

# 2016 BC Girl Guides



## Growing Guiding



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## BC Council

# Annual Report 2016



### **Vision**

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

### **Mission**

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

### **Promise**

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

## BC Girl Guides Growing Guiding

# Leslie Bush, BC Provincial Commissioner



Growing Guiding is the theme of our 2016 Annual General Meeting and Annual Report. Over the past few years, we have been successful in slowly but steadily increasing our membership in BC, and 2016 was no exception. The numbers are modest, but we continue to move in the right direction. In 2016, units, districts and areas continued to make Guiding visible by holding or attending events and activities in our communities.

Beyond growing our membership, we all had opportunities to grow our confidence, skills and leadership abilities by taking advantage of some of the myriad of opportunities offered by our provincial committees over this past year.

Below is just a sampling of some of the opportunities available to our members in 2016.

## Growing Confidence through Experience

- ★ Nationally, many of our members took the opportunity to attend the national event Guiding Mosaic, held at Sylvan Lake, Alberta.
- ★ Here in BC, girls and Guiders had the opportunity to grow their knowledge about people, geography and culture either from the seat of a bicycle during Pedal Haida Gwaii or from the seat of a kayak in Desolation Sound at Pathfinder Paddles. The Amazing Race 2016 was an opportunity for four leaders and 16 girls to explore the multicultural diversity of southwestern BC, utilizing multiple forms of travel, complete with roadblocks, U-turns, destinations and challenges.

- ★ Internationally, a provincially sponsored trip to Peru provided eight girls and two leaders a chance to tour the country and meet with local members of Guiding. One girl from Fraser Skies Area was chosen to attend the Juliette Low seminar in Ghana, and an adult member from Southern Vancouver Island Area was chosen to attend the 14th World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) Western Regional Conference in Curaçao as part of the Canadian delegation.

## Growing Skills and Knowledge

- ★ Guiders grew their skills by participating in Outdoor Activity Leadership Module 8 trainings in canoeing and adventure camping, which will result in more girl growth opportunities moving forward.
- ★ A webinar for Guiders on menu planning for allergies and special diets offered both the camping committee and attendees the opportunity to learn new skills.
- ★ The *FunFinder* publication continues to provide Guiders and girls with opportunities to grow with hands-on activities to support branch programming, handily cross referenced.
- ★ Eighteen members participated in a Food Safe Level 1 course, and then six of those participants continued to take an additional Quartermaster (QM) training. As a result, we have grown the ability to help carry out events province wide.
- ★ Camping and Training Committees collaborated on a very successful Load Your Backpack training, giving attendees from every area opportunities to learn together!
- ★ Twenty-seven district commissioners came together from across the province to participate in commissioner-specific training. This offering was wildly popular, and space had to be increased to support the demand.
- ★ A Provincial Properties Workshop held at Camp Kanaka presented managers of Girl Guide properties the opportunity to learn from experts about danger trees, legal issues, insurance and property management.

## Growing for the Future

- ★ We are pleased to recognize that our scholarships and bursaries were fully subscribed to this year.
- ★ The Membership Committee reviewed and restructured iMIS and registration processes

and the delivery of these services. Membership held training in October to implement the new processes and grow the new iMIS team.

- ★ The small but mighty PR group continues to grow our visible and energetic presence in BC. They worked on maintaining our social media presence and maintaining our website. As well they produce *Pipeline*, our provincial magazine for our members.
- ★ The BC Trefoil Guild Rendezvous was held in Vernon with over 130 participants. The service project, providing school supplies for children in need, was a huge success.
- ★ BC was also very well represented at the National Trefoil Guild Gathering, held in Newfoundland. Over 90 Trefoil members from BC attended!

## Growing Fun

- ★ New Instant Meetings, a new Camp around BC Challenge and two new Camps to Go—Brownie Magic and a Dr. Seuss-themed “Oh the Things You Can Think”—developed by our provincial Camping Committee provided more opportunities for our members to enjoy camping in BC!
- ★ The Wowza Science Event resource, developed by the Program Committee, provides an opportunity for Sparks and Brownies to experience science at a district-wide (or larger) event.
- ★ PACHASACH—a Camp to Go developed by the Fraser Skies Area International Committee and the provincial International Committee—provides the opportunity to enjoy WAGGGS World Centres programming at camp.
- ★ Another successful Pathfinder Summit was held at Guide House, where girls had the opportunity to grow knowledge by exploring both their program and Vancouver.
- ★ Guides Exploring Science and Technology (GUEST) was held at the UBC Okanagan campus. It introduced girls to role models working in the science, technology, engineering and math fields (STEM).

This is a small sampling of the opportunities provided to our members in 2016. Without the dedication of our volunteers and the enthusiasm and passion of our girls and young women, none of this would have happened. I am so proud at what we have accomplished this year, and so grateful for all of you for making it happen. Thank you!

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In 2016, BC Girl Guides had opportunities for ...

## Growth through Events and Adventures

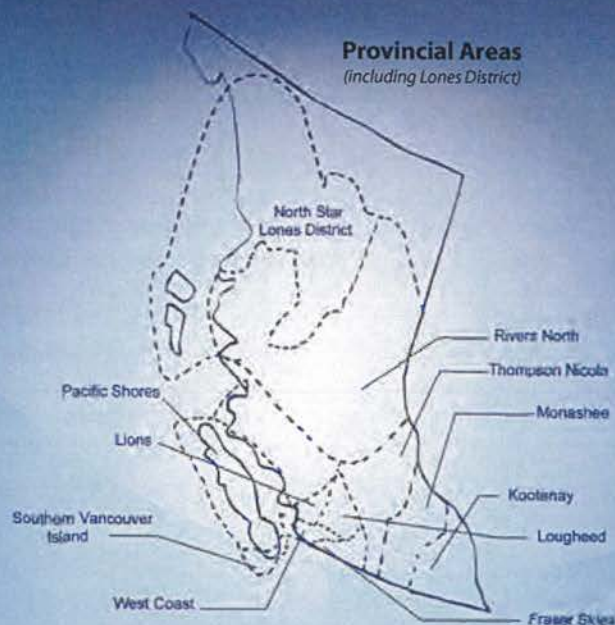
- ★ Unit, district and area camps
- ★ Pathfinder Summit
- ★ Trefoil Guild Rendezvous
- ★ Mix It Up
- ★ Pedal Haida Gwaii
- ★ Pathfinder Paddles
- ★ Amazing Race
- ★ Guiding Mosaic National Camp
- ★ BC Girl Guides at BC Lions game
- ★ Rally in the Valley
- ★ Night treks (including NiteHike and Nite Trek)
- ★ Santa Claus parades
- ★ Sleepovers (including at Science World, Vancouver Aquarium and Hostelling International)
- ★ Neighbourhood carolling
- ★ Passport to the Arts Day
- ★ Bring-a-Friend events
- ★ Bring-a-Mom Night
- ★ Reporter Night
- ★ Yoga Night
- ★ BC Photo Challenge
- ★ Snowflake Ball
- ★ Tea and bake sales
- ★ Snowshoe camp
- ★ Community skating
- ★ Teddy Bear Picnic
- ★ Backpacking trips
- ★ Bottle drives
- ★ Winter carnival
- ★ Sparks Go Wild
- ★ Link conference
- ★ Cupcakes and Candles Camp
- ★ Under the Boughs Camp
- ★ Horseback riding camp

## Growth through Global Awareness

- ★ Hike for Hunger
- ★ World Thinking Day Celebrations
- ★ Fundraising for Canadian World Friendship Fund (CWFF)
- ★ Me to We Take Action Academy
- ★ World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts Western Regional Conference—Curaçao
- ★ Hands Across the Border
- ★ Travel to India, Dominican Republic, Europe and across Canada
- ★ "Days for Girls"—sewing for girls in developing countries

## Growth through Service Projects

- ★ Adopting a Road
- ★ Serving at soup kitchens
- ★ Sending Valentines for Vets
- ★ Volunteering at community events (including Canada Day celebrations and community days)
- ★ Visiting seniors: playing games, making crafts and singing songs
- ★ Participating in the Words in Action National Service Project: book exchange, making bags full of books for food bank
- ★ Participating in the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup
- ★ Filling Christmas hampers
- ★ Participating in refugee welcoming events
- ★ Donating to food banks
- ★ Filling Christmas shoeboxes
- ★ Planting bulbs
- ★ Making Christmas cards for hospital patients
- ★ Making kits for homeless youth
- ★ Working with Food for Friends



## Growth through Education

- ★ Rangers RULE (Researching the University Life Experience)
- ★ STEM activities—National Engineering Month
- ★ GUEST (Guides Exploring Science and Technology)
- ★ Circus Arts program
- ★ Safe at Home online safety course
- ★ Alberta Girls' Parliament
- ★ Cross Canada Challenge
- ★ WAGGGS leadership development: Juliette Low Seminar (Ghana)

## Growth through Training

- ★ Guides Jubilee (Camp Skills)
- ★ Camping/Training Load Your Backpack workshop
- ★ Outdoor Adventure Leadership training (OAL)
- ★ District Commissioner Module training
- ★ Quartermaster and Food Safe training
- ★ Presentation and Communication Skills workshop



# BC Girl Guides Growing Guiding

## BC Council Membership for 2016

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

### Honorary Officers

Pat Drugge	Dolores Racine
Elaine Hayden	Marion Rogers
Elaine Killam	Georgia Runcie
Daphne MacGregor-Greer	Dawnette Humphrey (May-Dec.)
Judy Maurice	

### Provincial Commissioner

Dawnette Humphrey (Jan.-May) Leslie Bush (May-Dec.)

### Deputy Provincial Commissioners

Leslie Bush (Jan.-May) Darlene Kent (Jul.-Dec.)  
Colleen Kellner (May-Dec.) Helen Varga

**Provincial Treasurer** Roanna McCormack

### Advisers of Provincial Standing Committees

These positions were on BC Council until May 2016. After restructuring, these positions now comprise the BC Operations Committee and are represented on BC Council by the provincial coordinators named below.

Camping International	Joy Andersen Jennifer MacGregor-Greer (Jan.-Jul.) Christine Harrison (Jul.-Dec.)
Membership Program	Gerry Koepke Julie Thomson (Jan.-Jul.) Susan Stephen and Colleen McKenna (Jul.-Dec.)
Public Relations	Laurie Hooker (Jan.-May) Sue Street (May-Dec.)
Training	Kerrie Glover

**Provincial Risk and Compliance Adviser** Vacant

### Provincial Coordinators

Girl Engagement Kate Tobin (May-Dec.)  
Member Services Vacant

### Area Commissioners

Fraser Skies	Siobhan Peck
Kootenay	Shelley Balfour
Lions	Colleen Kellner (Jan.-May) Carol Williams (Aug.-Dec.)
Lougheed	Darlene Kent (Jan.-Jul.) Natalie Baxter (Aug.-Dec.)
Monashee	Sheila Fergusson (Jan.-May) Julie Thomson and Barb Wilson (May-Dec.)
Pacific Shores	Deanie Patten (Jan.-Apr.) Barb Wood (May-Dec.)
Rivers North	Robi McKnight and Christine Tessier (Jan.-Oct.)
Southern Vancouver Is.	Gillian Hurwood, Adrienne Blanford and Wendy Halpen
Thompson Nicola West Coast	Tara Decker and Anne Fox Diamond Isinger (Jan.-Feb.)

### Elected Members

Sarah Bearisto Lisa Welchelberger (Jan.-May;  
Stella Vallee May-Dec. as Youth Forum Chair)  
Kelsy Woods (Jan.-May)

## 2016 BC Council Bursaries, Grants and Scholarships

**Bursary of Honour** Taylor, West Coast Area

### BC Council Bursary

Grace, Lions Area	Nyree, Pacific Shores Area
Isabella, Southern Vancouver Island Area	Shefana, West Coast Area
Meggan, Southern Vancouver Island Area	Taya, Monashee Area
Nicole, Lions Area	Virginia, Pacific Shores Area

### Margery Dumfries Scholarship

Tayana, Monashee Area

### Eve Pound Scholarship

Katherine, West Coast Area

### Pat Drugge Adult Bursary

Stephanie Mann, Lions Area

### BC Trefoil Guilds' Education Grant

Neha Chhatre, Lougheed Area

### Aliza, Chaim and Tova Kornfeld Scholarship

Shaylee Peterson, West Coast Area

## Awards

### BC Award

Leslie Bush, Rivers North Area	Dawnette Humphrey, Pacific Shores Area
Evelyn Edwards, West Coast Area	Helen Varga, West Coast Area

### Medal of Merit

Tracy L. Clark, Lions Area	Kathy Murphy, Fraser Skies Area
Sandy Janssens, Fraser Skies Area	Pamela Pellegrini, Lions Area
Jacqueline MacDonald, Lions Area	

### Fortitude

Rondie Collins, Monashee Area	Deanie Patten, Pacific Shores Area
Lee-Ann Knight, Pacific Shores Area	Joan Ross, Fraser Skies Area
Patricia Mahon, Pacific Shores Area	Katie Timmermans, Monashee Area
Fiona Marshall-White, Lions Area	

### Honorary Life

Araina Golding, Southern Vancouver Island Area  
Donna Hillman, West Coast Area

### Book of Honour

Patricia Salewski, Pacific Shores Area

### Also presented to BC members in 2016

Gold Merit	19
Silver Merit	26
Bronze Merit	47
Gold Thanks	92
Team Award	71

### Membership in 2016

Adults	4,220
Girls	13,472
Total Members	17,692

### Girl Guide Cookie Sales

Classic cookies	54,827 cases
Chocolatey mint cookies	49,958 cases
Total cookie sales	104,785 cases



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