



Saskatchewan Council

Saskatchewan Prairie Lily

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It has truly been an honour to represent Saskatchewan as your Provincial Commissioner for the past three years. The time did fly by and I have been provided so many great opportunities and experiences. This role has strengthened my passion for what Girl Guides of Canada will and can offer to girls in our communities. I was amazed by the Guiders in our province and across Canada in their resolve and passion for the organization. I witnessed girl engagement in its finest. I am also excited that I get to leave the role on a “high note” with a 6% increase in membership this year! WOW!

Over the past three years, I have worked alongside some wonderful women on Provincial Council, Area Councils, or as an adviser or support for our Guiders. I watched the organization prepare to engage in some critical changes to ensure that GGC remains relevant and accessible for all girls and women. I loved the positive uptake on the Girls First Platform and commend our Girls First Champions and all the Guiders for keeping the girls at the core of the program and for embracing change. As the organization continues to monitor the Girls First Program, I anticipate that girls and Guiders will continue to be active participants in developing and enhancing the program to reach its full potential.

At the Provincial Council level, we looked for possibilities for girls to be all they can be. My term started with a Council structure change which helped to delegate the roles of work of the Council. I thank those Council members that helped to make some of the roles more defined. I appreciated the collaborative nature of the council and the willingness to make changes if changes needed to be made. As a team, we ensured that girls had camping opportunities, program opportunities such as Alberta Youth Parliament, Lady B-P Weekend and Pathfinder/Ranger Conference and travel supports. We finalized the sale of Can-ta-ka-ye and made decisions on how best to use the proceeds of the sale. (Refer to more info on this in this *Prairie Lily*). We held a fun and exciting Launch Party for the Girls First Program. This event also showed how Guiders pull together even in times of adversity as we keep the safety and care of the girls at the forefront. The feedback from the event was overwhelmingly positive.

We increased funding to encourage girls to travel with Provincially Sponsored Trips and will be sending a full patrol (eight girls and two adults) to Voila (Quebec) and a half patrol (four girls and one adult) to Dawn (Newfoundland and Labrador) this summer. We also increased both scholarships amounts to \$1,000 to be more reflective of the financial needs of our members attending school.

So now for a few thank you's.

1. Brenda, Margot, Harnesh, Yvonne and Roxanne – we have exceptional staff! They provide the consistency and the support for the Provincial Council in a positive and collaborative way. Their time, skills and caring personalities ensure that all members feel welcomed and supported. Thank you for your dedication to Saskatchewan Guiding!

2. Bonnie Jean, Megan VB, Denise, Desire, Cynthia, Christa, Laurie T, Megan C, and Heather – thank you for being a part of the team. Many of us have been together for two or more years on Council and I truly value your time, passion and friendships. I will miss the great discussions and the great laughter.

3. Lisa, Amanda G, Amanda L, Joyce, Emily, Lorraine, Janice, Melissa, Michele, Beth, Dayna, Marg and Susan – thank you for taking on an adviser or support role for the members of Saskatchewan. Many of you will be continuing in your roles so continue to look for new ways to support and engage! Use your creativity. For those who are completing your terms – thank you! Your time and dedication was truly appreciated!

4. My "PC Peeps" – Leslie, Kathy, Krista, Susan, Roseanna, Beth, Lorena, Margot and Holly – WOW! What a ride! So proud to have been able to meet these amazing women from across Canada and to work alongside you all. I walk away from the PC role with a friend in every province! What more can a girl ask for?

5. Joel, Elizabeth & Rebecca – my family is my core, my rock and my safe space! Thank you for allowing me to share my time and attention with over 3,000 girls and Guiders in SK. Thank you for doing those little extras to allow me to be away on the weekends and for your understanding when faced with time constraints or being double booked!

I leave the PC role knowing that Saskatchewan Guiding is in great hands! Christa brings her positivity, exceptional leadership skills and a caring personality.

Laurie



2019 Provincial Dates

- May 4 Spring Fling (Adviser Meeting - Regina)
- May 4 Clean-Up Saskatchewan
- May 4 Provincial AGM
- May 5 Provincial Council Meeting (Regina)
- May 24-26 OAL Adventure (Trefoil Trails)
- June 8 Provincial Strat Planning (TBD)
- July 2-7 Southern Horizons Area Camp (Glen Harbour Kids Camp)
- August 15-18 Wilderness Weekend at Heritage Lake (Brownies and up)
- September 6-7 Provincial Council Meeting (Saskatoon)
- November 15-16 Provincial Council Meeting (Regina)

ACTION ITEMS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

**PLEASE SEND SAFE GUIDE SUBMISSIONS
TO: sk-provincial@girlguides.ca**

A "Try Now, Join Later" program which started April 1 will allow new girl members to join at no cost for the remainder of the current Guiding year; girls can try out a few meetings or special events (like camps!).

Looking for Spring Cookies? There are Lots of cases at Area and Provincial Offices!

SEND IN YOUR PHOTOS!

Thank you to all who have shared photos and articles for the *Prairie Lily*. We encourage more groups to consider submitting photos of your events along with a small written article.

For more photos and articles, please [click HERE](#)

AREA NEWS

BRIDGING RIVERS AREA - sk-bridgingrivers@girlguides.ca



Bridging Rivers Still Has Cookies!

If you are looking for more cookies to sell with your unit and your District is out, we have Area Cookies for you to consign with your unit!

When you consign, you get what you normally would for a case of cookies and it's an awesome way to make some more money for your unit's activities.

For more info, contact the office at sk-bridgingrivers@girlguides.ca

Meewasin Clean-Up Day Volunteer Opportunity

The Meewasin Valley Authority has organized their 38 Annual Clean-Up Campaign, which runs until May 30.

If you or your unit are interested in participating, you can sign you teams up [at this link](#), giving an approximate number of volunteers and bags needed.

For more information on this clean-up initiative, please visit their [web page here](#).

SOUTHERN HORIZONS AREA - sk-southernhorizons@girlguides.ca

Southern Horizon's District Commissioner, Christa Morhart's, Outgoing Message

March and April have been incredibly busy for me! At the end of March, I enjoyed spending the weekend with a great group of third year Girl Guides and their Guiders at the annual Lady B-P weekend. The girls enjoyed spending some time with their peers, as well as making new friends. We had some special guests join us and we went on an outing to the Imax theatre. Watching the girls interact and listening to them talk about their interests filled my heart with happiness. I was once again reminded why I loved Guiding so much!

[click here to read more](#)



DC AWARDS

On **March 30** at the DC Retreat, Christa Morhart presented the Southern Horizons DC's with pins and awards.

[Click here](#) for awards/pins and photos of who received them.

Southern Horizons Area Camp

Where: Glen Harbour Kids Camp (South of Rowan's Ravine)

When: July 2 at 4 p.m. to July 7 at 1 p.m.

Why: To have fun, meet new friends and learn new skills!

Cost: \$200 (includes GST)

Register: by May 31 with forms and payment to Regina Girl Guide Centre 1530 Broadway Ave, Regina SK, S4P 1E2

Guides: [click for registration forms](#)

Pathfinders: [click for registration forms](#).

Girl Guides of Estevan Recognized by Mayor

Girl Guides of Canada was recognized by the Mayor of Estevan, Roy Ludwig, and the City of Estevan last month. He sent a proclamation to the citizens of Estevan stating that April 7-13, 2019 was to be "Guiding Week in Estevan" and he asked citizens to recognize the day.

To see the proclamation, [click here](#).

TAG Members Trip to Mazatlan

On **March 6**, eight members of the Regina Trefoil Adventure Guild flew to Mazatlan, Mexico to have ten days of fun in the sun, working together with the Spool Doll Guide.

To see more about the details of their trip (and pictures) click [HERE](#).

FREE PIANO

Southern Horizons is getting rid of their piano. If you are interested in acquiring a piano yourself, please contact Brenda Gartner at 306-757-4103 or at sk-admin@girlguides.ca prior to May 30.



Archeological Program Opportunity for Youth in Ogema Area

The Saskatchewan Archeological Society (SAS) have been excavating a 9,000 year old bison kill site in southern Saskatchewan and this year they are inviting youth groups out to learn more about archaeology! This is a half-day opportunity to visit and tour an archaeological site with dates from **June 25-28 and July 24-27**.

Deadline to register is May 31 and spaces are filling up fast!

For more info [click here](#)

SK COUNCIL NEWS - sk-provincial@girlguides.ca



We are still celebrating Girls First and have Girls First Launch crests for all SK members (girls and adults). Crests were distributed at the September 22 Launch Party. If your unit did not attend the Launch Party or you haven't previously ordered these crests, please contact the Provincial Office.

Contact by phone 306-757-4102 / 1-800-565-8111 or by email: sk-provincial@girlguides.ca



Saskatchewan Provincial Cookie Incentive Changes – Effective for Fall 2019 Cookie Campaign requests

Saskatchewan Provincial Council provides a Cookie incentive for individuals or groups that use cookies to fundraise. Council reviewed and amended the incentive to better reflect the current Fundraising Policies for girl opportunities to include participating adults that would be approved on the SG.8.

Unchanged is the requirement that each participant must sell three cases per campaign and all cookies over that will receive \$5 per case of cookies as a reimbursement once the campaign, sales and tracking sheets are submitted to the Provincial Office. Individuals and groups are required to apply for the incentive after their SG.8 is approved and prior to the start of their cookie sales.

Please review the following documents that provide criteria in greater details. For further questions or information please contact the Provincial Office.

[Provincial Cookie Fundraising Incentive](#)

[Provincial Cookie Fundraising Incentive Request Form](#)

[Provincial Cookie Fundraising Incentive-Tracking Sheet](#)

Chief Commissioner's Award

We are extending the availability of the Chief Commissioner's Award (CCA) certificates and pins until June 2019.

After June 2019, all versions of the CCA will be retired. At that time, any Rangers working on the award can easily transfer what they have completed towards the Trailblazer Leadership Award.

For more info and for links, click [HERE](#)

Announcing....

Saskatchewan Campership Fund!! - Effective for any Camping experience following September 1, 2019

Saskatchewan Provincial Council is excited to announce a new funding opportunity to help enhance and encourage camping in the province.

20% of the proceeds of the sale of Can-ta-ka-ye (\$59830) have been allocated in a restricted fund as the Can-ta-ka-ye Campership Fund. Council has proposed that there be a maximum \$10,000 allocation per year.

[CLICK for Link to SK Campership Criteria](#)

Watch for SK Campership form in June Prairie Lily

Other Allocations from Can-ta-ka-ye Sale Proceeds Update

The Saskatchewan Provincial Council decided to diversify the proceeds into three allocations.

1. Areas – Provincial Council allocated 15% of the funds (approximately \$45,000) to both Bridging Rivers and Southern Horizon Areas to be utilized to enhance camping or girl experiences. Proposals that were area specific were provided to the areas and allocation of funds was at the discretion of each Area Council
2. Heritage Camp – Provincial council is currently working on a Real Property Maintenance Plan with the Heritage Camp Operating Committee to assess repair, maintenance and upgrades to the property to provide a sustainable and enhanced camping experience for all members in Saskatchewan. 65% of the proceeds (approximately. \$194,000) from the sale of Can-ta-ka-ye have been placed in a restricted fund. This fund will be accessed by Council once the needs assessment is complete, priorities are set and consultation with both the Heritage Camp Operating Committee and the National Real Property team concluded. Watch for further updates and timelines.
3. Can-ta-ka-ye Campership Fund – as referred to above. 20% of the proceeds (approximately. \$60,000) are allocated to assist and support camping experiences.



Volunteer Recognition Submissions

As the end of our Guiding year starts to be in sight, now is a great time to consider nominating that great Guider (or non-member volunteer) that you work with! Anyone can nominate a Guider for an award, and awards can be presented at any time of the year.

[Click here for link](#) on the various types of awards.

Watch for Information advertising the SOAR 2020 Provincial Patrol.

July 24 to August 1, 2020

Sooke, BC (southwest tip of Vancouver Island)

Heritage Lake Ladies Serenity Camp – August 9 -12, 2019

“A Pampered Introductory for Camping Guiders and Gals!”

Cost: Guiding Member: \$135

Non-Guiding Member: \$215.

One Day Fee: \$90.

Tentative Deadline to Register: Monday July 29, 2019

For more info/sessions [CLICK HERE](#)

For registration form [CLICK HERE](#)

Wilderness Weekend at Heritage Lake is tentatively scheduled for August 15 - 18 and will be offered to **Brownies and up**, provided the appropriate Safe Guide ratios are covered. Email sk-camping@girlguides.ca if you are interested in volunteering. We are also looking for Guiders who could also provide their expertise in canoe instruction, life guard, archery, Adventure Smart/Hug a tree programming or any other skill you'd like to share. **Guiders who volunteer at provincial camps receive an exclusive swag!**

Trip Assessors Needed!

Do you want to learn more about what it takes to plan a trip with girls? There is no better way than to become a trip assessor! You will partner with the International Adviser to review trip paperwork and help Guiders navigate the related Safe Guide sections. The more involved you are in assessing trips, the more you learn for planning one of your own! Are you intrigued? Send Melissa an email at sk-international@girlguides.ca to inquire for more information.

WAGGGS Opportunity – Jamborette 2020

The Boy and Girl Scouts Ninove are hosting a Jamborette in Belgium July 18 – 28, 2020.
For more information, [click here](#)

Archives - Beth Dreger



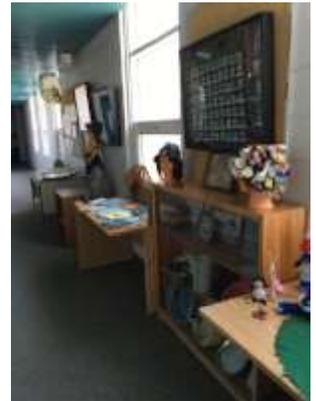
Archives Excerpts...

Your Provincial Archives committee has had a busy month. On April 6, "Lady Baden Powell" and her assistant attended the Provincial Lady B-P Weekend event for Guides held at Southern Horizons Area Girl Guides. "Lady B-P" was dressed in a uniform typical of one that would have been worn during her time. She presented the history of herself and Lord B-P and the girls participated in some original games that the B-P's would have used with youth to sharpen their skills.

On our monthly workday on April 10, our committee put together a new camping display for the upper hall at Southern Horizons. As you prepare for the camping season, you might like to stop by and have a look. Displayed are items from Saskatchewan Girl Guide camping through the years including photos from some



of the major camping events held here and memorabilia from our former provincial camp at Can-ta-ka-ye. We also put out several camping uniforms as well as decorated camp hats and camp blankets.



If you or someone you know have items that should be preserved as part of the Provincial Archives collection, please reach out to our committee. You can contact Archives through the office, through the Saskatchewan Council Facebook page or you can contact me directly at bldreger@sasktel.net. We're all part of Saskatchewan Guiding history.

DID YOU KNOW?

We have an archives collection of uniforms, books and records of activities that are available for you to look at and or borrow. There is a collection of Guider Magazines from 1952 to the present.

If you have pictures or articles or memories you would like to share you may bring them to the Provincial Office. If you donate pictures please have names of the people, dates and location of the picture.

For uniforms we have a full selection of uniforms, scarves and badges that you might wish to borrow for World Thinking Day programs or Mother and Daughter Banquets.

We have put a number of items on the table at Guide Office for free. These are items that we have double or triple supply.

Please feel free to take what you like. Remember that we also have a large collection of books in the library.

Thank you for being a Guider!
Lois Morrison

Girl Guides Clean-up Saskatchewan

Crests have arrived and most have been distributed. There are still around 100 at the Provincial Office up for grabs for \$1 each, so call today to reserve yours. If there's a large volume of asks, a second order may be placed. Remember, while May the 4 is our official date, clean-ups can happen anytime of year!

Please remember to email any photos to sk-prcomm@girlguides.ca or tag @saskgirlguides on social media

Hike Around Saskatchewan

The brand new 2019 Hike Around Saskatchewan Crest has been approved and will be in production right away. Order yours today using the form at the link.

Hikes can be in the wilderness, in local parks or trail systems, or even urban hikes exploring your city or town!

**If any groups or individuals are looking for great crests for traders, there's plenty of 2018 Hike crests still available at the Provincial Office.

Remember to take photos of any of your hiking events and send them in as well. If posting to social media (ie twitter or instagram), be sure to tag them with #ggcsask and #exploresask.

Click [HERE](#) for the Crest Request Forms.

Crests available all year long. Cost of crest unconfirmed at this time.

PRIDE

Pride Parades in Regina and Saskatoon are happening in June and we would love to see many Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders, Rangers, Link, Guiders, and Trefoil members, along with family, come and participate in the parades. We want to show our support for LGBTQIA2+ Guiding members and that Guiding offers safe and inclusive spaces.

Queen City Pride Parade - June 15 at noon (marshaling starting at 11 a.m.)

Saskatoon Pride Parade - June 22 at noon

If there are Pride parades and events happening in other communities, please let me know if you have any questions about how to get involved.

Queen City Pride is celebrating it's 30th anniversary, so we wanted to do something special and have some 'Guiding with Pride' T-shirts made to order. More details to come shortly (keep your eyes on facebook), but send me an email if you want to keep updated.



GIRLS FIRST

As we embark on our new program journey, Guiders are strongly advised to review two essential program components of Girls First to prepare them for success:

1. All About Girls First: explore the program structure and guidelines; learn how badging works; and understand why GGC developed a new girl program
2. Girl-Driven Approach: practical tips on how to give each girl choice, voice and action in defining what she wants to get out of her Guiding experience

To review these program components, Guiders have options! Girls First Champions can cover each of these topics informally (e.g., at a coffee shop or on a phone call) or more formally at a Girls First session. Alternatively, Guiders can access two e-modules. These online sessions are free and flexible and contain helpful handouts for reference afterwards. Both in-person and online formats offer Guiders the option of receiving iMIS credit.

If you're interested in connecting with a Champion, email us at sk-girlsfirstchampion@girlguides.ca and we'll put you in touch! Or, you can learn more about Girls First by completing the following e-modules at home:

[All About Girls First](#)

[The Girl-driven Approach](#)



January Conference 2020 will be held at the Regina Travelodge, January 24-26, 2020.

We are looking for people who would like to be part of next year's January Conference Planning Committee. Be part of shaping what our next Conference will look like!

Contact Lisa at sk-training@girlguides.ca if you are interested!

We have had requests for Safe Guide in the Moose Jaw area, and another First Aid in Southern Horizons (possibly geared towards Pathfinders and Rangers as well as adults) – no specific dates or locations have been set for either of these yet – likely July or August for each of these. Watch for more information in next month's Prairie Lily!

Fall Trainings – we will be organizing province-wide Fall Jump Start Trainings, focusing on New Guider trainings (Guider 101), Girls First orientations and Safe Guide, as well as Stuff to help all Guiders with getting ready for another year of Guiding! More details to come out in next month's Prairie Lily – but if you

are interested, let your DC know you want this in your district! DCs – contact Lisa if you want the Travelling Training Roadshow to visit you this Fall to conduct a Jump Start Training in your District! How many Districts will we visit this year? Stay tuned!

What else will be coming this fall? How about a Provincial Arts Challenge? Yes – that’s right! This fall, SK Arts Training will be launching a new Provincial Arts Challenge. You won’t want to miss it! Details to be announced in August – but we might be convinced to release a teaser or two before then!



Training the Trainer Weekend

Open to anyone interested in developing their presentation skills and learning about teaching adult learners, as well as those interested in being Trainers with Girl Guides of Canada.

Date: July 19-21, 2019

Location: Regina - Southern Horizons Girl Guide Centre - 1530 Broadway Avenue.

Deadline to Register: June 28, 2019

Cost: No cost at this time, depending on number of registrants.

Accommodations: Potentially sleeping over at the Guide Hall OR at a hotel - this is still to be determined.

Meals: To be provided. Please let us know of any dietary requirements or restrictions.

Mileage: Will be covered by the Provincial Training budget.

[CLICK HERE](#) for registration form

ARTS - Janice Graessli, Arts Adviser sk-arts@girlguides.ca

The spirit of Guiding is the seed of friendship that grows inside everyone's heart. Take a marigold seed and plant it in a flowerbed or pot. Have girls help plant flowers at a senior's home or deliver a paper flower to shut ins in your town. Flowers make most of us smile. Smiles warm the heart.

When at camp with the girls have each tent group write a short tune about camp on a recipe card using a familiar melody such as “Jingle Bells” or “Happy Birthday.” This could be shared at a sing song or Campfire. It is easy and fun to perform as a group.

Outside SK Guiding Opportunities

Scout's Canada Wilderness Rendezvous

Date: June 29 to July 7, 2019

Location: Cypress Hills

Fees: Early Bird \$260 plus GST /member (includes food and park fees)

Total \$273

Contact Info: wildernessrendezvous@gmail.com

Penelope - 306-536-2736

Garry - 306-536-3204

For more info, please check out their [Website](#)

You're Invited....

Sep 20 - 22 , 2019

**DL70:
Doe Lake Camp
70th Birthday
Celebration!**

BIRTHDAY PARTY
ADMIT ONE

Birthday Party with (lots of) friends!
Music, dancing and Cake
A craft to make your outfit unique
New adventures and challenges - what will you achieve?
Hit the beach for a Waterfront Regatta ... sand, water and boats!
Journey through time to the past and the future!
Solve a puzzle and escape!
Don't forget the singing, crafts and great food!

Cost:
 \$80 Tents - All branches (tents provided)
 \$100 Indoor - Sparks and Brownies
Register - Ontario Event Calendar

Let's go to Doe! 

Doe Lake 70th Anniversary Celebration - DL70 - is a fun and welcoming event for girls and women marking 70 years of Girl Guide camping at Doe Lake through a weekend long Birthday Party to celebrate "Yesterday, Today and Beyond!"



If you would like to receive the *Prairie Lily* as a hard copy in the mail, please contact the Provincial Office to request it. Call 1-800-565-8111 or email provincial@girlguides.sk.ca.

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