



*Jan 2019*

*It doesn't seem real that we are heading into the last year of this decade,  
as a girl 2020 seemed so far off and now – not so much!*

December wasn't a busy month for provincial Guiding activities and events, but I'm sure every house hold was busy trying to get ready to honour your celebrations, I know mine was.

While I say December wasn't a busy month for Guiding, there was still some behind the scenes work happening. You will have seen the launch of the "Plastics Free" Challenge, the CWFF Challenge and the WAGGGS Crest order opportunity. More info on these can be found at [www.girlguides.ns.ca](http://www.girlguides.ns.ca) News and Articles section.



**The Guide Post**, which was delivered to your email on Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, has lots of information on tips for "Behind the Blue", GGC Scholarships, child custody issues, Classic Cookies and Sparks 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary update, and more- don't forget to check that out!

**NS Event: All SySTEMs Go  
May 11-12, 2019**

Bringing your unit but still want to help?

We will take your help now and ensure you can still bring your unit. Don't have a unit and want to help, not to worry, there will be lots of ways to help during the event.



This is an amazing partnership opportunity that has been very successful in other provinces, so we don't want to miss out, but we need help to plan and execute. If you or someone you know would be perfect for a role on the Committee, or you would like to know more about the event, check out [Girl Events](#) or let us know.

If you are excited to be a part of this event, then apply now at: [Volunteer now!](#) And fill out the Application: Event/Activity.

## ***Girls and Guiders on the go !***

The girls and Guiders selected for Nationally sponsored trips were announced and NS is again very fortunate to have the following chosen to have a trip of a lifetime:

### Discovering Newfoundland and Labrador:

Anna Benoit: Harvest Trail, Paige Thornton: Tri-Waters and Bonnie Boulter: Maplewood Guider

### Marsna Jamborette, Netherlands:

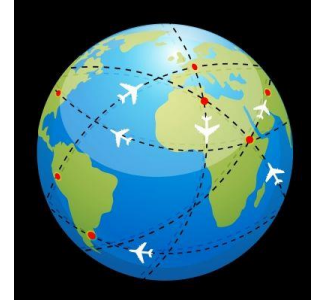
Amber Thornton: Tri-Waters and Maya Kosick: Ceilidh

### Old Quebec City and Old Montreal:

Brinn Miller: Tri-Waters, Lilli Knorr: Dartmouth Shore

### Swiss Experience:

Jessica Dean and Kianna Benson: Tri-Waters, Tiffany Farouse: Dartmouth Shore



### Venture to the Andes and the Amazon:

Claudia Saunders: Tri-Waters and Jennifer Wills: Tri-Waters Guider

Oh, the exciting times ahead for these girls and Guiders!!

## ***Can you make a difference – Oh Yes!!***

In the past, you will have received advertisements about volunteer opportunities on Provincial Council and Committees. 2019 presents a big year for NS Guiding as we have several Council & Committee members who are completing their 3-year terms. These are key positions critical to the success of adult support and girl events – and we can't do this without your help.

I recently read an article on the impact on the Girls if we do not have adult members in key roles, and I thought I would share.

*What is the impact on the Girls if we do not have adult members in key roles?*

"I have considered many times the "why" to taking on leadership opportunities that GGC has to offer. There are many "wins" I feel when I take on a leadership role. I have learned valuable skills in organization, communication, and time management. I have gained a greater sense of purpose while learning about others. I am more compassionate and at times, more committed to my ideals and opinions. But in an organization where the core of our being is "to be a catalyst for girls empowering girls" I can struggle with answering how our leadership roles impact the girls. Or in many cases, how does not having someone in a key role impact the girls. So here are my thoughts....

**Girls** have huge potential and if given the support and advice from adults, can have more impact on the world around them. They have the drive, they have the ideas and sometimes, they just need a little adult advice on how to make things happen. Without that facilitator, be it Program Adviser, District Commissioner, Area Commissioner, etc., sometimes the ideas remain dormant.

**Girls** deserve well trained and prepared Guiders to assist them. We have council structures to help delegate some of the decision making to ensure Guiders, and girls, have what they need, when they need it and how they need it. When we can provide these supports to the Guiders, the girls will experience an exceptional program, gain trust in the adults around them and remain in the organization for a lifetime.

**Girls** need mentors and role models. No one comes into a leadership role with 100% of the skills or knowledge needed, especially in a volunteer role.

**Girls** need to see women take on roles, make them their own, strengthen the work done and gain personal satisfaction from a job well done.

**Girls** need to see how experience dictates good planning, collaborative efforts and successful plans.

In NS we have a dire need to fill some vacant roles. Value the skills you will gain from one of these opportunities and help provide a well supported structure to empower girls and women in our province.

**Currently we have the following roles to be fill prior to our May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 AGM. Time commitment averages 5-10 hours a month. All positions with the exception of the Provincial Treasurer, are three year terms.**

**Provincial Treasurer** – oversee financial matters of the Nova Scotia Council, works closely with our Provincial Accounting Administrator, Office Manager, and Provincial Council to create budget, complete compliance, complete annual review, and work with Area Treasurers. (This is a 1 year renewable term up to 5 years)

**Girl Engagement Coordinator** – to provide assistance and support to the International, Program and Camping Advisers – experience as an adviser is ideal but not necessary.

**Member Services Coordinator** – to provide assistance and support to the Membership, Public Relations, Training, Link and Trefoil Advisers – experience as an adviser is ideal but not necessary.

**Risk Management and Compliance Adviser** – oversee potential risk matters of the Nova Scotia Council, providing assistance and support to the Safe Guide Adviser – experience as an adviser is ideal but not necessary.

**Elected Member: Property MGMT** – to provide assistance and support to the Area Commissioners and Camp Committees for Compliance relate issues. Working with the National office, assists Council with the implementation of the National Property ???– experience as an adviser is ideal but not necessary.

**International Adviser** – provides oversight to international trips, interprovincial trips and develops resources for international aspects of GGC

**Training Adviser** – provides oversight to training needs for all levels of adult Guiding, working with her team assists with coordinating Provincial and Area level trainings.

Please Keep in mind that there is also a huge need for women to fill some of the vacant or upcoming vacancies for District Commissioners or District Treasurers, Safe Guide Assessors, Provincial Finance Committee Members, etc.

Please don't hesitate to email me at [nspc@girlguides.ns.ca](mailto:nspc@girlguides.ns.ca) if you wish to speak to me about any of these opportunities.

Volunteer Application for Provincial level positions can be found at [Forms.](#)

Thank you for all you do, *LORENA*

*Everything She Wants to Be*

"Children are great imitators. So give them something great to imitate."

