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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 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](mailto:sviareawebmaster@gmail.com).

All issues of the SVI News can be found on our website ([www.svigailguides.bc.ca](http://www.svigailguides.bc.ca)) under GUIDING IN SVI).

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**NEW AREA COMMISSIONERS**

As you may know, SVI has two new Area Co-Commissioners. Deb Buckle and Sharon Lohr have stepped up to fill this important position. Both have impressive Guiding resumes. Deb has been a Guider with 2nd Glanford Guides for over 30 years, and has served as both the Glan Oaks and Bay to Bay District Commissioner, Saanich Shores Division Commissioner and SVI Area Deputy Commissioner. Sharon joined Guiding in 1993, and for 16 years was a Guider with 1st Keating Guides, with additional stints as a Brownie and Pathfinder leader. She has just completed her second term as Woodwyn District Commissioner. The Guiding community in SVI is very grateful that they are willing to lead us for the next three years. We are in good hands!

**AREA VACANCIES**

SVI Area Council needs:

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

Please consider taking on one of these jobs. There is lots of help around to help you get started.



**ONLINE FIRST AID & CPR**

While there are online First Aid and CPR courses offered, these do not comply with the requirements of Safe Guide. There must be a portion of the training completed in person.



## PROVINCIAL EMERGENCY CONTACT LINE

Guiders are reminded that calling the Provincial Emergency contact line does not constitute immediate contact with a member of the PC Team. It may take a while to get someone on the phone depending on the nature of the emergency. If it is a matter requiring immediate situation, the call center may place the Guider on hold until a member of the PC Team can be reached.

## CHILD PROTECTION

### Emergency Contact/ Girl Protection Policy

The Ministry of Children and Family Development has established a provincial centralized screening system for all reports of child or youth abuse or neglect. This centralized screening team is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and can be reached by phoning: 800-663-9122.

For non-emergency concerns, Elaine Wong, practice specialist within the ministry is available for Guiders. (C: 778-875-7100 E: [elaine.wong@gov.bc.ca](mailto:elaine.wong@gov.bc.ca)) Her role is to talk to the Guiders and advise if the concern needs to be forwarded to MCFD or not. Ask your District Commissioner for information.

## SPRING COOKIES

FYI - Delivery of the Classic cookies is scheduled for March 9-19, 2019 which falls within spring break. Cookie Sales will begin the weekend of April 6-7, 2019.



## SOAR 2020

The applications for Sub Camp Teams are now available at <http://soarbc.com/applications/sub-camp-staff-applications/>.

Deadline for submission is February 28. SOAR 2020: Camp Barnard, Sooke, SVI Area, July 24 to August 1, 2020.



## FUNDRAISING

Be sure to include your District Commissioner in the discussions when completing the FR.1 forms. They need to know what fundraising is being done in their District.

A screenshot of the 'Application for Fundraising Approval (FR.1)' form from Girl Guides. The form is titled 'Section 1: Details of Fundraising' and contains several sections for providing information about the fundraising activity, including a table for 'Description of fundraising method', 'Date of Activity', 'Programme Fee', and 'Approved Date'. There are also sections for 'Section 2: Description of Fundraising Activity/Activities' and 'Section 3: Details of Costs'. The form is partially filled out with placeholder text.

## INTERNATIONAL

The Area international committee would like to know what they can do to help promote Guiding travel for local guiders? The number of independent international trips has been on the decline over the last few years. There are 15 independent trips from Province but none of the participants are from SVI. Usually these trips are announced 18 months ahead of time so there is lots of time to prepare an application. If you have some ideas, send the Committee an email at [svireainternational@gmail.com](mailto:svireainternational@gmail.com).

## Safe Guide

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### 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.svigirlguides.bc.ca/girl-awards>



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

**Jan 31** – Application deadline for BC Night Owls Brownie event at Camp Creina (May 10-12)

**Feb 28** – Tentative date for Area meeting

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

### GIRLS FIRST

Are you unable to access the new Girls First platform online? Please contact the Customer Service Agents to discuss options with them.

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### NEW SAFE GUIDE

Watch for the request for input into the new Safe Guide procedures. National would like to know what works for you and where you have difficulties.