



Parkland Pennings

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Commissioner Ramblings



As our Guiding year winds down for the summer, except for Trex, it is a good time to reflect on the past year. The trainings, the outings, the camps, the unit meetings, the district meetings, the area meetings and the parents meetings, just to name a few, have all had an impact our lives in some way. Whether it's the new skills we learned, the joy of working with the girls, even the camaraderie we share with fellow Guiders, Guiding has given us these experiences.

Recently I met some excited leaders who had just completed their first year as Unit Guiders; they were tired but still pumped with great ideas for next year. Sure they had had some struggles during their first year, but once they attended some trainings and meetings, they became more confident of what they were doing. They saw the value of using all the Guiding resources that were offered to them and though it took more of their time to do the trainings, meeting, and work, in the long run it made their positions easier to manage. Their enthusiasm was so contagious that I felt excited for them, it is so easy to get caught up in administration matters and paperwork that a person can sometimes forget why we are here, which is for the girls. These ladies reinforced my commitment to the organization, especially when I hear the excitement in a girl's voice as she talks about the fun she had at camp, or the adventures of selling cookies ("They want to but a WHOLE case, can they?").

As we approach summer (whenever it stops raining and warms up) it is a good time for you to relax and spend some time with your family and friends, put your feet up and feel very proud of yourself for the great work you did for Girl Guides of Canada this past year.

I admire all you all for your endless energy, endless ideas and endless giving of yourselves, the girls of Parkland Area are privileged to have had you in their lives.

Thank you Parkland Area Guiders. Have a wonderful summer and we will see you in September.

Lorie Coghill

Area Commissioner

contact office

PR/Membership Notes

National Membership Week is September 10-18, 2011

Membership Day at Sears is Saturday August 20, 2011. This coincides with Sears 'Back to School' week. National will again provide centralized booking and coordination of materials.

Please get your registration dates into the Area office so that the 1-800 answering service will have the correct information for summer phone calls.

We have received two car magnets from Province, these are great to use at cookie selling time. They are at the office; just sign them out through Tracey.

Mint cookie orders are due June 15. You can also order cookie sale aids at the same time just let Jessica know what you need.

Shelf life of cookies has been extended to eight months.

Lorie Coghill

Area Commissioner



International

If anyone is interested in being the next International Advisor please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions!

Please be aware that there have been some changes made to the fundraising guidelines at National and Provincial levels. If you are doing any fundraising for a trip or other event please take a look at the newest version of the Governance Policies available online

A new WAGGGS Challenge has arrived! Check out www.wagggsworld.org for the new World Guiding Goes Tartan challenge, under the resources tab. It is an activity package for girls of all ages and gives them an opportunity to feel involved with the World Conference taking place in Edinburgh, Scotland in July 2011.

Kristy Young

International Adviser

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Camp Sherbino

Hello Campers!

We are currently working on setting up an archery range out at camp for use by all those who have taken the training. You will see updates regarding this specific skill set training in upcoming Pennings articles. You must take the training in order to use the equipment.

As well we are in collaboration with Camp Kannawin to have an orienteering course set up over the summer and our hope is that we will be able to access it this fall. Remember, you can book Sherbino for your families use by calling the area office. There have been over 330 great camp experiences at Camp Sherbino since February. Way to go Guiders!

Have a great summer!

Lynda Fiedler

Area Deputy Commissioner



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Bingos

As in past years Districts have been assigned specific bingo dates to be worked. All are afternoon bingos and you will need to arrive at 10:30 am. You should be finished between 3 pm and 3:30 pm. All bingos are held at Red Deer Bingo Centre, just west of Superstore at 4946 - 53 Avenue, Red Deer.

The bingo workers do NOT have to be Guiders; we welcome anyone over 18 years old with photo ID. Red Deer Bingo Centre is a non-smoking facility. Please let the bingo operators know that you are there working with the Kiwanis but represent Girl Guides of Canada.

We need to provide 7 people per bingo, so if 3 districts provide 2-3 people it's easily manageable. Each person that works a bingo will earn a \$20 Camp Sherbino voucher. The voucher can be used at any unit camp or area event happening at Camp Sherbino. The unit Guider can just attach the vouchers to their Camp Sherbino self-invoicing sheet.

Bingos 2011

- Saturday, October 1, 2011 - Kuusamo, Diamond Willow, Wolf Willow
- Saturday, November 12, 2011 - Silveararth, Crimson Star, Westview

Once you have worked the bingo, please have your Commissioner submit your name to the Deputy Area Commissioner, Lynda Fiedler, at contact office and she will ensure that a voucher is prepared for you. Commissioners, please ensure that your District has sufficient volunteers.

Field Trip Idea

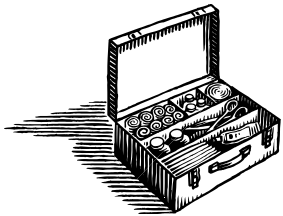
The 9th Red Deer Brownies went on a field trip to Bass Pro Shop at CrossIron Mills. I made up a worksheet with animal names and another with animal tracks and the girls were to circle the ones they found as we explored the store. We also had someone from the camping department show the girls the difference between camping necessities and luxury camping items. Bass Pro made up goodie bags for each girl and had lunch at the fudge shop. Other than lunch (which they gave us a great deal - \$3.20 for a hot dog and pop) it was a free event.

Barb Yost - 9th Red Deer Brownies Guider, Crimson Star District



Calling all Pathfinder and Ranger Units

SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 21 to 23, 2011
Camp Sherbino



First Aid
Bridging
Program

Come and join us to do:



Service
Fun
Friendship

Building with power tools

Registration to come in the September Pennings - Watch for it.

Submitted by Kathy Cawthorpe

Camping Corner



My term as Parkland Area Camping Adviser is ending this June. I have thoroughly enjoyed this position and the 5 years have just flown by. This is largely due to the team I was able to work with. Your district camping advisers are a great group. They are knowledgeable, hardworking, and reliable. For all events and trainings we have organized, they have been quick to volunteer for multiple jobs and have had many suggestions to offer. As those of you who have attended our events and trainings know, there is always lots of laughter amongst this group. It has been 5 years full of fun. If you would like to be part of an interesting, active and fun group, consider becoming a camp adviser sometime in the future. It is a very rewarding job.

Our aim has been to promote camping by offering opportunities for all age groups to attend outdoor activities and camps, and by offering trainings for leaders so they can take their girls to camp. The camping advisers will continue with these aims under the new Area Camping Adviser. Watch for many new exciting events and trainings to come.

Upcoming Camping Dates:

- October 15, 2011, 9:00am to 5:00pm: New OAL -all modules for Residential Stream.
- October 15-16, 2011, 9:00am to noon: New OAL - all modules for Tent camping stream.
- You can register for just the 1 day Residential stream, or register for the 2 days and complete both streams. Watch for registration details in September.
- June 2- 3, 2012 - Area Brownie camp at Camp Sherbino and adult camp trainings



Parkland At The Pines

If you have been following the articles in every Pennings this year, you will have realized what a great camp is being planned for everyone in Parkland Area on August 19 to 25, 2012. The planning committee is very excited and working hard to make this a great experience for all.

Information packages will be given to the District Commissioners at the end of August to forward to each unit in September. The packages will contain information for the Unit Guiders. There will also be information pages for parents, SG1, SG2, kit lists and registration forms for you to photocopy for each girl in your unit. We ask that you collect the registration forms, SG2, and fees by November 30, and give them to your commissioner. We want every girl to be given the opportunity to attend this camp. So if some leaders are unable to attend, please check with other units to see if they have room for your girls. Possibly 2 units could join together to get enough leaders for ratio. Discuss with your commissioner ways in which every girl in your district, who wishes to, is able to attend this camp.

Watch for the packages from your commissioner in September, and we look forward to getting registrations from every unit.



Sleepovers

Has your unit tried some of the many commercial sleepover programs offered around the province? These programs are run by staff at the location, are always excellent and everything is done for you. The Unit Guider has to collect permission slips, fees from the girls and arrange transportation to the site (this can be that the parents drop the girls off, or the unit rents a bus or carpools). You must send yellow level forms to the assessor with Third Party Service Provider checked on the chart, and the website info provided or an SG7 if needed. (See the square beside the chart on page 2 of the SG3).

These sleepovers usually offer breakfast and snacks; some offer supper; some include a craft; most have hands on activities; some have behind the scenes tours; they all provide a great learning experience.

Below are just a few of the programs from around the province and a contact phone number. Please be aware that the numbers and programs do change periodically.

- Frank Slide 403-562-7388
- Remington Carriage House in Cardston 403-653-5139
- Tipi sleepover at Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump 403-553-2731
- Calgary Zoo 403-232-9368
- Museum of the Regiments Calgary 403-974-2869
- Calgary Science Center 403-221-3732
- Royal Tyrrell Museum in Drumheller 403-823-7707
- Fort Normandeau in Red Deer 403-346-2010 (Kerry Wood Nature Center)
- Fort Edmonton 780-496-2925
- Telus World of Science in Edmonton 780-451-3344



Twyla Jenkins

Area Camping Adviser

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Guide Camp Song (tune of Fried Ham)

Guide Camp, Guide Camp

Taco in a bag,

After the Girl Guide Cookies

Dishes and cleaning

And more Guide Camp

Guide Camp, Guide Camp



Submitted by Allyson Schwartz & Erin Busaan - 1st Olds Guides, Num Ti Jah District



Awards



Diamond Willow	
Laina Oldford	Gold Thanks
Michelle Gregory	Gold Thanks
Rhonda Easton	Gold Merit Award
Goldenfields	
Barb Young	Medal of Merit
Deanne Menke	Letter of Commendation
Denisa Sanness	Gold Thanks
Heather Gilchrist	Fortitude Award
Kara Bocking	Gold Merit Award & Commissioner Award
Roxane West	Letter of Commendation
Golden Poplar	
Sara Taylor	Parkland Area Youth Award
Marissa Wilson	Parkland Area Youth Award
Judy Purcell	Gold Thanks
Amanda Thorson	Gold Thanks
Michelle den Dekker	Silver Unit Guider
Michelle Mooney	Gold Unit Guider
Joanne Schatz	Gold Unit Guider
Hazel Ray	Commissioner Award
Golden Poplar Team Award	
Jenna Grant	Rhonda Marshall
Michelle Mooney	Amanda Thorsen
Michelle den Dekker	Gidgette Taylor
Sarah Bradford	Joanne Schatz
Judy Purcell	Melissa Dodd
Hazel Ray	Nyna Marr
Kuusamo	
Jessica Clement	Bronze Unit Guider
Num Ti Jah	
Rhonda Bothe	Gold Thanks & New Unit Guider
Shelly Longmuir	Gold Thanks & New Unit Guider
Tammy Emond	Gold Thanks & New Unit Guider
Kyla Cranston	Gold Thanks
Laurel Arvay	Bronze Unit Guider & New Unit Guider
Jann Jessop	Bronze Unit Guider
Jackelyn Lupino	Bronze Unit Guider
Cindy Toews	Bronze Unit Guider
Leanne Finlay	Silver Unit Guider
Sandra Prevost	Silver Unit Guider
Kimberly Dykin	Silver Unit Guider
Rachel Clarke	Silver Unit Guider
Sandra Boutwell	Silver Unit Guider
Linda Reade	Gold Unit Guider
Christine Hogan	Bronze Merit Award
Maureen Harper	Bronze Merit Award
Valerie Hamilton	Bronze Merit Award

Westview	
Jackie Willer	New Unit Guider
Kelly Schultz	New Unit Guider
Nicole Sieben	Bronze Unit Guider & New Unit Guider
Cheryl Derocher	Silver Merit Award & Gold Unit Guider
Dena Miller	Gold Thanks
Deb Wynn	Gold Thanks
Wolf Willow	
Amy Moen	Gold Thanks
Treena Hanger	Gold Thanks
Tamara Huzar	Silver Merit Award
Linda Davis	Silver Merit Award
Sharon Mass	Gold Merit Award
Training	
Rose Ward	Letter of Commendation
Training Team Award	
Kathy Cawthorpe	Kathy Watson
Beverley Witham	Hazel Snyder
Tori White	Shelly Oldford
Area	
Chrystal Scanland	Letter of Commendation
Rose Ward	Gold Thanks
Tracey Holmes	Bronze Merit Award
Kristina Young	Silver Merit Award
Twyla Jenkins	Gold Merit Award
Area Team Award (TEA)	
Gail Armstrong	Jennifer Clarkson
Tracey Holmes	Elaine Kieth
Laura McNaughton	Hazel Ray
Linda Reade	Barb Robinson
Area Team Award (Rally)	
Gail Armstrong	Lorie Coghill
Linda Davis	Sue Fortunka
Suzanne Gibbons	Diahann Harvey
Tamara Huzar	Elaine Keith
Chelsea Leszynski	Nyna Marr
Rhonda Marshall	Sharon Mass
Laura McNaughton	Barb Robinson
Betty Slater	Hazel Snyder
Diane Wall	Rose Ward



Program

The Parkland Area Canada Cord and Chief Commissioner's Award Ceremony was held Sunday, June 26 at the United Church Christian Education Hall in Innisfail.

Diane Wall

Program Advisor

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Chief Commissioner Award

1st Red Deer / Crimson Star Karen Harrold	Katrina Belzerowski	Silver
	Rachael Berry	Bronze
	Alexandra Fald	Bronze
	Kristen Harvey	Bronze
	Kim Hayton	Bronze
	Melissa Pratt	Silver
	Gabrielle Rogers	Silver
1st Innisfail / Golden Poplar Jenna Grant	Nellissa Stalenhoef	Bronze
	Sara Taylor	Gold
	Marissa Wilson	Gold

Canada Cord

1st Rocky Mountain / Westview Sheryll Icton	Tali Blake
	Desirae Icton
6th Red Deer / Crimson Star Caroline Lobban	Abby Holmes
	Rain Riedlinger
	Carmen Lind
	Casandra Vanhantsaeme
1st Airdrie / Goldenfields Linda Stadnyk	Erin Stadnyk
	Lauren Wallis
12th Red Deer / Crimson Star Marlis Rose	Michaela Harvey
	Sabrina Oxford
1st Innisfail / Golden Poplar Michelle Mooney (Leduc Pathfinders)	Valentine Bedford
	Casey Bannister
	Emily Shaw
	Cassie Conners
1st Ponoka / Wolf Willow	Morgan Huzar



Training Tantalizers

It is hard to believe that I have completed my first year as Parkland Area Training Advisor. In the fall of 2011, you can count on training to provide new and exciting sessions. We will be offering Safe Guide, Quick Start, Orientation to Guiding and a variety of other TEAM enrichment sessions in a variety of locations; you can sign up for whichever is most convenient for your schedule.

Tentative Fall Training Dates

- Thursday, September 29 at 7pm in Airdrie: Safe Guide and Orientation to Guiding
- Thursday, September 22 at 7pm in Lacombe: Safe Guide and Orientation to Guiding
- Saturday, October 1 in Red Deer and/or Innisfail: Safe Guide, Orientation to Guiding, Quick Start, Event Planning, "5 Minutes to Success" (games, activities and songs)
- Please check the next Pennings for details.

We are very excited to announce Parkland Area Arts Day is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 19 at Innisfail United Church. The cost will be \$8.00 per girl. This event books up quickly and we will only be able to accommodate 135 girls. If you or your district requires other training such as updates for First Aid and CPR, Outdoor Activities etc. Please contact me at my NEW email address: Parkland.ATA@gmail.com or through the Parkland Area Office.

We wish everyone a safe and happy, relaxing summer and look forward to fall with enthusiasm and excitement.

Kirsten Richard

Area Training Adviser



Parkland Office News

The Parkland Area office is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00am - 4:00pm but may be closed unexpectedly for short periods of time. Please call ahead to check the schedule.

The office will be closed on July 1, 2011 and re-open September 1, 2011. Someone will be in on a regular basis to check messages and mail during this break.

Tracey Holmes

Administration Manager

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