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Editorial

Hello and welcome to a new Guiding year. At this point, camp planning for your unit, district or area is at least in the talking stage. I'm excited to point you toward a special feature in this issue that should add to your options—an article on all the camping properties around BC that are owned by Girl Guides of Canada—Guides du Canada.

Our facilities and campsites are an enviable resource. We should be taking advantage of the properties—and often!—to ensure that land ownership by GGC continues to make sense in BC and that the facilities and campsites will also be available to members in the future. Your comprehensive overview of the properties around the province starts on p.17.

With this issue, I also say goodbye as *Pipeline's* editor. I've loved the role, especially communicating directly with you and striving to publish your stories in the most engaging ways. This volunteer opportunity has also helped my professional development: first-hand experience managing the production process has made me more knowledgeable, skilled and confident in my career as an editor.

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Thank you to everyone who submitted articles, blurbs and photos. Writing up your event or idea is never easy, but your efforts are rewarded when the story empowers others to be the best they can be! Wishing you all a wonderful year.

Yours in Guiding,
Robyn So

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Back: 2nd Parksville Guides, Pacific Shores Area, and their Guider Susan Zutz hike near Parksville. *Val Froom*

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PC's PAGE

Diamond Isinger,
Provincial Commissioner



Working with our terrific team in British Columbia, I'm delighted to be serving as our provincial commissioner! Since my installation in May, I've been busy listening to members, gathering great ideas and making things happen in partnership with our 18,000 girls and women. I've brought my excitement for girl empowerment, dynamic programming, growing GGC and making Guiding a safe and inclusive space for everyone along with me into this position.

Putting girls at the centre of every decision, every project and every activity will be vital to our success in BC. Our girl-driven approach to Guiding ensures that every girl feels at home in Girl Guides, can explore their passions and will choose to stick around in GGC—all the way to becoming a young Guider and giving back to girls just like them.

To make that happen, listening to girls is the #1 most important action we can take. But we have to back that listening with real action. From the provincial level to the unit level, we need to give girls a meaningful voice and the tools to create change themselves, supported and championed by adult allies. Whenever we hear an idea from any girl, the next

question back to her should be "How can I help you make that happen?" as we strive to be catalysts for girls empowering girls.

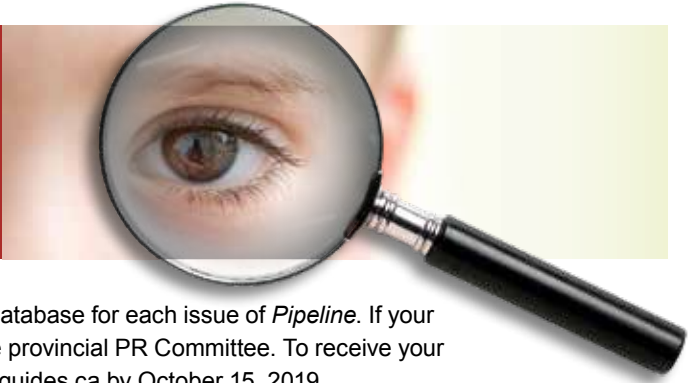
In the spring, I visited Rally on the Shores to connect with girls and women from across Vancouver Island and beyond. From their thoughts on diversity and inclusion, to partnerships with Indigenous communities, to adventure camping and awesome STEM program opportunities they would like to see, girls and their Guiders came with big ideas about the future of Guiding. Of course, it didn't hurt that I have a new PC crest to give out (find me at an event to get one!) as a bonus incentive.

Several of the ideas that girls shared with me and members of BC Council have already been implemented in consultation with those same girls ... and we're just getting started. We want to hear from you, now and throughout the year. Our PC team—Deputy Provincial Commissioners Tara Decker, of Kamloops, Christine Tessier, of Smithers, and Colleen McKenna, of Victoria—is available to support you, along with your area and district commissioners. Our provincial advisers also want to hear from you and work with you.

Big plans for provincial events, trips, activities, scholarships and other awesome opportunities for the Guiding year ahead are being plotted by BC volunteers. If you want to be part of those efforts, consider getting involved at the provincial level. Our girl-driven projects and work are fully volunteer-powered—volunteers just like you make these things happen. You can be a part of it! Provincial committee opportunities can be found on the BC website, and other opportunities are routinely sent out directly to members. Many new roles are also available to Rangers and older girls, to build their leadership skills, gain experience and share their youth perspective. Please reach out to express your interest and share your skills/expertise, and ask your commissioner to help connect you with any other opportunities.

I look forward to listening, learning and leading with BC girls and volunteers. The year ahead will be a big year for Guiding in our province and across Canada. From SOAR 2020 in Sooke to the roll-out of new Girls First opportunities and badges that BC girls will experience, exciting adventures await us. I can't wait to explore with our Guiding friends across BC and look forward to connecting with you!

Identify Your Membership Number



Five membership numbers are randomly drawn from the iMIS database for each issue of *Pipeline*. If your number is listed below, you are eligible to receive a gift from the provincial PR Committee. To receive your gift, send an email, identifying your number, to bc-pipeline@girlguides.ca by October 15, 2019.

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HELP US NAME THE MASCOT



BC Girl Guides

Our SOAR 2020 mascot is an adorable raccoon... we would like to introduce her to you... but we don't know her name, yet! We need your help to name her.

Send your ideas to bc-soar@girlguides.ca by November 15, 2019.

A special raccoon stuffie will be awarded to the winning entry.



 <https://www.facebook.com/soarbc/>

 <https://www.instagram.com/ggcsoarbc/>

 <https://twitter.com/GGCSOARBC>

 <https://www.youtube.com/c/SOARBC>

Upcoming Events

DATE	WHAT	WHO	WHERE	NOTES
September 20–22	Mix It Up	Guide, Pathfinder and Girl Scout patrols	<i>Fraser River Heritage Park, Mission</i>	Application deadline has passed.
September 27–29	Road to Dynamic Presentations	Guiders and Rangers	<i>Guide House, North Vancouver</i>	For adults and Rangers wanting to improve their presentation skills or who may be interested in becoming trainers. Application deadline has passed.
October 6	Girl Guides at the 'Caps	All Guiding members, their families and friends	<i>BC Place, Vancouver</i>	Buy your tickets at whitecapsfc.com/girlguides and use promo code GIRLGUIDES.
October 11–14	Island Adventure Pathfinder Weekend 2019	Pathfinders	<i>Keats Island</i>	More information to come by email, or contact bc-camping@girlguides.ca .
October 18–20	IGNITE 2019	Pathfinders, Rangers and bridging members	<i>Executive Inn, Richmond</i>	Application deadline has passed.
November 1–3	ATA Workshop	Area training advisers	<i>Guide House, North Vancouver</i>	Information will go directly to ATAs by email, or contact bc-training@girlguides.ca .
2020				
January/February	Dogwood Training	Guiders	<i>Guide House, North Vancouver</i>	Personal enrichment for Guiders who want a deeper experience of Guiding beyond their regular unit or council experience. More information to come by email, or contact bc-training@girlguides.ca .
Spring	Safe Guide Workshop	Safe Guide assessors and trainers	<i>Guide House, North Vancouver</i>	Training for rollout of revised Safe Guide for assessors and trainers. More information to come by email, or contact bc-training@girlguides.ca .

PR Grants for Districts and Areas

BC Public Relations Committee

Is your district or area looking for funding support for a PR event or item that will make Guiding more visible to the general public?

You can apply for a grant for up to 50 per cent of the total cost of the PR event or item, to a maximum of \$500 per area. Your district or area must contribute an equal or greater amount of the total cost of the opportunity.

Funds can be used to purchase GGC promotional items for distribution at a community event, ads in a community newspaper or entries for a community parade. These are just examples. Check out *Pipeline* issue 387, Winter/Spring, p. 15, for more ideas and photos of PR events and items supported by PR grants.

Applications are evaluated based on need and anticipated PR benefits. Grants are awarded until available budgeted funds have been depleted.

Watch your email inbox for the applications or contact bc-prcomm@girlguides.ca.



The deadline to apply is October 15, 2019.

Alberta Girls' Parliament 2019



This event, run by Alberta Council, aims to inform young women about how the parliamentary system works.

Girls learn about parliamentary debate and how caucus works by attending party caucus meetings prior to each debate. They also learn how to debate and develop their arguments. BC Council and the BC Program Committee support two Rangers from BC to attend this event each year.

Alberta Girls' Parliament is held annually in March, and applications are sent to Rangers in November of the prior year. Rangers, keep an eye on your email inboxes in November 2019 for information about the 2020 event.

Sara, Orion Rangers, West Coast Area

In March, I participated in Alberta Girls' Parliament (AGP), in Edmonton, where I learned how parliament works. I was one of two girls from British Columbia selected to be part of a group of Girl

Guides from across Alberta, along with one girl from Saskatchewan.

During the five-day event, we toured the Alberta Legislature, spoke to the sergeant-at-arms, Brian Hodgson, and took part in multiple mock legislation debates. We debated topics such as banning plastic bags and providing mandatory classes of First Nations languages in public schools. I was on the opposition in the debates and had the opportunity to come up with arguments from all sides. Throughout the day we held caucus meetings to discuss our arguments and how we were going to tackle any points brought up by the government.

During our opening session, the lieutenant-governor of Alberta, Lois Mitchell, spoke to us about the importance of having an understanding of parliamentary procedures. Between the caucus meetings and the debates, we heard a number of guest speakers on topics such as having female representation in parliament and how we can be involved.

Throughout this experience I also developed public speaking skills, which helped grow my self-confidence. I loved having the chance to meet so many girls from another province and develop new friendships. I would highly recommend that Rangers from BC apply to attend Alberta Girls' Parliament 2020.

Sonum, 1st Hawthorne Rangers, Fraser Skies Area

Throughout my time at Alberta Girls' Parliament (AGP), I felt overwhelmingly



Sonum, happy to be a participant in AGP!

positive support from every girl who attended. I was star-struck by how open everyone was to meeting and getting to know me. Debating in the Alberta Girls' Parliament while representing the constituency of Livingstone-Macleod taught me leadership skills and that we can have a political voice in our own communities. Even as a strong, growing woman, I saw a new perspective of what a difference I am able to create by voicing

my opinions for a better BC or Canada. I lived with other incredible girls at the event. We all encouraged each other to speak up more and debate each other—to state our points and speak our voices. Being from British Columbia, I saw the parliamentary system from another perspective, incorporating ideas and bills that could be argued for a better sustainable future. Our mock debates on topics such as plastic reduction and single-parent

income supports felt realistic. This definitely encouraged me to speak my opinions on the government side of the debates.

I am so glad that I attended Alberta Girls' Parliament and that I am involved with Girl Guides so that I can help grow strong, powerful women for our future. I returned home with a sense of improved confidence and appreciation for the British Columbian, Albertan and Canadian governments.

Guiding Events:

What Am I Committing To?

Carissa Konesky, BC Program Adviser, with contributions by Kait Greer

The beginning of a new Guiding year brings many new and exciting opportunities. Your unit or district may be planning a camp or weekend event to kick off the year. Your area may be organizing a fun outing for all the districts, or you may be considering applying for a provincially sponsored camping event, training or program event. These big adventures can be some of the best parts of Guiding, and taking advantage of these opportunities is a great idea!

Before you decide to register for a Guiding opportunity, whether it is a Guider's training or camp, it is important to consider whether you are truly able to commit to it. As anybody who has ever planned an event will know, event planning takes a lot of work and time—and organizing a Guiding event is no different! It is likely that the organizers have already spent months planning the event by the time that you register. While Guiding volunteers are happy to plan events, they want to make sure that as many members as possible can enjoy the event they have organized. When participants cancel on Guiding experiences at the last minute, they take a spot away from someone else who could have had the opportunity to enjoy the event.

As Guiding members, we get to attend fun events at a small percentage of the actual cost, since Guiding often subsidizes a large amount of each event. Guiders may pay \$100 to attend an event, but the real cost may be \$400 per person—or even more! That is a lot of Girl Guide cookies! As the event draws closer, it becomes more difficult to recoup the costs already spent. For example, quartermasters purchase food far in advance, program and training supplies are arranged weeks or months

ahead of time and hotel rooms are often not refundable as the event date draws closer. If all Guiding members do their best to fully commit to the events that they register for, we can ensure that our Guiding money is allocated to its fullest extent.

You can look forward to some fantastic events in the 2019–20 Guiding year. These opportunities are very exciting, and anyone who is interested is encouraged to apply. Ensuring that we all do our best to fully commit to the events that we sign up for will make our Guiding events more fun and meaningful and will provide opportunities to as many members as possible!

Pipeline is Available Online!

Issues of *Pipeline* from 2016 to the present are available at www.bc-girlguides.org; select *Volunteers > Guider Resources > Pipeline*.

NOTE: Issues are available as PDF files and are about 10 MB in size.



Our Cabaña 2019

Lions Area Independent Trip



Looks like Our Cabaña's cactus garden has acquired a new species!

After two years of fundraising and planning, eight girls and two Guiders from Tetrahedron District travelled south to Our Cabaña to participate in “Splash into Spring.” We were joined by other members from Mexico and Paraguay. After our session, we headed to Mexico City for three days of exploring before returning home.

Bernice, Guider, 1st Elphinstone Sparks

The moment I walked into Our Cabaña, I was so impressed with the welcome ceremony the staff put on. We all took grains from a pot to offer up to each point—west, east, north, south and the sky—with the understanding that we all came from afar and that all the points are part of our world.

Being part of the ceremony, seeing how the staff is proud to be there and to bring the message to our group, I felt myself swell with pride to be a part of WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts).

So thankful for being there and experiencing this moment and so many more as the days went forward to our last day and the closing with all our new friends we had made throughout the week.

Niamh, 2nd Panther Pathfinders

Although I learned many new things and participated in many



In front of the Sun pyramid, outside Mexico City.

different activities on our trip to Mexico and Our Cabaña, our community service at the women's shelter really stood out. The women's shelter, which held around 15 residents when we

went, was originally set up to help women and young children escape unsafe and abusive situations and to give them a helping hand to get on their feet.

When we arrived, we sat in the main area waiting for the residents to emerge. Slowly, but surely, they all started to appear. Women ushered in their young children, who were unsure of the new guests who had invaded their current home, and others looked shy and curious at our presence. We proceeded to play games and sing songs that we and the volunteers from Our Cabaña helped prepare. At one point, the volunteers brought out a parachute, and we all watched with looks of pure glee as the kids and women crawled around playing cat and mouse. After a little while, we set up crafts and the residents mingled around.

It was at this point that a little boy came up to me with a little foam plane. He couldn't have been more than 2, and he had the most contagious smile and laugh. We hung keychains and bracelets off the wings of the plane and flew it around, laughing and playing. Another little girl came up to the two of us. She was around the same age, and we played little games of peekaboo with the plane, and they discovered my blue hair was fun to ruffle and mess up. The three of us found a balloon, and we took turns trying to fill it up with air and to release it in each other's faces. As the morning went on, we started playing in different areas of the room, and more kids discovered that they could mess up my hair.

It seemed that as soon as it began, it ended. Soon enough we were packing up our stuff and getting ready to leave, but not before we handed out some gifts and supplies to the residents. Finally, we hugged our new-found little friends and in a matter of minutes, we were back in taxis, navigating the moderately busy streets of Cuernavaca back to Our Cabaña.

This incredible experience is something that I will remember when I am old and frail, reminiscing on the life I have lived.

The Three Amigos

Ainsley, 1st Elphinstone Rangers

Some folks say that in the beautiful city of Mexico
Sealynn, Emma and Ainsley stroll without a care.

They stick together, down the streets they go
Girl Guide emblems on their chests, and taut braids in their hair.

They feel like they can lead the pack

Though other girls may disagree,

Not one of them hesitates to pull out a snack

When "lunchtime" chimes from one of the three.

We love our other pals in Guiding

The three amigos say,

But us Rangers share a special binding

And that is here to stay.

So one day you may see the amigos looking down from above

One piece of advice to take from them is to always share your Guiding love.



Pool party! Left to right: Sealynn, Ainsley and Emma.



*Welcoming other Our Cabaña guests to our Canada booth.
Left to right: Ainsley, Emma and Sealynn.*

AWARDS

Honorary Life

Pamela Pellegrini, *North Vancouver*
Mary Porterfield, *Victoria*

Fortitude

Christine Emery, *Sooke*
Leona Healy, *Coquitlam*
Elenor Hurst, *Nanaimo (posthumous)*

BC Award

Tara Decker, *Kamloops*
Colleen Kellner, *North Vancouver*
Darlene Kent, *Maple Ridge*

Medal of Merit

Leslie Bush, *Prince George*
Lynn Diduck, *Kamloops*
Diane Lawrence, *Richmond*
Colleen McKenna, *Victoria*
Lisa Wechzelberger, *Surrey*

Gold Merit

Sandra Berry, *Burnaby*
Gerry Koepke, *Burnaby*
Carolyn Ledding, *West Vancouver*
Sharon Lohr, *Victoria*
Lyn Mainwaring, *Kelowna*
Katrina Petrik, *North Vancouver*
Colleen Plank, *Kelowna*
Lorraine Pogue, *Maple Ridge*
Julie Ramsay, *Port Moody*
Deb Shaw, *Aldergrove*
Cyndi Smith, *Delta*
Luciana Wilcox, *Kelowna*
Elizabeth Wood, *Gibsons*

Silver Merit

Shannon Baird, *Burnaby*
Natalie Baxter, *Maple Ridge*
Sheila Fergusson, *Kelowna*
Sharon Fortney, *North Vancouver*
Laurie Gabriel, *New Westminster*
Jenny Hall, *White Rock*
Alison Hathaway, *Anmore*
Jennifer MacLean, *Surrey*
Joan MacLean, *Surrey*
Robyn McDonald, *Surrey*
Danika Murray, *Vancouver*
Karen Pawlikowski, *Chilliwack*
Dorothy Podmore, *Surrey*
Cindy Pugh, *Surrey*
Alyson Schmitz, *Port Alberni*
Breanne Smythe, *Surrey*
Deborah Snyder, *Comox*
Jodi Williams, *Vancouver*
Elizabeth Wood, *Gibsons*

Bronze Merit

Jeannette Andrews, *Victoria*
Christina Atchison, *Langley*
Julie Bamford, *Vancouver*
Shirley Bice, *Pitt Meadows*
Melissa Bourdon-King, *Kelowna*
Daleen Bybee, *Kimberley*
Donna Chan, *Vancouver*
Melissa Charlton, *Mission*
Bridgette Collard, *Langley*
Helen Crites, *Coquitlam*
Paige Dampier, *Abbotsford*
Michelle de Salaberry, *Burnaby*

Alyxandra Diehl, *Delta*
Daniela Evans, *Surrey*
Elaine Fisher, *Vancouver*
Rebecca Fisher, *Surrey*
Tammy Frederickson, *Vancouver*
Stephanie Gallant, *Surrey*
Jacquelynn Hoffer, *North Vancouver*
Denise Howden, *Victoria*
Megan Kelso, *Sechelt*
Shelby Kennedy, *Chilliwack*
Alissa Kinnis, *Victoria*
Alyssa Koehn, *Vancouver*
Heather Lawrence, *North Vancouver*
Rebecca Leung, *Burnaby*
Janet Li, *North Vancouver*
Erika McLean, *Sechelt*
Jennifer Ordze, *Victoria*
Elizabeth Poon, *Vancouver*
Angela Roscoe, *Surrey*
Melina Scholefield, *North Vancouver*
Lisa Thibault, *Abbotsford*
Susanna Waltham, *Vancouver*
Colene Wood, *Saanichton*

Book of Honour

Sheilagh Finnigan, *Brentwood Bay*
Susan Stephen, *Port Coquitlam*

Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers

Maryann Brock, *Salmon Arm*
Rosemary Meech, *Burnaby*
Sheralynn Muirhead, *Surrey*

Note: The awards list is created from the iMIS database. If an award was presented but not entered in iMIS before the Pipeline submission date, it will not be included here.

Inclusion and Accessibility: Brownies Learn about Taking Action

I am a Brownie leader who is also paraplegic. When we plan meetings, hikes and camps, accessibility is a factor: Is there a washroom I can use? How do I get the stuff I prepped for the meeting or the camp out of my car? At camp, we include an extra leader for ratio so the group can go for a hike. I make sure to have a helper to negotiate terrain that's tough for me. The Brownies love to give me a push when I get stuck on a bumpy steep hill! Though I would've loved to move up to Guides with my daughter, I accept that longer hikes and tent camping isn't something I'll be doing.

Since my daughter, now 9, was a toddler, I've been aware of how inaccessible Duncan's downtown playground is. Much of the playground is in a large square pit with a concrete lip all the way around and

wood chips on the ground. The water park is the only part of the play area that has a firm, even, smooth surface. The swings and teeter-totters aren't easy to get to; they aren't designed for use by people with accessibility needs, though recently a large, accessible swing set was installed that has benches to accommodate a wheelchair. The washrooms are also accessible.

Our Brownie unit had one of its meetings in the park. We talked about what accessibility means and what makes a playground and park accessible. The girls then drew up their ideas for accessible playgrounds. We had invited Michelle Staple, Duncan's first female mayor, and the city planner, Danica Rice, to join us and discuss the girls' ideas.

Several of the girls included ramps through all the levels of the playground equipment or accessible swing sets of different types in their designs. Some of the girls thought of ways for kids in wheelchairs to get on the slide and to have a friend walk their wheelchairs back down the ramp. The mayor and city planner were intrigued by the ideas, especially for a booth that gave out robot eyeballs for the blind, a booth with free wheelchairs and a skate park with wheelchairs for anyone to use. Umm, I hope she wasn't looking at me, lol.

At the end of the meeting, the girls gave the mayor and city planner a warm Brownie twit-twoo of thanks and presented them with a box of Girl Guide cookies, along with all the girls' drawings.

The mayor asked me to email her with practical ideas for making the park accessible. I made a number of suggestions: adding a paved or hard-packed path down to and through the community garden; raising the playground pit to ground level and putting in a recycled rubber surface, like they have in the water park; replacing the woodchips under the swings with a rubber surface; and switching out one of the swings for one shaped like a car seat, for children in wheelchairs who need a lot of stability and support.

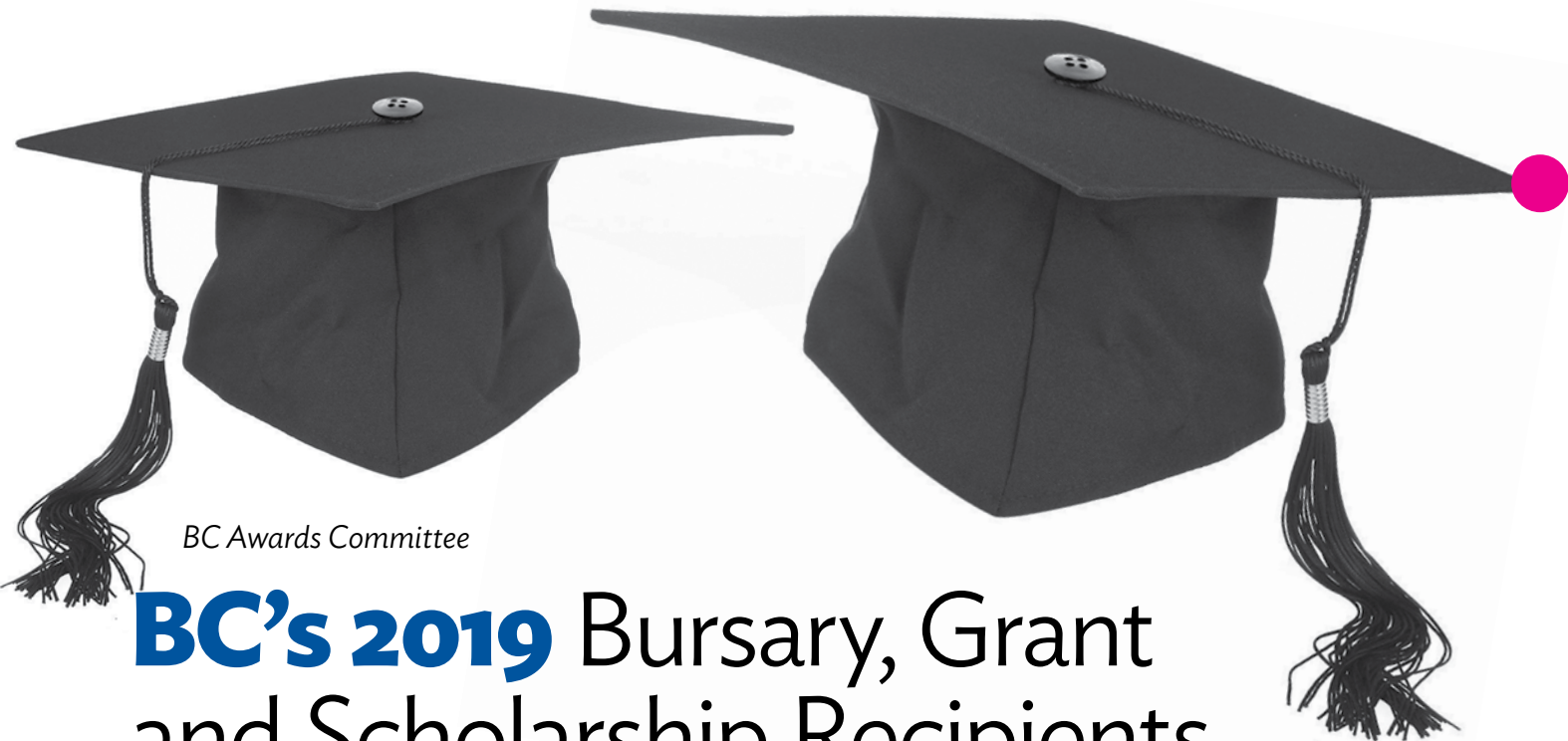
Most people don't think about how accessible the places are that they go to. This meeting made the Brownies stop and think about how people with different abilities use everyday places. The girls really thought about how other kids might be able to play or not on the playground and what changes would be needed to include people with different needs.

Sharing their ideas and designs with the mayor and city planner made a big impact on the girls. To have people

take their ideas and do something with them is a wonderful way to let the girls know that their ideas matter and that they can make changes in the world. I hope, if the mayor follows through with any of the suggestions, we can go back to the park and discuss the impact they made.



Photos: Joanne Kimm



BC Awards Committee

BC's 2019 Bursary, Grant and Scholarship Recipients

The provincial bursary, grant and scholarship program is one of the ways that Girl Guides of Canada—Guides du Canada BC Council recognizes members who embody the organization's values and the Mission—To be a catalyst for girls empowering girls.

The 2019 bursary, grant and scholarship recipients are great examples of what Guiding today is all about. Each recipient shows how she is working to fulfill Girl

Guides of Canada's Vision: A better world, by girls.

Congratulations to this year's recipients. BC Council and the Awards Committee are proud and honoured to support you as you take the next step in pursuing your education goals and developing a rewarding career.

BC Council and the Awards Committee thank all those who have contributed to making these educational funding

opportunities available to our members. Through the bursaries, education grants and scholarships, the recipients are being empowered to become the best they can be. These funds help to make their dreams come true.

The introductions to this year's recipients include excerpted answers from their applications to the following question: "Explain how Guiding has enriched your life and influenced your future plans." The answers have been edited for length.

YOUTH BURSARY AND SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

BC Council Bursary of Honour

Ziyanna, West Coast Area



Being involved with Guiding has shaped me into the lady I am today. I have been exposed to different leadership styles, gained valuable knowledge, skills and have learned commitment and perseverance. It has opened my eyes to cultural diversity, global issues and the importance of being a good role model to younger girls. Guiding has given me the tools and skills to be prepared for

goals and challenges I face so I can make a difference in this world.

BC Council Bursary (eight recipients)

Hallie, Lougheed Area



Ever since I could remember, Girl Guides has always been the highlight of my week. When I was younger, I would always anticipate my next meeting, because I got to see all of my friends and work on my badges. Over these years, I have learned so many valuable life lessons and have gotten to have so many wonderful experiences. I discovered my love for the outdoors

and my passion towards helping others. Girl Guides has also inspired me to go forth with a career in health care, where I will continue using my passion to help others as they grow and feel better for years to come.

Kaitlin, Fraser Skies Area



Guiding has enriched my life in so many ways and played an important role in shaping the person I am today. It was through Guiding that I learned my love of science and advocacy. Girl Guides gave me the confidence and sense of leadership I am so proud of today and most importantly taught me that being a girl shouldn't hold me back.

Alison, Fraser Skies Area



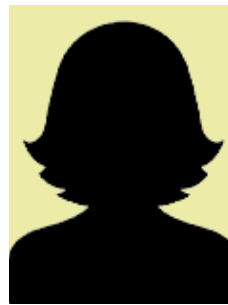
I feel Guiding has prepared me to be a leader as we were put in those positions as we progressed in the branches of Guiding. Guiding teaches tolerance, acceptance and respect, which I actively promote in my school and community and plan to continue to do so. I loved my trips with Guiding and am passionate about continuing to travel and experience different cultures.

Celina, Southern Vancouver Island Area



Through Girl Guides, I have learned to overcome obstacles and learn without fear. With the encouragement of my Guiders and unit members, I participated in a unit "technology night," where I realized that technology was a field that should be open to everyone. This inspired me to continue with web design, where I learned that I wanted to continue on with technology studies.

Michelle, Lions Area



Girl Guides of Canada has made me ambitious and has shown me a side of myself I hadn't known possible. Girl Guides has given me the skills to be independent and responsible, and to follow my dreams and ambitions no matter where they may take me.

Aliza, West Coast Area



Guiding has developed my confidence and leadership skills and has taught me to be generous with my time and knowledge. I have earned respect from my leaders and peers and have learned to respect others. In the future, I would like to continue to be in the Girl Guide Movement as a leader to empower other girls to follow their dreams and be successful.

Sarah, Fraser Skies Area



Guiding has helped me understand who I am as a person, realize my self-worth and challenge me to express my passions and talent. From learning to build fires and camp outdoors to leading activities for younger girls, I am now expressing myself through community involvement and music on social media.



Stephanie, Pacific Shores Area



I have experienced that Girl Guides promotes experience, motivation, self-confidence and teamwork. These life lessons and mindsets that Girl Guides ingrained from a young age all mean a lot to me. Through all levels of Guiding, Girl Guides has pushed me to focus on my passion for aquatic environments and apply for a future career in the marine profession.

Elaine Killam Scholarship (two recipients)

Amanda, Monashee Area



Girl Guides is an exceptional organization that successfully helps others whilst empowering young women, including myself. The capabilities I have because of Guiding have helped me in various aspects of life including difficult situations in faraway places. It has enriched my life, without a doubt; I've had opportunities to learn, lead and volunteer. I'm exceptionally proud

to have been an active Girl Guide for nearly my entire life.

Christina, Lions Area



Guiding has enriched my life by allowing me to create meaningful and lasting friendships where distance has no boundaries. It has taught me life skills such as organization, packing and planning for trips and events, setting goals, creating budgets and having the courage to travel and try new things.

Eve Pound Scholarship (two recipients)



Layla, Monashee Area

I have met people through Guiding that I needed to have in my life and even if it was brief we still formed important connections. I carry a lot of what I have learned while volunteering for organizations that do international work. In a small city, I have limited exposure to global issues. Guiding has opened my eyes to many of these issues, and I

can contribute to these issues because I have learned about the needs of girls and women all over the world.

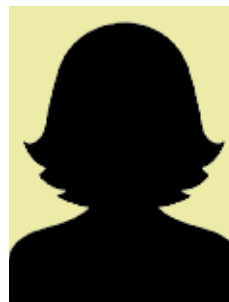
Melissa, Lougheed Area



Guiding gave me a sense of independence and responsibility and provided me with a safe space to become my own person. People often describe me as outgoing and confident, and these traits stem directly from my experience gained through Guiding. In the future, I know that I will be able to thrive on my own and meet new people with a sense of confidence.

Margery Dumfries Scholarship

Laura, West Coast Area



Guiding has empowered me to believe that I can achieve anything I want to as long as I am willing to put the work into it. It has also given me the confidence to speak in front of my peers and large crowds and to problem solve quickly when the pre-arranged plan is not working out.





ADULT BURSARY, GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Aliza, Chaim and Tova Kornfeld Scholarship

Szerafina Pinter, West Coast Area



Through my years with Guiding I learned a lot about working with kids. As a Brownie leader I met kids with a range of abilities. I worked with a couple that struggled with communication. I learned to support them as they grew and to identify what level and type of support they needed. It was through this experience that I realized what I wanted to do next.

Trefoil Guild Grant (*two recipients*)

Tanisha Vallani, West Coast Area



Girl Guides has always inspired me to reach out and help the community and those who are less fortunate than me. It has also taught me the importance of helping others. Guiding has given me the tools and skills to be prepared for the challenging endeavours and has taught me not to back away from such challenges so I can make a difference in this world.

Angela Laufer, Monashee Area



Guiding has been essential to my journey to becoming an elementary school teacher. As a Pathfinder and Ranger, I volunteered weekly as a Junior Leader to Spark and Brownie units. Without a doubt that is where I was first inspired to pursue teaching.

Pat Drugge Bursary

Stephanie Ferrarelli, Kootenay Area



As an adult Guiding has enriched my life by being an outlet for me to spend time with my children and their friends, it allows me to feel like a kid again and has helped me to find friendship when I moved to a new community. I always dreamed of being a teacher. Guiding has become this outlet for me. Guiding has been instrumental in helping me to choose a new career path because it has allowed me to see that working with children is where I truly thrive and find joy.

Leslee Jean Arnet Bursary

Laura Dolmage, Lions Area



Guiding has enriched my life with new experiences and future opportunities to look forward to. The amount of paperwork and detailed accounting that is required has really prompted me to “take the plunge” and upgrade my skills so that I can complete these more efficiently.



BC Community Achievement Award Given to SVI Area Guider

Margaret Lidkea, a member of 1st Victoria Trefoil Guild and a long-time Guider with Chatham District, SVI Area, was honoured at Government House in May with the BC Community Achievement Award.

Margaret, a spontaneous and accessible teacher, left the classroom setting for an outdoor one. She wanted to learn about the natural and cultural history of Uplands Park, in Oak Bay, and to inspire in children (and other adults) her passion for stewardship. Children are curious about nature. What do animals eat, where do bugs sleep and poop? When children feel they belong in nature, they'll be more likely to honour and protect it.

So, in 1992, when Margaret was a Guider with 4th Victoria Guides in Chatham District, she organized the first "Broom Bash," getting permission from Oak Bay Parks for Guides and their families to pull invasive plants from Uplands Park and Anderson Hill Park. It wasn't a simple start; Oak Bay Parks had concerns about interfering with union work. Typical of Margaret, she successfully negotiated an acceptable solution.

Working together and solving challenges builds leadership skills, especially when it's action focused. At the time, scientists were collecting information on successful methods of removing and controlling Scotch broom. The girls tried digging it out but discovered that sawing/cutting off the shrubs close to the ground was the most effective method. It also avoided disturbing the soil and other non-invasive plants growing in the vicinity of the broom. The Guides reported their findings, and the scientists confirmed the validity of the information and acknowledged the girls' contribution to the research. When my daughter, who



Invasive plants can't escape Margaret's fearsome loppers! Photo: Wylie Thomas

was in the unit, did her Gold Camp, she and her patrol removed Scotch broom from the Guide campsite they were using. Four girls can accomplish a lot in a few hours!

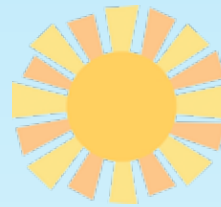
Margaret expanded the program to include other units and districts and Scouts Canada (they LOVE chopping down small invasive trees!). Eventually the program grew to involve public schools, private schools and interested community members. In 2010, she co-founded a separate organization, Friends of Uplands Park (FOUP), which organizes weekly events for volunteers to remove invasive plants and restore plants and animals native to the ecosystem.

Chatham District members and their families help out at FOUP's annual Ivy & Broom Bash, pulling Scotch broom, English ivy and other invasive plants. Trefoil Guild

members serve refreshments, track glove and tool loans and document Guiding and Scouting volunteer hours. Guide members earn the district's Garry Oak restoration crest by identifying three native and three invasive plants and participating in a habitat restoration activity.

Margaret is most deserving of this award. Her work restoring the grassy lands and rare Garry Oak ecosystem in Uplands Park is ongoing. She gives generously of her time but more than that, her engaging personality and big laugh draw people in and inspire them. She has a unique manner of sharing her knowledge about which plants to pull and which to protect; she captures adults and children alike with her enthusiasm. When Margaret teaches, she changes people for the better.

Get to Know Your Guiding Properties



Girl Guides of Canada—Guides du Canada (GGC) has the extreme good fortune (and had the foresight!) to own and lease a large number of camp properties. In BC, the area councils, together with the provincial council, maintain and manage the properties in their jurisdictions. Each property may be associated with a specific area or district, but the properties all over the province are yours to discover and explore. To that end, *Pipeline* has chosen to locate the properties in relation to the cities and towns we live in or near or are curious to visit, rather than in relation to the Guiding areas we identify with.

As we researched the properties for this article, the unique features of many of the sites had us talking about travelling to other parts of BC in order to stay on these properties and discover a new part of the province at the same time! We hope the information in this article will motivate you to do the same with your units.

With reasonable rental fees and bed subsidies, GGC properties make outdoor and travel experiences affordable. And it means not having to tent, cheek by jowl, at crowded public campsites, or having to compete with the public to make site reservations. Best of all, the camping properties are developed specifically for Guiding use, to provide empowering outdoor experiences for girls and women.

Maintaining and improving land and buildings is expensive, though. We may risk the properties being sold if their costs cannot be justified. The campsites must be used! There's at least one site within reasonable reach of most units. Better yet, plan to stay on a Guiding property outside your area and visit another part of the province.

The BC Camping Committee created the Camp Around BC Challenge to encourage members to visit at least one new-to-you property and another outside your area. To learn more about the challenge, go to the BC Guides website; select *Girl Engagement > Camping > Camping Challenges > Camp Around BC Challenge*.

And let *Pipeline* know about your unit's experience at the new-to-you facility or campsite. Send your story and photos to bc-pipeline@girlguides.ca.

Just a bit of housekeeping before you dive into the article. Most sites have more features than are highlighted here. We hope the teasers excite and intrigue you to visit the properties' websites and learn more about each camp.

The following icons tell you at a glance what amenities are offered:



tenting facilities (pads, platforms, grassy areas, clearings in trees) and total number of *overnight* guests they can accommodate



residential facilities (huts, cabins, bunkhouses, lodges) and total number of *overnight* guests they can accommodate



well equipped kitchen



flush toilets (no icon means outdoor latrines only)



potable water (tap, well or storage tank)



electricity; check with booking agent about availability on specific sites



capacity to hold large events such as district, area and pre-SOAR camps

A cabin or tent icon without a number indicates that information about the sites' amenities and capacities couldn't be confirmed. Regardless, because amenities may vary by season, always check the websites and confirm amenities and allowable numbers with the booking agents.

Last, although some websites describe their properties as accessible, this information is not included. Please discuss your group's needs directly with the booking agent.

I've decided which campsites I'd like to check out with a unit! Which one will you visit first?



Northern BC

Camp Darnall

- near Fort St. John
- riversnorthareagirlguides.ca/properties/
- contact: campdarnall.alcan.ggc@gmail.com

This 10-acre property is beside Charlie Lake and near Beatton Provincial Park. The site is home to bats, especially in the summer.



Guide Hall

- in Prince George
- riversnorthareagirlguides.ca/properties/

This accessible space has all the amenities, can hold 100 for events and features lots of GGC artifacts to explore.



Camp Little Big Hill

- in Quesnel
- riversnorthareagirlguides.ca/properties/
- contact: camping@riversnorthareagirlguides.ca

This large log building is heated by wood-burning fire. The property is the ideal location for units visiting Barkerville or travelling north.



Tye Lake Campsite

- between Quesnel and Williams Lake
- riversnorthareagirlguides.ca/properties/

This affordable, rustic setting includes a fully equipped shelter and a large fenced area of open forest for outdoor activities and games. Canvas tents are available.



Camping Symbols



Tent



Cabin



Kitchen



Flush Toilet



Potable Water



Electricity



High Capacity



Camp Misconie

- near Dawson Creek
- riversnorthareagirlguides.ca/properties/
- contact: suzanne@eldoren.com

Take time to unplug on this 257-acre property surrounded by forest and the serpentine Kiskatinaw River. There's lots of space for games, and there are special features to explore like a fairy garden, wind chimes and a bone garden. The site has been a spring and summer camping treasure for more than 60 years.



Nukko Lake Campsite

- north of Prince George
- riversnorthareagirlguides.ca/properties/
- contact: nukkocampsite@gmail.com

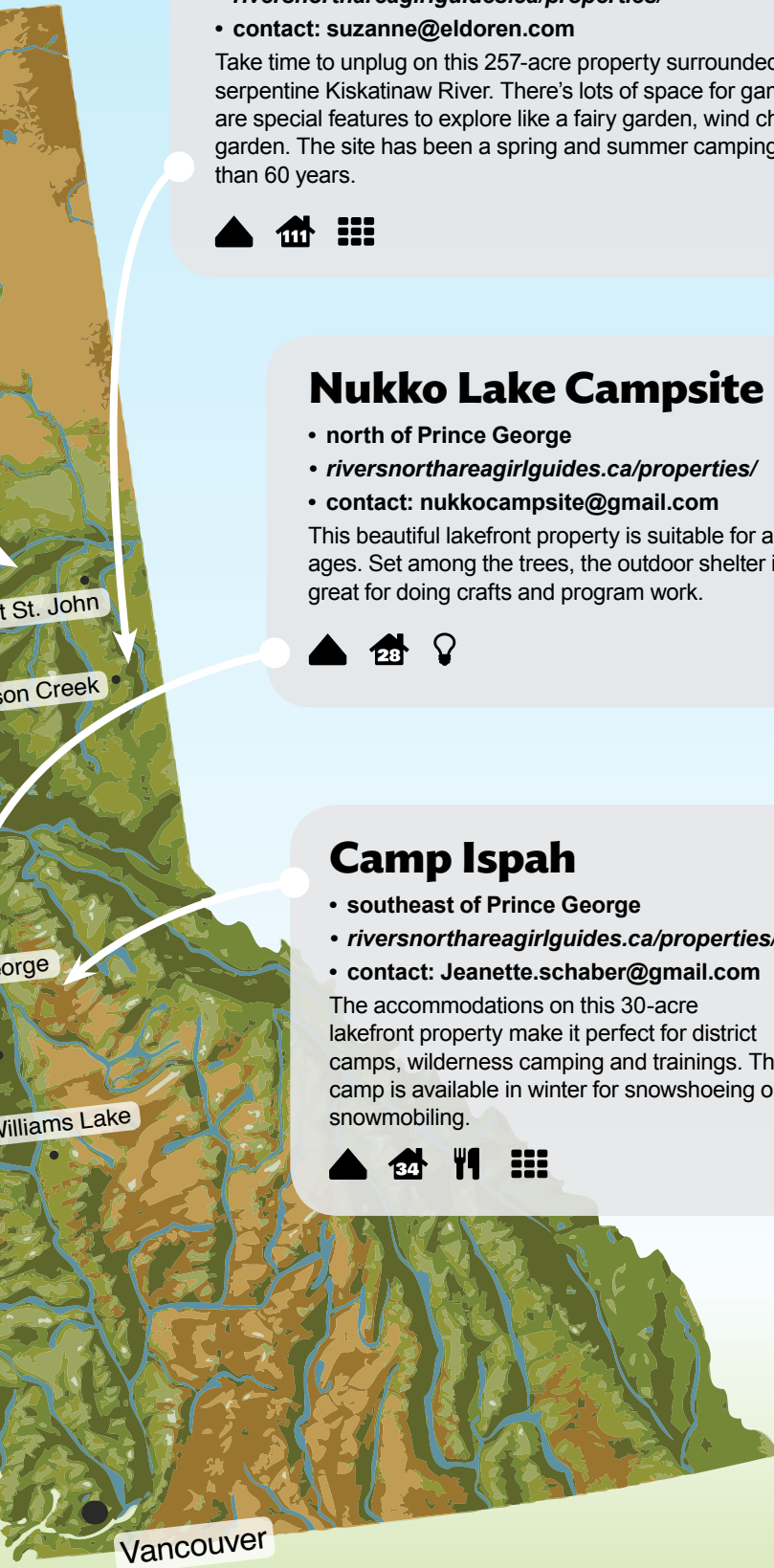
This beautiful lakefront property is suitable for all ages. Set among the trees, the outdoor shelter is great for doing crafts and program work.



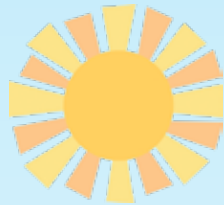
Camp Ispah

- southeast of Prince George
- riversnorthareagirlguides.ca/properties/
- contact: Jeanette.schaber@gmail.com

The accommodations on this 30-acre lakefront property make it perfect for district camps, wilderness camping and trainings. The camp is available in winter for snowshoeing or snowmobiling.



Vancouver Island



Duncan Guide Hall

- in Duncan
- ggcpacificshores.ca/properties/duncan-guide-hall

This residential facility is suitable for unit camps and is available between May and August. It's within walking distance of the Cowichan Aquatic Centre and Cowichan Valley Museum.



Camp Creina

- south of Duncan
- ggcpacificshores.ca/properties/camp-creina
- ggcpacificshores.ca/properties/camp-creina/booking

There are accommodations for campers of all ages and levels of experience on this 47-acre wooded property. An obstacle course, nature trails, a nature cupboard and river access (must provide lifeguard) are just some of the site's highlights.



Kingswood Camp

- on Saanich Peninsula
- svgirlguides.bc.ca/kingswood
- svgirlguides.bc.ca/camp-booking-information

Enjoy the feeling of being in the forest on this 28-acre property, only a short distance from Victoria. The upper campsite is surrounded by arbutus and Garry Oak trees. The camp borders Beaver and Elk Lakes, where canoes are available to rent.



Camp Jubilee

- in Shirley, near Sooke
- svgirlguides.bc.ca/jubilee
- svgirlguides.bc.ca/camp-booking-information

Located on 160 acres of forested land, this property offers cooking/dining shelters with wood stoves and features a salmon-bearing stream. The camp is within walking distance of Sheringham Point Lighthouse and French Beach, on the Strait of Juan de Fuca—ideal for whale watching!



Bowker Hall

- near Victoria
- svgirlguides.bc.ca/bowker-hall
- svgirlguides.bc.ca/camp-booking-information

With a 10-minute walk to one of Victoria's nicest beaches and a 15-minute transit trip to downtown Victoria, this site is a great base for adventures to BC's capital city.



Milnes Landing Camp

- near Sooke
- svgirlguides.bc.ca/milnes-landing
- svgirlguides.bc.ca/camp-booking-information

This site has been a Girl Guide camp for over 75 years. Located on the Sooke River Flats, the property offers easy access to the Sooke Potholes Regional Park swimming area (no lifeguards), Sooke Regional Museum and Galloping Goose Regional Trail. The foldaway canvas hammocks for sleeping in one of the cabins are unique.



Camping Symbols



Tent



Cabin



Kitchen



Flush Toilet



Potable Water



Electricity



High Capacity

Port McNeill Guide-Scout Hall

- in Port McNeill
- ggcpacificshores.ca/properties/port-mcneil-guide-scout-hall
- contact: rosietook@gmail.com

A log building built by volunteers, it has a backyard for outdoor activities, campfires and tenting. Port McNeill is ideally situated for West Coast experiences—hiking, beaches, karst formations, world-class whale watching at Telegraph Cove and the Whale Interpretive Centre. Only a short ferry ride away, you can learn about First Nations' culture and traditions in Alert Bay or explore Sointula. The Quatse Salmon Stewardship Centre, in Port Hardy, is within driving distance.



Powell River

Camp Orenda

- near Powell River
- ggcpacificshores.ca/camping-2/camp-orenda
- contact: MalaspinaStrait@ggcpacificshores.ca

This rustic and remote campsite is hike-in only. Because everything, including water, must be brought in, the site is ideal for gaining wilderness camping experience.



Vancouver

Duncan

Saanich Peninsula

Sooke

Victoria



Southwestern BC

Hollyburn Chalet

- on Cypress Mountain, West Vancouver
- westcoastarea.com/hollyburn.html

Access to this heritage log cabin is hike-in only (30–60 minutes). In winter, the cabin offers convenient access to snowshoe and cross-country ski trails, as well as a tubing park (ticket purchase required). The cabin has a wood stove and propane lights—and no one forgets the two-seater outhouse! Cannot be booked for overnight stays for Sparks or Brownies.



Phyl Munday Nature House

- in Lighthouse Park, West Vancouver
- lionsareagirlguides.ca/districts/west-vancouver/
- contact: judystringer@shaw.ca

A historic Second World War army hut set in a coastal forest, the site is perfectly located for meetings, hands-on nature study and easy access to hikes and to historic Point Atkinson Lighthouse. Girls and Guiders must walk in and out (15 minutes). Sleepovers are allowed on Friday nights only.



Camp Olave

- in Sechelt, on the Sunshine Coast
- campolave.com
- contact: campolavebookings@outlook.com

This year-round ocean paradise sits on 130 acres of forest and fields. The variety of sites and buildings makes the property suitable for all ages, from Sparks to Trefoil Guilds, and for all levels of camping experience. In summer, lifeguards are onsite. Besides waterfront activities, the property offers hiking, archery, low ropes and a nature house to explore. The campsite has a travel facilitator who can provide tips and recommendations.



Camping Symbols



Tent



Cabin



Kitchen



Flush Toilet



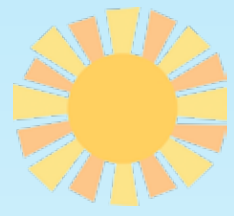
Potable Water



Electricity



High Capacity



Camp Kanaka

- in Maple Ridge
- girlguideslougheedarea.org/camp-kanaka/

This rural property is within easy driving distance of Vancouver. The variety of camping options, from a bring-your-own-tent site, to platforms, to the two lodges, make this a good choice for newer campers and for teaching camp skills to younger girls in a safe environment.



Camp McLanlin

- near Abbotsford
- fraserskiesgirlguides.com/camp-mclanlin/
- contact: campmacbooking@fraserskiesgirlguides.com

Come stay on the top of beautiful Sumas Mountain! Sites range from semi-wilderness to platform tents, from huts to cabins. Archery, bocce, Frisbee golf, gadget making and geocaching are just some of the fun activities available.



Woodward's Landing

- in Richmond
- contact: darlene_burns@telus.net

This large grassy field offers a large shared cook shelter and a picnic table on each site. The campground is conveniently located for walks or bike rides along Richmond's Dyke Road to historic Steveston.



West Coast Area Guide House

- in Richmond
- westcoastarea.com/guidehouse.html
- contact: fdaguidehouse@gmail.com

Built in the early 1900s, the house has been extensively renovated. Sleeping is on carpeted floors. The lush, fenced backyard can accommodate wide games or tents and features a stage with an easy access ramp.



Southcentral and Eastern BC

Camp Selhowtkan

- on Adams Lake
- thompsonnicolagirlguides.com/Camping.html
- contact: camp.selhowtkan@gmail.com

At this three-season semi-wilderness site, campers can enjoy swimming, canoeing, archery and hiking. Girls have fun taking mud baths on the clay beach in the summer! The camp is near the historic Flume Trail and Tsútswecw Provincial Park, site of one of the largest annual sockeye salmon runs in North America.



Camp Blue Point

- on Kootenay Lake, about 30 minutes from Creston
- kootenaygirlguides.com/camp-blue-point/
- contact: bluepointcamp@gmail.com

This 2-acre treed property is perfect for nature exploration, swimming, canoeing, kayaking and campfires on the beach. The outdoor site has six tent platforms, six firepits for cooking and an outdoor shower. The wood stove in the lodge keeps things cozy during inclement weather and winter camps. The Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area, an internationally important wetland, is a 45-minute drive from the site.



Camp Tillicum

- 15 minutes east of Vernon
- monasheegirlguides.com/camping/camp-tillicum/
- contact: camptillicumvernon@gmail.com

This rural campsite offers indoor and outdoor camping experiences year round. Its proximity to Silver Star makes it perfect for enjoying winter activities. Five acres of trees and a large grassy area offer lots of possibilities for wide games.



Vancouver

Victoria

Camping Symbols





Camp Rory

- near Rossland
- kootenaygirlguides.com/camp-rory/
- contact: kerra_clarkston@yahoo.ca

This beautiful, secluded wilderness camp offers a "Brownie" side (cabins, indoor toilets) and a "Guide" side (gravel pads, grassy field, outhouses). It's the perfect location for district or other group camps. Wild ginger and strawberries grow on the trails. Campers can sign their names on the Brownie cabin walls and bunk boards; girls love seeing the hundreds of names of those who have camped here over the decades.



Mountain View Camp

- 15 minutes from Cranbrook
- kootenaygirlguides.com/mountainview-camp/
- contact: mountainviewhallcamp@gmail.com

This rural property offers a cabin with all the amenities, as well as firepits, outhouses and lots of wooded area for tenting.



Cranbrook Guide Hall

- in Cranbrook
- kootenaygirlguides.com/cranbrook-hall/
- contact: mountainviewhallcamp@gmail.com

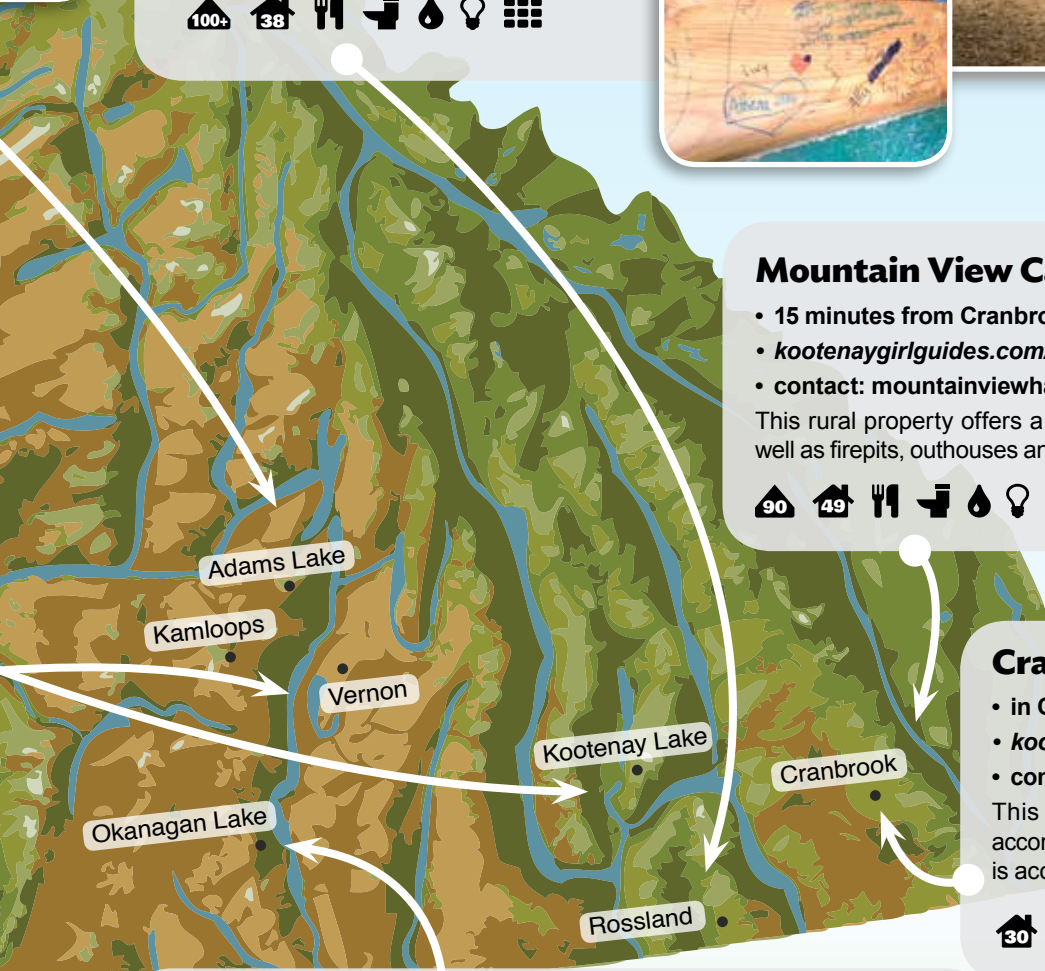
This large hall, with tables and chairs, can accommodate up to 60 people for meetings. There is access to a small grassy yard.



Camp Arbuckle

- on Okanagan Lake
- monasheegirlguides.com/camping/camp-arbuckle/

This property features residential buildings and a large flat field for tenting and games. Swimming to the floating wharf, canoeing, kayaking and paddle boarding are popular activities. The firepit near the lakefront is a special spot for campfires.



Alcan District **STEM Day**



Photos: Kayla Eicher

A great day of engineering fun!

On March 29, Rangers, Pathfinders and Guides from Alcan District gathered at local engineering company Urban Systems to learn about what engineers do and to earn their Science, Technology, Engineering and Math crests from the STEM Challenge. The theme of the day was water supply and management in a community. When we arrived, we were introduced to the engineers, given a tour of the building and then split up into three

groups to explore the stations.

At our first station, we built a water turbine out of DVDs, spoons, wooden craft sticks, tape and hot glue. The goal was to build a turbine that could withstand the water pressure of the tap and generate a high amount of energy. We tested them under the kitchen tap and then calculated our rotations per second and how much energy we would have generated.

At our second station, we learned about the density of liquids by adding different liquids to a cup in the order we thought was most dense to least dense. Then we did a blind taste test of different water brands to see if we could guess the brand of each sample.

At our next station, we got messy while learning about water storage tanks and wells by making edible ones. First, the engineer drew some diagrams of tanks and wells. Next, we each placed jelly beans in a plastic cup and poured water on them as groundwater. We placed a straw in the cup to act as a pipe. Around the pipe and on top of the jelly beans, we put a layer of icing to represent clay. It protected the groundwater from the source of contamination or, in this case, Sprite. Before delighting in our treat, we placed hard candies on top to represent a protective layer of stones.

At the last morning station, we got to build our own water filtration systems using a wide range of materials such as cotton balls,



A water wheel test in progress.



Which of these liquids is the densest?



expanding orbs, fish tank rocks, beads, a cut-open plastic bottle and a material used to kill backed-up bacteria. We then put our systems to the test to see how well they would treat a variety of water mixtures, including water mixed with glitter, water mixed with soil and water mixed with grass. As the contaminants were filtered out, the water became clearer. Over all, our water filtration systems did quite well.

During the lunch break, one of our Guiders, Beverly (or Beaker, her Guiding name), gave a presentation on her job. She's an environmental engineer. Her job includes testing soil at work sites before construction projects begin. She also gave each girl a souvenir: a bag of soil that was fun to squish



Girls create a water filter using a variety of materials.

and play with, from a site she worked on. To start the afternoon activities, we located our houses, schools and a number of local businesses on a map of the city so we could plot a water system that would provide to all of them. We also had to figure out what we would use as our water source, where our water treatment plant would be and where we would put the waste water. When we were done, we printed the spots out on a new map and figured how much pipe we would need, keeping budget in mind and trying to use the least amount of pipe possible.

Next we did an infrastructure scavenger hunt.

Using provided tablets, we took pictures of manholes, water valves, fire hydrants, storm drains, street lights, bus stops, pedestrian walkways, garbage cans, ease drops, benches and electrical boxes. We were able to track where each feature was using Urban Systems' computer system.

At the next station, we built water distribution systems using straws, tape, hot glue and putty. We had to build a pipe system that would stay together and distribute water to different spots. To make it more difficult, all the materials had a price associated with them so we had to keep a budget in mind by trying to make the cheapest and best-working system. For example, tape was only \$1, but heavier-duty binders such as putty and hot glue were \$4 and \$5 respectively, so this activity was both about engineering and money sense.

Lastly, we watched a couple of interesting videos on water shortages and learned about World Water Day.

Overall it was a great day of fun, teamwork and learning. I think everybody left with at least a little new knowledge. I'd like to thank the engineers who volunteered their Saturday, and those who made this excellent day a reality, as well as all the girls who came and participated.



Girls prepare to go on an infrastructure scavenger hunt.



Our wonderful hosts receive gifts of Girl Guide cookies.

Rally on the Shores 2019



Diamond Isinger, the new PC, revs up nearly 1,500 rally participants with her opening speech.

Photos: Suzy Quinn



The colour party marches in the Canadian flag, the Girl Guides of Canada flag and the world flag.

On Sunday, May 26, Pacific Shores Area hosted nearly 1,500 girls and Guiders at Beban Park, in Nanaimo. This was the first time the rally had come to Vancouver Island, after a few years of Rally in the Valley events in the Fraser Valley. Participants

came from all over Vancouver Island and the Vancouver area for an afternoon of camaraderie, crafts, singing and trading.

A colour party officially opened the ceremony, and Riley led the rally greetings with a message from Snuneymuxw First Nation, spoken in



Riley greets rally participants in Hul'q'umi'num', the language of Snuneymuxw First Nation.

Island Hul'q'umin'um' and translated into English.

BC's new provincial commissioner (PC), Diamond Isinger, urged the girls to have fun and invited them to bring their ideas for Guiding to her in exchange for a special crest.

Organizer Noreen Keen arranged for displays from around the community, including the Nanaimo RCMP, Nanaimo Ground Search and Rescue, the SPCA and the Pacific Gael Pipes and Drums band. Girls could speak with female police officers, learn how to keep warm in an emergency blanket and try out a set of bagpipes with the pipe band.

There were crafts inside, including a service



Ranger Katiana from Campbell River helps a Brownie from the 7th Komux Brownies tie knots to make a tripod at an outdoor skills station.



Traders were serious business at the rally; hats such as this one could be seen throughout the site.



Ruth Seabloom, left, and Linda Hodgkin sign in arriving units.



Young adult members Morgan, left, Jaiden and Michaela grab a photo op with PC Diamond Isinger.

project that saw hundreds of “sock cupcakes” created. They have been donated to different organizations throughout Pacific Shores and West Coast Areas, who dispersed the socks to those who need them.

After a pizza lunch and ample trading time, the Pathfinders were encouraged to help lead the campfire with two amazing Guiders.

Crests that were hot trading commodities included those from PC Diamond Isinger, Guiding Ambassador and Director—Guiding Experience Krysta Coyle and National Board of Directors chair Robyn McDonald.

Numerous units thanked organizers for putting on a great rally. Comments like “Our kids are having an amazing time. Thank you!!!” and “Our girls are loving it!!!” and “Thank you to the fabulous ladies who put this event together” were posted on the GGC Rally BC Facebook page.

Already people are making plans for the 2020 rally. Rally on the River will take place on May 24, 2020, in Maple Ridge. Mark your calendar!



14th Victoria Guides gather for a group photo before moving on to some of the activities at Rally on the Shores.



Lots of sock cupcakes!

Julie Ramsay, BC Camping Committee

BC Night Owls 2019 What a Hoot!



What do you get when you combine Brownies, camp skills and s'mores? A fun-filled weekend of friendship and learning!

In May, the first BC Night Owls Brownie Camp was held at Camp Creina, near Duncan. Brownie patrols from Southern Vancouver Island and Pacific Shores Areas attended, for a total of 48 Brownies and 12 Guiders. Patrols could choose residential accommodation in Maple Lodge or tent accommodation on Kanipsen site. Core staff consisted of members of the BC Camping Committee and experienced Guiders from SVI and Pacific Shores.



Brownies learning basic first aid skills.

The purpose of BC Night Owls Brownie Camp is to encourage Brownie Guiders to take their girls out camping in both residential and tent settings, at established campsites. Guiders gain hands-on experience and practical camp training, while the Brownies receive a fantastic camping experience. These Brownies will become Guides who camp and attend events such as Guide Jubilee, Mix It Up and SOAR.

All food, fuel and cooking equipment was provided, and patrols learned how to prepare simple meals and do their dishes using the three-bin dishwashing system. During the day, round-robin stations gave the Brownies and their Guiders hands-on learning in a fun atmosphere. They made sit-upons using printed bags filled with newspapers that they sealed with patterned tape. They learned how to strike matches and light candles, to cook mini marshmallows for their mini s'mores. They learned how to make good

clothing choices for camp and how to pack their bags and tie their bedrolls. They made small first aid kits and learned first aid basics. And they learned about the "10 Essentials" and how to stay safe while hiking in the wilderness.

Of course, no camp is complete without silly songs at campfire on Friday and Saturday nights!

Each Guider and Brownie received a BC Night Owls event T-shirt, which can be worn as casual wear at future Guiding events. They also received a crest to add to their camp blankets.

Where will BC Night Owls go next? Kootenay Area! Registration information will be available in the fall of 2019 for this June 2020 event.

Want to plan your own Night Owls event? A Camp to Go will be available on the BC Guides website this fall, with a crest that can be ordered for your event.

Happy camping!



Brownies on a hike.



Brownies learning to tie a bedroll.

Photos: Julie Ramsay

CWFF Pizza Challenge

2019 was yet another successful year for the Canadian World Friendship Fund Pizza Challenge. Fifteen units participated, together raising over \$4,100 for CWFF! Prizes are awarded to the unit in each branch that donates the most money per girl, with one more prize for the most creative or most outstanding fundraising activity. The winners this year, earning their units \$100 towards a pizza party, are:

- 3rd Highland Sparks, Rivers North Area, who donated money after spending a meeting doing World Thinking Day activities and learning about CWFF
- 129th Vancouver Brownies, West Coast Area, who put on a carnival for the community
- 5th Mission Guides, Lougheed Area, who held a unit bake sale
- 1st Arrowsmith Pathfinders, Pacific Shores Area, who held a very successful bottle drive

- 1st Richmond Pathfinders, West Coast Area, who were awarded the prize for most creative project. They held a uniform swap and learned about marketing and entrepreneurship in the process, and worked for months to ensure their donation went to a World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) initiative of their choice.



Unfortunately, no Ranger units entered this year. Thanks to everyone who participated in the challenge. And remember, even if you didn't enter to win the pizza party, you can still order the crest through BC Girl Guides.

Some neat fundraising ideas to keep in mind for next year include painting canvases and auctioning them off to friends and family, making and selling items at a community craft fair and hosting a "new to me" book swap.



GONE HOME

Lynne Burnes, North Vancouver

Sheila Carter, Nanaimo

**Darcy Lynne Cooper,
North Vancouver**

Margaret Cox, Ladysmith

Hannah Day (girl member), Sooke

Julie Duddridge, Nanaimo

Elvera (Joy) Fagan, Burnaby

Anne Marie Girard, Chilliwack

Dorothy McPherson, Coquitlam

Martha Moore, Sooke

Eleanor Riddell, Victoria

Doreen Ridsdale, Prince Rupert

Judy Sorensen, Montrose

Evelyn Wallace, Kamloops

Thanking Our Guiders Year Round

“People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel.”

—Maya Angelou

The first words anyone likes to hear are “thank you.” These two small words have a huge impact on how a person feels about herself and the volunteer work she is doing. There are many ways to thank people either throughout the year or at the end of the Guiding year. Building on the ways to make Guider recognition fun as suggested in *Pipeline* (387, Winter/Spring, p. 26) by the Lougheed Area PR specialist, this article shows you even more ways to personalize your appreciation.



- Give a heartfelt card with words describing how a Guider's dedication has helped a member, unit, district, etc.
- Transform an ordinary rock into a fun and unique recognition memento for a “rock star” Guider.
- Decorate a jar of salsa for a leader who's “on fire” or decorate a jar of jelly for a leader who “helps out in a jam.”
- Pay it forward! Double your appreciation by recognizing a Guider with two thank-you cards or gifts and asking her to keep one and use the other to thank another leader.
- Host a year-end barbeque or luncheon where Guiders can socialize with each other.
- Make a trinket or ornament (some ideas include a keychain, cross-stitched bookmark or potholder). Please note that you may be required to follow the Girl Guides of Canada Merchandise Standards for items that use the GGC logo. The standards state that “Members may create craft items that use the GGC logo, Trefoil and tagline as part of a unit activity. This includes

activities such as knitting, crocheting, painting and colouring where individual items are not identical to others.”

- Make Guider “survival packs” stocked with fun items or practical ones such as a first aid kit, matches, candle, compass, etc.
- Make nametags, mugs or clothing. Please note that approval is required from the BC PR Committee to use the GGC logo on such items. Please contact bc-logo@girlguides.ca for more information.



- Create an album with pictures from the past year to present to Guiders, with “Thanks for the memories.”
- Nominate Guiders for awards and recognize them in front of their peers by presenting their awards at a formal presentation. Your district/area/provincial award specialist can help with this process!

Often it's the thought that counts, so make it personal. Get to know all the Guiders. What are their interests inside or outside of Guiding? At the start of the Guiding year, distribute a “Get to know each other” questionnaire, and profile a Guider each week on your district Facebook page to help Guiders get to know one another.

When budgeting recognition gifts to thank Guiders for their gift of time, you will need to consider how many Guiders are in your district or on your council. Be creative by asking others for their ideas or by going online. Pinterest is fabulous for ideas and suggestions! By doing this simple act of appreciation, each Guider will feel great about her contribution, and that will help her feel excited to continue Guiding the next year.

Hands Across the Border 2019

BC International Committee

This marked the fifth consecutive annual Hands Across the Border event at Peace Arch Park, located between Douglas, BC, and Blaine, Washington, since its brief hiatus in 2013–14. Did you know that the first celebration at the Peace Arch border crossing was held in 1937?

In 2019, over 1,500 members of Girl Guides of Canada, Scouts Canada, Girl Scouts of the USA and Scouts BSA came together to learn more about our brothers and sisters across the border, trade and have lots of fun! Every year the BC International Committee provides a colour guard of international flags, leading the parade through the Peace Arch. There was also a scavenger hunt, photo booth and even food trucks. Lots of fun was had all around.

We look forward to seeing you on June 14, 2020, for the next Hands Across the Border!



Photo: Colleen Kellner

Monarch District Goes to Hands Across the Border

Theresa St. Louis, Monarch District, Thompson Nicola Area

On June 8 we embarked on a one-night, two-day trip to Hands Across the Border—but that is not where our journey began. Just as in any community, in ours, Guiding activities take a village. In the fall of 2018, we had an idea: let's go to Hands Across the Border instead of having a weekend district camp. Fantastic, there was buy-in! And so the journey began. Who would plan it? Who would be the Responsible Guider? Who would support it? What would we need? And we were off.

For a trip that took months to plan, it was over in a heartbeat, but what is left behind is a lifetime of memories for nearly 100 people. Girls from all branches participated in the adventure.

We would not have been able to make this trip without the financial support of Thompson Nicola Area, Monarch District and the units that contributed to the registration fee.

We travelled from Kamloops to Langley and then had a wonderful afternoon at the beach in White Rock. We stayed in a local hall and had a catered dinner from the Olive



Photo: Ian Pichler

Garden. We were all up early to load the buses and head out for breakfast. Once we arrived at Peace Arch Provincial Park, the girls hit the ground running. There was much to do: register for the colour guard for the international flags, set up our base camp area, see the booths and do some trading. The girls enjoyed the free photo booth. All the girls had a wonderful time.

About 3 p.m., it was time to pack up and head back to our coaches. We stopped in Hope for a rest and some pizza. We played for about an hour before continuing home to Kamloops. We arrived home to a warm welcome from all of the families. It was so nice to see everyone pitching in and helping.



Photo: Theresa St. Louis

Now that the dust has settled, we are sharing photos, writing thank you cards and putting gear away. We had a wonderful trip, and I am sure we would do it all over again if given the opportunity.



Girl Guides Go Hostelling

Join us for a fun weekend
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April 24-26, 2020

WHAT Learn all about hostelling through exciting and educational activities and earn a Discover Hostelling crest. Also includes the opportunity to complete additional challenges, such as the Eco Pak, Jericho Beach Park Stewardship or the Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up.

WHERE HI-Vancouver Jericho Beach, 1515 Discovery Street, Vancouver

WHEN 6 p.m. on Friday to 11 a.m. on Saturday (or 11 a.m. on Sunday)

WHO Ideal for Guides, Pathfinders or Rangers to discover the world of hostelling

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- Includes one night's activities as above, plus one additional night's stay in hostel, Saturday dinner, evening mug-up, Sunday breakfast and other activities

** additional Friday dinner and Saturday box lunches may be arranged*

REGISTRATION Bookings are made by patrol or unit and are secured on a first-come, first-served basis. A 50% deposit is required at time of reservation. Email groups.res@hihostels.ca to book your stay!

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1st Ladysmith Sparks, Pacific Shores Area, got up close and personal with a beautiful great horned owl named Daenerys (a.k.a. Dani). Far right: Brooke, a staff member with The Raptors, a wildlife attraction in Duncan.

Photo: Amanda Gillmore



1st Roberts Creek Pathfinders, Lions Area, played "Pie Face" at their year-end party. From left to right: Taya, Althea, Hailey (with whipped cream on her nose), Annalisa and Sarah.

Photo: Melinda Marsh



Look, no hands! **2nd Parkville Guides (Pacific Shores Area)** Rylee, Julia and Arielle in the doughnut relay are assisted by Guider Susan Zutz. Photo: Val Fromm



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Coastal Rainforest Deputy Commissioner Jayne Willie (left) and new Guider Jari Scott (right) say their Promise at Jari's enrollment in **2nd Parksville Guides**. Guider Susan Zutz (centre) assists. Photo: Val Froom



34th Vancouver Guides, West Coast Area, removed invasive plants and planted trees at Jericho Beach Park.

Photo: Angela d'Eon



2nd Parksville Guides, Pacific Shores Area, test the shelter capabilities of a rocky outcropping during a hike.

Photo: Val Froom



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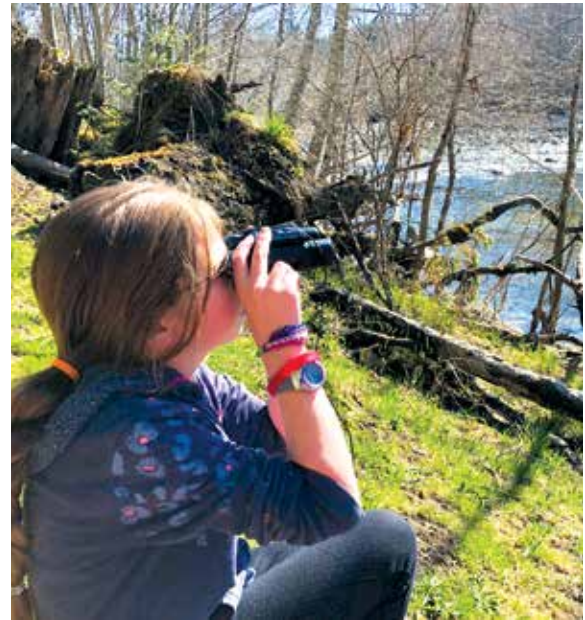


2nd Parksville Guides, Pacific Shores Area, enjoyed a spring break hike to Top Bridge Park.

Photos: Val Froom



She isn't ignoring nature to play on her phone; Arielle used it to photograph a feature on the river she wanted to reflect on later. The girls were encouraged to bring cameras on the hike and later their nature pics were shared with parents and guardians on the unit's Facebook page. Technology doesn't have to keep us from nature and the outdoors; rather, it can enhance our appreciation of it.



3rd year Guide Rylee examines something in the distance with her binoculars.



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Cpl. LeBrun (a.k.a. Guider Michelle!) visited **2nd Parkville Guides, Coastal Rainforest District**, to prepare the girls for a visit to the local detachment. Each girl who successfully answered Guider Michelle's questions was presented with an RCMP crest that had been removed from a retired uniform—a great treasure for a girl's camp blanket. Photo: Val Froom



Girls in **South Williston-Mackenzie District** had their photo taken with the Easter bunny at Mackenzie Centre Mall in support of the local cadet squadron and Mackenzie Secondary grads.

Photo: Megan Brumovsky



1st Cranbrook Guides, Mountainview District, Kootenay Area, did the Penguin Plunge, a sleepover at the zoo in Calgary, where they learned about the different types of penguins! They also toured the zoo's Canadian exhibit and learned about mountain sheep, mountain goats, oxen, caribou, bears and wolves. Photos: Deondra Langley



Fifty-three girls and women in **Pacific Shores Area** travelled from as far as Port Alberni to Nanaimo, to represent Blue Heron, Broughton Strait, Nanaimo Arbutus, Nanaimo Piper, Hurford and Coastal Rainforest Districts and Boomers Trefoil Guild in the Pride Parade. The feedback from the crowd was outstanding. Photos: Val Froom



Fresh off the express bus from Horseshoe Bay ferry terminal, posing on the seawall at Coal Harbour Marina.

Guides and Pathfinders from **Hurford and Coastal Rainforest Districts, Pacific Shores Area**, spent a weekend in Vancouver. They visited the aquarium and Science World and stayed overnight at Guide House. Photos: Stacey Lee



Cooling down in Stanley Park after a hot walk from downtown Vancouver.

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