



Girl Guides
of Canada
Guides
du Canada

BC Council Annual Report 2014



Vision

Girl Guides of Canada–Guides du Canada, the organization of choice for girls and women, makes a positive difference in the life of every girl and woman who experiences Guiding so she can contribute responsibly to her communities.

Mission

Girl Guides of Canada–Guides du Canada enables girls to be confident, resourceful and courageous, and to make a difference in the world.

Promise

I Promise to do my best,
To be true to myself, my beliefs
and Canada
I will take action for a better world
And respect the Guiding Law



BC Girl Guides
Having Fun, Working Hard, Making a Difference



Dawnette Humphrey, BC Provincial Commissioner



BC Girl Guides worked hard to ensure 2014 was another year of Girl Greatness—having fun, working hard and making a difference! Thanks to the membership growth plans and the efforts of all members throughout the province, our numbers grew to 17,086 girls, youth and adults! It would take up much more space than a single page to write about every single event but here is a sampling:

- ★ An Event Planning Workshop took place January 24–26, 2014, teaching Guiders how to plan and execute successful events.
- ★ World Thinking Day was celebrated at our provincial Guide House, where 215 members, from Sparks to Trefoil Guild, celebrated the birthdays of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell through a round-robin of activities for girls in the morning and a tea in the afternoon.
- ★ The Spark/Brownie WOWZA Science Day was held in Kamloops on April 12. Activities including the science of sound, chemistry with Dr. Alberta Einstein, engineering, space to earth and the Vancouver Aquarium Aquavan were enjoyed by 109 girls.
- ★ The International Briefing, an event that prepares girls and Guiders who are planning to take trips outside Canada, took place at Guide House in April.
- ★ Guides Exploring Science and Technology (GUEST) was held on Vancouver Island May 31–June 1. This is such a popular event that the number of applications far exceeded the capacity of the venue!
- ★ The BC Trefoil Rendezvous was held in Kamloops May 31–June 1 where Trefoil Guild members from

across BC gathered for fun and friendship, history walks, arts and crafts, scavenger hunts, singing, hikes and yoga. BC has over 950 Trefoil Guild members and 84 Guilds!

- ★ In June, BC Council hosted the annual general meeting of Girl Guides of Canada–Guides du Canada. Chief Commissioner Sharron Callahan and her deputies, the national board of directors, staff members from the national office and provincial commissioners from across Canada were welcomed by the event planning committee and members of BC Council. On June 7, a very special member engagement event took place in which more than 100 girls from all branches and 120 adults (parents and Guiders) from many parts of BC were consulted and invited to share their perspectives on Girl Guides today and in the future. The opinions expressed will be used for the “Girls First” initiative, a five-year comprehensive review and revision of GGC programming and program delivery.
- ★ The results of more than two years of planning came to fruition July 19–26 at the Spirit of Adventure Rendezvous 2014 (SOAR) in the city of Enderby, BC. This small city in the Okanagan welcomed us with open arms and it was a week filled with challenge and adventure, as well as service projects for the local community and the environment. There were 2,143 girls and patrol Guiders and 197 core staff from BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick as well as international guests from the USA, the UK, New Zealand, Japan and Grenada. You can read about the amazing “Legacy of Service” on the City of Enderby website, <http://www.cityofenderby.com/girl-guides-leave-enderby-legacy-service/>.
- ★ Patrols of Guides and Pathfinders from BC travelled to Maple Falls, Washington, in September for the Mix It Up camp. The theme was “Games through the Years” and participants reported it was a fun event.
- ★ Their Royal Highnesses Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, and his wife Sophie, Countess of Wessex, visited BC in September to present gold Duke of Edinburgh’s Awards to youth, including Guiding members. The provincial commissioner team was fortunate to have the opportunity to be in Victoria and Kelowna and to meet these very special guests, whose daughter is a Girl Guide in England.
- ★ The Pathfinder Summit was held at Guide House October 18–19. This popular girl event was filled to capacity and its success was evident from the post-event evaluations!
- ★ Fifty participants and seven presenters attended Camp Kanaka October 17–19 for a very successful



training event in all seven of the Guider training modules as well as Outdoor Adventure Leadership (OAL) Adventure Camping training.

- ★ The Presentation and Communication Skills Workshop was held at the end of October with 24 participants, including prospective trainers and others wishing to hone their skills in making presentations or conducting meetings.
- ★ An Awards Workshop was held at Guide House November 7–9; it was very successful and representatives from all areas were in attendance.
- ★ In mid-2014 a joint project of the Western Hemisphere Committee of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) and Girl Guides of Canada called “Twinning 2020” was initiated. Provinces in Canada were partnered with other member organizations within WAGGGS to develop a new twinning model that will eventually be adopted for use throughout WAGGGS. British Columbia and Quebec were twinned with Peru. In November adult Twinning “Leads” and provincial commissioners from each province met in Toronto with representatives of our twinning countries. It was a great pleasure to meet these incredible women who are working hard to grow Guiding in their countries! The project will carry on through to 2016.

These are only the “tip of the iceberg” of events and opportunities in 2014 in BC! None of them would have happened without the tireless dedication of our volunteers and the enthusiasm and passion of our girls and young women! The words “thank you” will never be enough to express the pride and gratitude I feel for all of you! Girl Greatness truly starts here in BC!



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In 2014, BC Girl Guides had opportunities for...

... Fun and Adventure

- ★ SOAR 2014: The Spirit of Adventure Rendezvous in Enderby, BC
- ★ Unit, district and area camps
- ★ Bring-a-friend events
- ★ Rally in the Valley
- ★ Nite Trek and Nite Hike
- ★ Me to We Take Action Academy
- ★ Alberta Girls' Parliament
- ★ Pathfinder Summit
- ★ Ranger Revolution
- ★ Trefoil Guild Rendezvous
- ★ Mix It Up
- ★ GUEST (Guides Exploring Science and Technology)
- ★ GOTA (Girls on the Air)
- ★ Travel to Mexico, Peru, England, and across Canada

... Giving Service

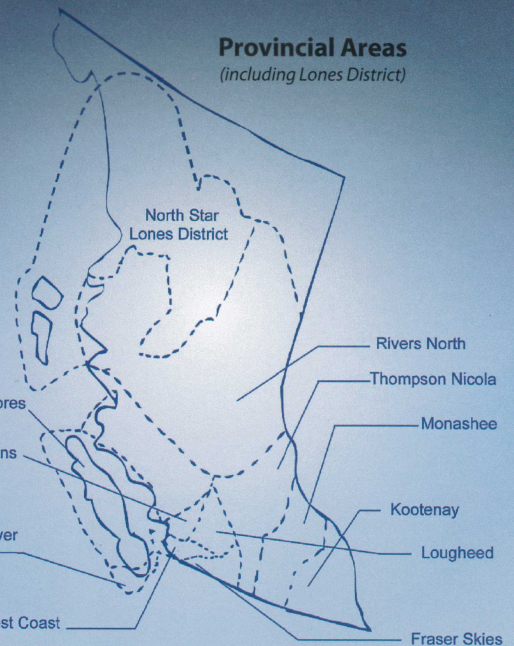
- ★ At SOAR:
 - Making comfort bears to distribute to police, fire and ambulance services and emergency wards
 - Building park trails

- Making ready-to-bake pies for the Enderby Resource Centre lunch program
- Making dog toys for distribution to the SPCA and Paws Without Borders
- Sewing skirts to send to Africa
- Preparing food for dehydrating, to help feed people in undeveloped countries
- Cutting out sanitary panties for girls in Africa
- Collecting school supplies
- Painting two community gazebos and a chain fence
- Weeding city gardens and pathways

- ★ Adopting a road
- ★ Helping at soup kitchens
- ★ Making food hampers
- ★ Going reverse trick-or-treating (handing out treats to children in hospital)
- ★ Participating in the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup
- ★ Tree planting with the GGC Tree Planting Grant Program
- ★ Visiting and singing at seniors' centres
- ★ Sending valentines to veterans
- ★ Supporting food banks and Meals-on-Wheels
- ★ Fundraising for the Canadian World Friendship Fund
- ★ Volunteering at community events, including Canada Day celebrations and Community Days

... Global Awareness

- ★ World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) Stop the Violence campaign
- ★ Earth Day events
- ★ Hike for Hunger
- ★ World Thinking Day celebrations
- ★ Volunteering at World Centres



... and much more!

- ★ Camp Skills Days
- ★ Enrichment Training for Guides
- ★ Event Planning Workshop
- ★ Outdoor Adventure Leadership Training
- ★ Presentation Communication Skills Workshop
- ★ Awards Advisers' Workshop
- ★ Training Advisers' Workshop
- ★ District Commissioners' Workshop
- ★ Girl Guides of Canada National Annual General Meeting and Member Engagement

And none of this would have been possible without the sale of Girl Guide cookies and the support of our communities!



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BC Council Membership for 2014

Patron Her Honour, the Honourable Judith Guichon, OBC,
Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia

Honorary Officers

Daphne MacGregor-Greer Judy Maurice
Elaine Hayden Elaine Killam
Pat Drugge Dolores Racine
Georgia Runcie Marion Rogers
May Kendrick

Provincial Commissioner Dawnette Humphrey

Deputy Provincial Commissioners

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Leslie Bush Helen Varga

Provincial Treasurer Roanna McCormack

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International Jennifer MacGregor-Greer
Membership Rosemary Meech
Program Julie Thomson
Public Relations Laurie Hooker
Training Kerrie Glover

Area Commissioners

Fraser Skies Bev Lindsay, Siobhan Peck
and Jill Battie
Kootenay Pat Wildeman (Jan.–Apr.)/
Maryann Brock (May–Dec.)
Lions Colleen Kellner
Lougheed Darlene Kent
Monashee Sheila Fergusson
Pacific Shores Deanie Patten
Rivers North Robi McKnight
and Christine Tessier
Southern Vancouver Island Sharon Doty
Thompson Nicola Tara Decker and Anne Fox
West Coast Donna Hillman (Jan.–Oct.)/
Diamond Isinger (Nov.–Dec.)

Elected Members

Diana Alexander (Jan.–May)
Sarah Beairsto (May–Dec.)
Kaarina Fichtner (nee Mooney) (Jan.–May)
Catherine Fritsch (Jan.–May)
Amber Larlee (nee Richards)
Stella Vallee (May–Dec.)
Kelsy Woods (May–Dec.)

2014 BC Council Bursaries and Scholarships

Bursary of Honour

Sarya Ross, Abbotsford

BC Council Bursary

Melissa Curatolo, Kelowna
Carissa Konesky, Burnaby
Amelia Moore, Salmon Arm
Angela Reiberger, Chilliwack

Sterling-Rae King, Kaleden
Morgan Michels, Richmond
Samantha Oldale, Port Alberni
Lindsay Veenstra, Vancouver

Margery Dumfries Scholarship

Kimberley Jones, Saanichton

Eve Pound Scholarship

Hayley Jim, Vancouver

Pat Drugge Adult Bursary

Pippa Adams, Vancouver

Marcy MacKenzie, Maple Ridge

BC Trefoil Guilds' Education Grant

Sophie Streleoff, Castlegar
Leila Waugh, Delta

Hannah Scott, Vancouver

Awards

Book of Honour

Lorna Cloutier, New Westminster, West Coast Area
Joyce Codron, New Westminster, West Coast Area
Colleen Plank, Kelowna, Monashee Area
Claire Sokoloski, Westbank, Monashee Area

Medal of Merit

Noreen Keen, Nanaimo, Pacific Shores Area
Carolyn Ledding, West Vancouver, Lions Area
Patricia Miles, Surrey, Fraser Skies Area

Also presented to BC members in 2014

Gold Merit	10
Silver Merit	15
Bronze Merit	24
Gold Thanks	39

Membership in 2014

Adults	4,057
Girls	13,029
Total Members	17,086



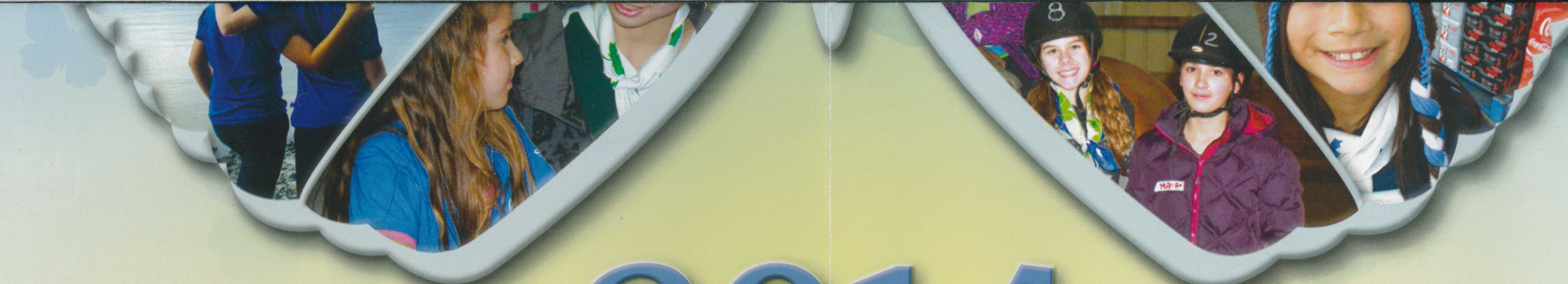
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