank you all for continuing to promote Guiding in these adverse times.

Thanks to all who participated in the Blue Lights displays - they were awesome!

Thanks to all who have been helping disperse the extra 553 cases of cookies that Area received. We are now down to 200 cases, so great job everyone! Hopefully we will be able to have one final push of these cookies, now that we know there will be no Spring cookies to sell.

A huge 'Thank You' to all our amazing volunteers!"

Sharon & Deb

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**AREA VACANCIES**

- PR (Public Relations) Adviser
- Camas District Commissioner

**SVI LEGACY FUND update**

The Legacy Fund Committee Application Form is still being refined, and will be sent out shortly. The committee will create options for the disposition of the funds from the sale of Guide House.

## News from AREA COMMITTEES

### AWARDS

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

Province is not sending out **Gold Trailblazer** awards this year: it is the responsibility of Guiders to purchase pins from Guide Store and print off the certificates for girls earning these awards.

**SVI Area Scholarships** are re-instated for 2021 (there are 2, each one is for \$400): remind the Rangers to apply, early. Deadline is May 31, 2021. <https://www.svirlguides.bc.ca/svi-education-awards>

For the **BC Guider Appreciation Award**, see the new interactive applications form on the BC Council website: [https://www.girlguides.ca/web/BC/Member\\_Service/s/Membership/Awards\\_Recognition/BC/Volunteers/Guider\\_Resources/Awards\\_Recognition/Awards.a.spx?hkey=2b49e14a-f2b2-439f-9a61-489127c80986](https://www.girlguides.ca/web/BC/Member_Service/s/Membership/Awards_Recognition/BC/Volunteers/Guider_Resources/Awards_Recognition/Awards.a.spx?hkey=2b49e14a-f2b2-439f-9a61-489127c80986)

Mentors are available from Province for older unit meetings to discuss scholarship applications.

### INTERNATIONAL

Check out the World Centre virtual programming <https://www.waggs.org/en/news/world-centres-virtual-programme/?fbclid=IwAR15N788yKrHtchIGMz2YHvCxfde4i-rnDDrk7iqtrVanLCQhDEldpM77o>

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

### PROPERTIES

As of March 1, camp bookings for Kingswood Camp and Milnes Landing Camp opened for booking of outdoor sites from March 29 through the end of June for non-overnight use.

The Bill Reith site has not been opened for bookings yet due to wet conditions but will be open soon. <https://www.svirlguides.bc.ca/camp-booking-information>

Campfires at Kingswood and Milnes Landing Camps – please make sure you are only putting enough wood on the fire so that it all burns. Please clean out the fire pits after use. DO NOT put partially burned wood back in the wood storage area.

Reminder – Safe Guide: Guiders planning outdoor cooking on fires or camp stoves, this is a yellow level activity, so Safe Guide forms are required.

### PROGRAM [sviprogram@gmail.com](mailto:sviprogram@gmail.com)

1) Scientists in Schools – STEM programs offered by a non-profit group to community groups K to Grade 8. Materials are provided. This program has been previously offered to GGC units in Alberta and Ontario and is now available in BC. Cost is \$195 per workshop. More information at [scientistsinschools.ca](http://scientistsinschools.ca) follow the link for Community and Club workshops.

2) Royal Tyrrell Museum – is offering online tours of the museum. We have heard some Scouting groups have done the tour and loved it. Cost is a cost of \$125 for a tour with a live guide. There are a variety of tours and topics available. More information:

[https://tyrrellmuseum.com/learn/distance\\_learning](https://tyrrellmuseum.com/learn/distance_learning)

3) Rainforest Tours – We were contacted by a third party service provider who does guided day hikes through East Sooke Park and the Juan de Fuca Marine Trail. More information is available at: [rainforesttours.ca](http://rainforesttours.ca) or call 1-250-590-6635.

## TRAINING

Questions? [svitraining@gmail.com](mailto:svitraining@gmail.com)

### New Guider Learning Path info:

The New Guider Learning Path is a series of 5 courses that ensures Guiders feel confident and prepared to lead their units. The BC Training Committee will be offering 2 of these courses in April - Building Unit Guiders Skills and All About the Branch both with a focus on Sparks & Brownies! Guiders are encouraged to take the e-course version of 'The Girl Program' before attending any of the sessions as points within that course may be talked about during these trainings.

All Guiders are required to complete the 5 courses of the New Guider Learning path within their first six months of joining Girl Guides of Canada. Attending these sessions and taking the recommended e-course, would complete 3 out of the five requirements.

Session dates & times:

Sunday, April 11th, 10am to 12pm – Building Unit Guider Skills - Focus Sparks & Brownies

Tuesday, April 13th, 7pm to 9pm - All About the Branch - Focus Sparks & Brownies

Tuesday, April 20th, 7pm to 9pm - Building Unit Guider Skills - Focus Sparks & Brownies

Thursday, April 22nd 7pm to 9pm - - All About the Branch - Focus Sparks & Brownies

Register at the BC Training Eventbrite - <https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/bc-training-32238842173>

## UNIFIED BANKING

Let the [sviub2020@gmail.com](mailto:sviub2020@gmail.com) email know if you have any questions or want further training such as training with **unit budget** creation.

Can we receive e-transfers to the unit for cookie payments? No e-transfers, but the parents can set GGC up for a bill payment

## SVI iMIS SUPPORT

Thanks to all the Guiders who have sent the list of Canada Cord and Lady Baden Powell recipients from last year – they can be forwarded along at any time and I will enter them even if the girl did not reregister in 2020-21 as they may come back as adults and want their record to be as complete as possible. [svi.imis@gmail.com](mailto:svi.imis@gmail.com)

Canada Cord/Trailblazer award paperwork should be submitted directly to [programs@girlguides.ca](mailto:programs@girlguides.ca) as there is no longer anyone at Province assigned to this task.

## CHOCOLATEY MINT COOKIES 2020

If you would like to sell more of the Area minty cookies, try this link (Hold Ctrl key + Left Click): [2nd Wave Mint Cookie Order Form - SVI Area - January 2021](#)

Payment for Chocolatey Mint Cookies 2020 to Province will happen March 26, 2021.

Best Before dates? Look at the production date on the box end and add 10 months.

## CLASSIC COOKIES 2021

The only classic cookie for sale in BC during the spring months will be through a retail partner and all proceeds will be shared with BC units, districts, and areas. All units will sell classic cookies in the fall. Additional details have been sent by email to BC members.

**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/> .

**April 12** – Area Zoom meeting at 7:30