Section 1: Out and About

Connect to Share

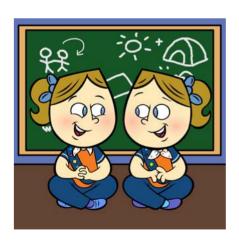
This section is about getting the girls involved in activities related to local government or being seen in the public. Any activities are possible as long as the girls are in uniform and they are out in the community talking to people about Guiding.

Complete one each of the four parts to earn the **Out and About** challenge crest.

Part 1 A—Community Connections . . . Come See Us Now

- Staff tables at community and farm markets and promote Guiding to customers
- Attend a community event and make contact with organizers and participants
- Send a letter with pictures to your mayor, MLA, or MP telling them about the value of Guiding in Canada and what Guiding means to girls and women
- Ask your local municipal councils if Guiding can paint over a "graffiticovered" wall or bench with "Guiding" theme art
- Visit City/Municipal Councils and have girls talk about their favourite thing in Guiding
- Organize and participate in a community candlelight walk-about; invite the public to join you for a cup of hot chocolate at the end
- Ask your local museum, library, school, pre-school, bank, recreation centre, municipal hall or mall if you can set up a display about Guiding

- Donate a Guiding book to your public library (e.g., Guiding heroes)
- Help plan, create or decorate a float for a community parade



Part 1 B—Sharing in Celebrations

We encourage stepping outside your district boundaries for your second choice and taking part in a parade or fair for the first time.

For this category, you may participate as a Unit or as a Girl Guide member in two of the following:

- Buccaneer Days
- Brentwood Bay Day
- Oak Bay Tea Party
- Sooke Fall Fair
- Langford Summer Festival
- Luxton Fall Fair
- July 1 Parade in Sidney
- Sidney Santa Parade
- Westshore Santa Parade

- God's Acre or other candlelight tributes or ceremonies
- Remembrance Day ceremonies in Central Saanich, Esquimalt, Oak Bay, Langford, Saanich, Sidney, Sooke or the BC Legislature
- Participate in a multi-district or an SVI Area-wide service day
- Participate in a multi-district or an SVI Area-wide event

Part 1 C—Sharing Unit Connections

The following are just some small examples and ideas; freely substitute activities that are in keeping with the spirit of the challenge. Ask the girls, your councils or your Guilds—they will have great ideas for making connections.

- Develop parent/work relationships for Unit visits (e.g., Bring your daughter and her ____Unit to work day! or Bring your parents' co-workers to the Unit meeting)
- Hold a teachers' appreciation night and have the girls write out personal invitations to their teachers to attend the Unit meeting
- Hold a career night recruiting family, friends and the community
- Invite a resource person or guest speaker to come talk to the girls, your district council or guild about a relevant topic or program item (i.e.,

- the CRD about recycling or water management, Environment Canada, or a UVIC Speakers Bureau presenter)
- Invite a local First Nation's Band member to come to your Unit meeting and speak about their history
- Have the girls create and distribute a notice about why we collect funds for Canadian World Friendship Fund (CWFF)
- Have a multicultural presentation at your meeting

- Invite a Guiding member who has travelled internationally to speak to your Unit
- Invite another Guider to join you at training event
- Wear your Girl Guide uniform to school on Thinking Day
- Wear your Girl Guide uniform to the Remembrance Day Ceremony at your school

Part 1 D—Stepping Out

The objective of the challenge is to get **Guiding** out into the community - this section is about taking a Unit meeting outside the hall. Please choose a location where your Unit has not gone before or doesn't normally meet.

The key to all of the following is to wear your uniform!

- Visit a museum, art gallery or public library (maybe the librarian could read to younger girls)
- * Tour a grocery store (many hold tours and focus on nutritional snacks and lunches), fire hall, police station, veterinary clinic, post office, bakery or commercial enterprise of your choosing where tours are offered or can be arranged. Tour your local newspaper—maybe you'll get your picture in the paper!
- Attend a musical or theatrical performance, or go to a movie
- Visit Butchart Gardens at Christmas, the Enchanted Halloween at Heritage Acres, the Corn Maze at Galey's Farm or Easter at the Barn for Therapeutic Riding
- Hold a meeting in a public park, at the mall or in the parking lot of your meeting hall/school—anywhere you are outside and can be seen

- Go swimming, curling, skating, or try something new at your local recreation centre
- Try out a new sport or activity like curling, tennis, yoga, lawn bowling or archery at a local club. The possibilities are limitless. For contacts check out your local recreation centre brochure
- Go to an international restaurant and try a food new food
- Go for ice-cream/popsicles together
- Travel on public transit—have a meeting on the bus while doing a challenge
- Travel by bus as part of the activity
- Walk (as part of the activity) to or between places
- Be a tourist in your own town (visit local attractions such as Butterfly Gardens, the Shaw Discovery Centre in Sidney, and the Centre of the Universe in Saanich)