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Around The Province

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Editorial

This past month has been challenging for Guiders and girls with the ever-changing situation of COVID-19. As the Guiding year has come to an end, it is important to understand why meetings and events have been cancelled. The health and safety of our members and our communities is most important.

I would like to extend an enormous thank you to Provincial Commissioner Diamond Isinger as well as all the staff at Guide House for securing such strong partnerships and coordinating cookie sales. I would also like to recognize the leadership of all the area commissioners and district commissioners for their efforts. Thank you to all the volunteers, parents, and girls for working together and keeping our communities safe. This work has ranged from the logistics of cancellations and fielding questions to providing virtual opportunities and suggestions for girls to stay active and involved.

As the world goes through this unprecedented time together, BC Girl Guides will continue to support its members and the wider community.

It has been truly inspiring to see the many acts of kindness from leaders and girls alike, in supporting one another as well as their families, friends, neighbours, strangers and all the essential workers working tirelessly and selflessly every day. From donating cookies, to covering windows in hearts, to zoom meetings, we will continue to act in the spirit of Guiding.

Though the year looks different and the future is unknown, one thing we have always known is we are stronger together. I hope this issue serves as a reminder of the important role you play in the Guiding Movement and of the many good times that lie ahead.

Yours in Guiding,
Saffina Jinnah

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PC's PAGE

Diamond Isinger,
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I'm proud of the resiliency, innovation and positive spirit that the BC members have demonstrated in 2020 while heeding the advice of health authorities and instructions from Girl Guides of Canada. The COVID-19 virus has prompted many changes to our Guiding plans for this year. Members have taken this in stride while responsibly protecting themselves and their communities.

Many activities have been creatively turned into virtual connections with friends close to home and around the world. Guiding members have taken on more leadership roles in reaching out to others to offer support. Adults and girls alike have maintained a positive attitude despite the disappointment that has come from some

missed/cancelled events, camps and unit meetings. We will continue to look ahead to many future adventures that keep girls happy and engaged.

I'm grateful to all those who have played key roles over past few months in handling the evolving and uncertain health situation facing people and organizations around the world.

I want to provide a special thank you and note of appreciation to all Guiders who have worked on the frontlines of the COVID-19 response in their professional lives and all girls/adults who have served as volunteers.

From doctors to nurses, health researchers to lab technicians, to those communicating critical health information

to the public, educators finding new ways to teach kids in uncertain times to those helping their neighbours and communities, and many more, we are grateful to those members who have stepped up at this unique time. You are great role models and catalysts for girl empowerment, now and always.

BC Girl Guides looks forward to more Guiding experiences filled with fun, friendship and adventure as we gain more certainty. I feel confident about our ability to create a better world, by girls in any situation thanks to our empowering programs that enable our 18,000 members across the province to lend a hand and to share and be a friend... no matter what the situation.



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GONE HOME

Marjorie Christmas, *Cowichan Bay*
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AWARDS

GOLD MERIT

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Upcoming Opportunities To Watch For

Teri Craig, Provincial International Adviser

Watch the BC Girl Guides website, social media and your email inbox this spring for information about the upcoming provincial international opportunities in 2021, which include:

Thailand – for youth members 16 and 17 years old, plus Guiders interested in leading these girls on an adventure through Thailand.

Australia – for youth members 14 and 15 years old, plus Guiders who are excited to explore the “Land Down Under” with this group.

Maritime Provinces – for youth members 13 and 14 years old, plus Guiders enthusiastic about discovering parts of the Maritimes.

Colours of the World – for youth members 11 and 12 years old, as well as some energetic adult members!

Details regarding deadlines will be included in the information distributed this spring.

Are you looking for help in completing the application and reference forms for international events? Your area international adviser will be happy to help you through the process. Additionally, there are two documents on the BC Girl Guide website, under International Opportunities, that give you detailed assistance in completing these forms successfully.

THANK YOU!

We thank you for your tireless work and continued enthusiasm as a Girl Guide volunteer in BC. Your efforts support every girl to be Everything She Wants To Be and are very important to us.

BC Girl Guides has sent a special gift just for you. It's larger and heavier than previous gifts, so instead of receiving it by mail, please pick it up from your District Commissioner at an upcoming district meeting/gathering when Guiding activities are able to resume. We hope it brings you some joy ... and music!



Girl Guides
BC Council

Janet Haworth-Lee, Provincial International Committee

UN Sustainable Development Goals

The BC International Committee wants you to explore the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are supported by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS).

These goals are in line with WAGGGS's vision to ensure that "all girls are valued and take action to change the world." The SDGs recognize that gender equality is critical to the progress of all goals. They include a stand-alone goal on gender equality that targets the elimination of violence against women and recognizes the importance of education and of life-long learning opportunities. Each of the goals is global and relates to every country in the world!

Here are the 17 UN goals:

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Which of them are relevant to our country, your community and you as a girl member? To help you decide, download a fun and interactive app called "SDGs in Action" available from sdgsinaction.com. When you click on the goal you want to explore, it will give you a quick introduction to the goal. It will also provide all sorts of facts and figures, targets, case studies and action others have taken. This is an easy way for you to engage with, learn about and participate in the work people around the world are doing to achieve these goals.

Lynda Faivre-Duboz, Lynn Valley District, Lions Area

YARN Bombing!



The yarn bombing project was a joint effort between the Lynn Valley District 4th Crown Pathfinders and members of St. Clement's Anglican Church. The girls had been learning to knit for the past year and wanted a way to display their work. They decided to yarn bomb the large anchor that sits on the front lawn of the church where they hold their weekly meetings. Yarn bombing is a form of colourful art that uses knitted or crocheted yarn or fibre to decorate public spaces—like a type of graffiti. The yarn installations aren't permanent or destructive. They are meant to be fun and whimsical, adding some colourful art to the community.

Every spring, Lynn Valley District does a Hike for Hunger around the Lynn Valley neighbourhood. They go door to door to collect non-perishable food items for the North Shore Harvest Project. This year, the 4th Crown Pathfinders decided that yarn bombing could help raise awareness for the food drive. The Pathfinders, along with members of St. Clement's Church, used donated and leftover yarn to knit enough pieces to completely cover the anchor on the church grounds. The anchor and some trees close by were "bombed" on March 8th.



Camping Adventures

Nicole Poirier, 2nd Gibsons Brownies, Lions Area

Jolly Holiday at Camp Olave

On the February long-weekend, the 2nd Gibsons Brownies took part in a Jolly Holiday Camp at Camp Olave. Thirteen Brownies participated, including five first-time campers! Over the weekend, they celebrated a year's worth of holidays starting off with ringing in the New Year and ending on the morning of December 25th. Camp was action-packed and tons of fun! Highlights included going on an egg hunt, making Lunar New Year crafts and participating in a talent show. Girls also learned important skills including how to tie camp knots, use a compass and light a match. What a holiday indeed!



Photos: Nicole Poirier



Cordula Kruse, 1st Valleyview Guides, Thompson Nicola Area

Let It Snow: Frozen-Themed Camp at Shuswap Lake

The 1st Valleyview Guides from South Thompson District went on a “Frozen” camping trip to Camp Elkcanoe on Shuswap Lake. A wonderful time was had by all snowshoeing around the lake. Girls made ice lanterns with items from the forest

and rainbow orbs using dyes from food items, such as spinach for green, coffee for brown and carrots for orange. The weather was terrific, and the skies were clear. On the last night campers were blessed with the full moon above and many stars to gaze at.



Photos: Cordula Kruse



their favourite items. Most of our guests and out-trips as well as standard meetings were based on these ideas.

What Girls First advice do you have for fellow Spark Guiders?

Relax and have fun with it! Sparks are not earning proficiency badges; they just need to try all sorts of new things and learn about themselves and the world around them. If you are having fun, they will too!

I encourage all Guiders to send in their great ideas to the Girls First Team. They are adding new activities all of the time, so share your successes with all the other Canadian Guiders!

Lois Brock, Brownie Guider, Naitaka District, Monashee Area

What do you love about the Girls First program?

I love the idea that girls get to explore program areas and themes rather than earning badges by ticking off a list of requirements that may or may not interest them. I also love that Guiders are no longer having to guess what their girls want to do. Yes, we've always asked our girls about things they liked to do, but "Two Stars and a Wish" activities tend to look back at things that have already been done, to ask girls what they liked best and then come up with a group consensus of what they want to do in the future. What we would end up planning was always what most of the girls wanted to do. The Girls First program provides an opportunity for every girl to have input into choosing activities that interest her.

What have you learned during the first year and a half of the Girls First program?

Since we were starting a new unit, we knew that most of our Brownies would be brand new to Guiding. Rather than transitioning to the new program, we decided that we would leave the old program behind and dive straight into Girls First. What I've learned is that training and immersion are key to understanding and embracing the Girls

First program. I was able to attend a Girls First area celebration in September of 2018. We listened to enthusiastic Girls First Champions talk about the new program, and we watched that program come to life as our girls participated in activities from each of the program areas. In November of 2018, I was also fortunate to attend a dedicated face-to-face training, facilitated by our area's Girls First Champions. From digital platform wizards to old-school Guiders with 20 years of experience, they each had a different perspective on the new program, and we learned SO much!

What was your favourite Girls First moment so far?

I have two favourites. The first, the girl initiative, is ongoing, and it happens whenever one of our Brownies realizes we're doing an activity that she came up with. We may be doing something that we've done numerous times before, but I feel that giving girls more opportunities to participate in the planning leads to increased satisfaction for everyone. My other favourite has to do with mindset and the Girls First philosophy. My biggest a-ha moment came when one of our Girls First Champions demonstrated the difference between "girl led" and "girl driven." She pretended to be a girl, trying to lead by pulling and pushing her Guider forward, and then climbed into the back seat of a car and watched nervously as the girl drove off into the future. I totally got it!

What Girls First advice do you have for fellow Brownie Guiders?

Change can be difficult, but calling yourself a "Guider" instead of a "Leader" is a great place to start. It's only a word, but once your mind shifts, your body tends to follow. My other advice is to partner with a experts in your area and/or seek out whatever face-to-face training you can find.

This quote, from 83-year-old Stewart Brand, is one of my favourites: "Once a new technology rolls over you, if you're not part of the steamroller, you're part of the road." It's called Girls First ... and you get to decide.

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Photos: Lois Brock

Bernice Enns, Guide Guider, Cariboo-Yellowhead District, Thompson Nicola Area

What do you love about the Girls First program?

The flexibility of place-holders for units as well as activity outlines allow leaders to easily adapt meetings because we are part of a small community in the BC interior. Often the resources and facilities we have access to differ from those suggested in the activities provided.

As well, our rural setting offers many beneficial yet underrepresented environmental opportunities, and our girls are more familiar with them than those in urban settings.

What have you learned during the first year and a half of the Girls First program?

Girls First is an extensive program which has taken a great deal of time to be able to navigate and become proficient in. I have learned to rely on the readily available, knowledgeable and very patient technical support team for those times when I cannot successfully manage input. Over time, I have gained a clearer understanding of the platform and have found the management tools and resources to be very helpful and supportive. I have found that I combine the Girls First resources for planning and recording activities with those that I found to be efficient and useful from past years of experience and training.

What was your favorite Girls First moment so far?

When I got all my completed meetings logged and understood the layout enough to navigate the platform efficiently.

What Girls First advice do you have for fellow Guide Guiders?

Tackle this resource with an open mind, persevere, integrate your past knowledge and resources and you will find Girls First to be an asset. Guiding has always offered a program that allows for diversity, continued learning, sharing and building connections. Although Girls First is an online program, its success will depend



Photo: Bernice Enns

Girls are completing the Elephant Toothpaste Activity.

on the interpersonal interactions between the adult and girl members.

Be flexible, use the platform as a resource, value the contributions of all girls and adults involved, and do what is best for your girls and leaders, involving them in planning and participation through strong, reliable and encouraging support.

Melissa Cackette, Pathfinder Guider, Columbia District, Kootenay Area

What do you love about the Girls First program?

I love it when the girls can plan something, see it through and experience the feeling of accomplishment that I see on their faces. I have also found that it really strengthens a lot of the girls' self-esteem.

I also really love that instead of it being the Guiders planning, it is the girls. It really fosters team spirit and working together.

What have you learned during the first year and a half of the Girls First program?

I learned that the girls are so much stronger and more capable than we think they are. We've also learned that it is okay to fail and that it can sometimes be fun too!

What was your favourite Girls First moment so far?

Last year's year-end camp was planned by two girls. It had a magical theme. The girls had planned to play Quidditch with hula hoops and balls. The girls forgot the balls and opted to have an extended early campfire. We had bought the girls matching hoodies and they were all wearing them. It wasn't quite dark, and the girls were playing with the hula hoops and just having a good time (apparently, you're never too old to hula hoop). They decided to put their legs in the arms of their hoodies and tuck their heads in like some strange half-llama creatures. The girls then held races and I couldn't tell you who won, but I can tell



Photos: Melissa Cackette

The girls would prefer a program book or application, as my group of teens struggles with the website. As they add more activities to the platform and girls and Guiders gain more experience using it, I think the challenges will subside. At first, I would save the activities as a PDF and email them to the girls, which worked well.

What was your favourite Girls First moment so far?

Over the past year and a half, we have used the program to host district events. Our best girl-led event was our district Camp Skills Day at Camp Kanaka in the snow last year. Our Rangers did an excellent job hosting the camp and teaching other girls. They are excited to run this year's district camp!

What Girls First advice do you have for fellow Ranger Guiders?

Rangers who have used girl-led programming for years are great leaders! They can run camps both for themselves and for bridging events!

... and you get to decide.

A huge thank you to the Guiders who contributed to this article and to all the Guiders across BC who are working hard to deliver new and exciting programming to girls in BC!

you that it ended with seven Pathfinders rolling on the ground laughing!

What Girls First advice do you have for fellow Pathfinder Guiders?

My advice to other Guiders would be that if you're scared or nervous about the Girls First concept and not ready to jump in with both feet, it's okay to start by sticking your toe in. The next thing you know, you'll go a little further and a little further, and you'll very quickly be all in and wondering what you were ever afraid of.

The Girls First initiative has really given the girls in both my units a sense that their program is theirs. They have a choice to do the things that they want to do, and if most girls want to do things that one girl doesn't want to do and she doesn't come that week, that's okay. It very much feels like Sparks when we talked to the girls about how we're different and good at different things. Now I feel like the girls are leading those things and it has really come full circle.

This group had done lots of girl-led programming throughout their previous Guiding years.

The girls have done many of the instant meetings on the Girls First platform. We like being able to do our own activities, including day trips, cooking, retreat camps, backpacking trips and multi-unit activities, and then deciding where to fit them into the Girls First program.

What have you learned during the first year and a half of the Girls First program?

Leah Holland, Ranger Guider, Mundy Lake District, Lougheed Area

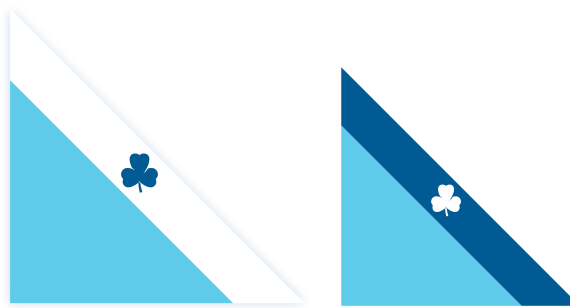
What do you love about the Girls First program?

Our Ranger unit started Girls First with 12 energetic girls moving up from Pathfinders.



Photo: Leah Holland

Theresa Rud, Rivers North Area



Why Get **Logo Approval?**

I have attended many events during my 35 years of Guiding and have had many shirts and crests given to me. Unfortunately, many do not include the Girl Guide logo or if they do, they use the logo improperly. For years, I was under the impression that obtaining approval to use the Girl Guide logo was confusing and arduous and that girls would be less likely to wear items that included the logo. I have come to learn that neither of these assumptions is true. Logo approval is simple and quite easy, even if changes are needed to comply with Girl Guides of Canada's brand standards.

When you plan to use the logo on a piece of merchandise, such as a crest or T-shirt, start by consulting the Merchandise Standards document, available on the BC Girl Guides website (select *Member*

Services > Public Relations > Brand Standards). It provides easy and clear descriptions of how and where the logo can be used. Once you've got a proposed design for your item, send a copy of the design and the Logo Approval Form (available under *Member Services > Public Relations > PR Resources / Logo Use*) to the BC PR Committee. They will respond to your logo use request within a couple of days.

For example, I followed this procedure for an area event, Barkerville's Victorian Holiday for Pathfinders, Rangers, Trex and bridging members. I had a matching scarf and toque set made for all members attending. It was very easy to keep track of our girls, and as a added bonus, it was very easy to strike up conversations with others in our area!

I have had many items made with the logo (and approved), and the girls still proudly wear them, even to school! I know that many of the girls still wear their Victorian Holiday set, as I was at an event last fall and a girl was in her toque. Someone commented on it and she said it was her favourite toque!

There are many creative ways to incorporate our logo into your merchandise. Last year, we distributed vases etched with the recipient's name, the award they received and the GGC logo to Rangers who completed the Chief Commissioner's Gold Award and they were a hit!

Getting logo approval is quick and easy. It is a great way to spread awareness of the Girl Guide Movement every time the item is used.



Jeanette Martinolich, 1st Tofino Guides, Pacific Shores Area

Tofino Girl Guides

Participate in Secret 3K 2020



Photo: Jeanette Martinolich

I remember participating in walk-a-thons and marathons as a youth to raise money for a variety of causes. When I read about the Secret 3K, I knew this was something I wanted to do, and I hoped our Guides would as well!

A few weeks prior to the event, the Tofino Girl Guide unit was asked if they would like to participate in a marathon to raise awareness about issues for women in countries such as Afghanistan. They learned about Zainab and her first marathon in 2015, which she ran with two friends, one from Canada and the other from the United Kingdom.

The Guides listened in disbelief as they were told how women and girls in Afghanistan were not allowed to run and play outside, at the risk of facing scorn or violence. Living in a world where they run and play and surf with other girls and boys, the Guides agreed that we needed to do something to support Zainab and any other women who don't have the same opportunities.

The week before the marathon, we invited a yoga instructor to join us. She taught us some warm-up and cool-down stretches to prepare for the race. Following this, we got local street maps and with rulers in hand, we mapped out the 3 km route that we would take.

The local radio station, Tuff City Radio, had heard of our fundraiser and invited us to join them on the radio the morning of the run to share our ideas and promote Girl Guides. The host was thrilled to have us, as he is the father of a Spark and is a strong supporter of our program. As a result of this interview, many members of the community also joined us for the marathon!

Even with the threat of hail and heavy rain and winds, we completed our route and raised over \$400. Everyone was very proud of themselves, and rightly so—it was a great feeling! We hope our efforts will help to allow women and girls more freedoms as well as promote gender equality.

Thinking Day Adventures

Kara Solberg, 11th Grouse Brownies, Lions Area

Transit Travels to Thinking Day

The Grouse 11th Brownies and their mascot, Snowball the Owl, had a great time on Thinking Day as they travelled from North Vancouver to Surrey via SeaBus and SkyTrain. We talked about diversity and looked for ways in which TransLink helps provide equal access for everyone, such as with ramps, escalators, elevators, marked/reserved seating, audio announcements and written signs.

The girls had fun competing in a diversity relay. One team

could perform the steps any way they wanted, one team went backwards, one team kept a hand behind their back and one team had their legs tied to each other! Sure enough, the team that had no impediments was the fastest. It was a great way to understand the way differences impact daily activities. We also had an opportunity to dream up our own superhero powers, such as speed, invisibility and strength. I chose time travel so that I can do everything I say yes to!



Photos: Kara Solberg

and Celebrations

Nicole Poirier, Tetrahedron District, Lions Area

Tetrahedron District Celebrates Thinking Day

70 girls from all branches had a wonderful afternoon celebrating Thinking Day. The first half of the day was filled with fun in the Sechelt pool. Girls swam in the lazy river, went down the waterslide, climbed up the climbing wall and swung off the rope swing!

After swimming, we walked over to a nearby gym to have a snack and indoor campfire. Carla Villaobos Trejo is a Guiding member on Rotary exchange to the Sunshine Coast from Mexico. She is a grade 11 student who lives by the World Centre, Our Cabaña, in Cuernavaca. She shared stories about her life, Guiding in Mexico, and information about Our Cabaña at the campfire. She is a pleasure to have and we are fortunate to have her join our district!



Photos: Nicole Poirier



AROUND BC



The **1st Ottergrove Rangers, Fraser Skies Area**, enjoyed a “chill” camp at beautiful Camp McLanlin and introduced their new international exchange members to camp pies. Yum! Photo: Lesley Young



Some members of the **34th Vancouver Guides, West Coast Area**, enjoyed the sights and the sounds of Lighthouse Park in West Vancouver. Photo: Angela d'Eon



The **2nd Parkville Guides** and **2nd Arrowsmith Pathfinders, Pacific Shores Area**, enjoyed and explored the Parkville branch of the Vancouver Island Regional Library. Photos: Val Froom



The **1st Roberts Creek Guides, Lions Area**, did a beach cleanup at Camp Olive during their recent camp. Photo: Melinda Marsh



The **1st Roberts Creek Guides** and **1st Roberts Creek Pathfinders, Lions Area**, enjoyed an evening of belly dancing.

Photo: Melinda Marsh



49th Brownies of West Coast Area are proud to wear their own WTD2020 bracelet. Photo: Yuko Takemoto



Grace M. and Bincy J. of **1st Oceanview Pathfinders of Pacific Shores Area**

volunteered to lead a portion of the Oceans Aware Challenge for the **Lantzville Guides of Pacific Shores Area**. This interesting and educational challenge is put on by the Oceans Network Canada.

Photos: Selena McKay



2nd Parksville Guides and **2nd Arrowsmith Pathfinders of Pacific Shores Area**

visited Nanaimo Home Depot. The day was an exercise in overcoming frustrations and helping one another as this is a diverse, multi-branch unit with a broad range of ages and capabilities. Everyone learned a lot and had a great time!

Photos: Val Froom



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