



Saskatchewan Prairie Lily

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HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS ISSUE:

Important Deadlines:

September 11 - Nationally Sponsored Trips Guider Opportunities deadline [link here](#)

September 15 - Girl Application due for SOAR 2020 [link here](#)

September 20 - BRAGG Crest Design Contest deadline

October 9 - Nationally Sponsored Trips - Youth & Young Adult Opportunities deadline [link here](#)

Oct 15 - Outstanding Youth Award applications due [link here](#)

PC MESSAGE Christa Morhart sk-pc@girlguides.ca



Welcome back to September and routines!

I hope everyone enjoyed their Summer and had some time to recharge and relax with family & friends. September always brings a fresh start for activities and routines. GGC continues to roll out new and exciting opportunities to put girls in the driver's seat, including a new Guider Learning Path! We will be offering a Guider Training day in mid- September for all members, new and returning. I would encourage all to attend if you're able!

We still have some very exciting opportunities available to be part of Provincial council.

[Risk & Compliance](#)

[Girl Engagement Coordinator](#)

[International Adviser](#)

We also have other opportunities:
Unit Guiders across the province
District Commissioners
Unit & District Treasurers

Please consider reaching out and taking on one of these rewarding roles. Email the office or myself for more information on the Provincial roles. The office will be happy to put you in touch with the Units and Districts in your areas that are looking for help!

As we embrace the Girls First program 100% and encourage girls to take on more leadership roles, we continue to grow and change with the program and the girls. The leadership roles Guiders hold fill a mentoring role for girls and play a key role in helping girls be everything they can be!

Provincial council will be meeting September 6-7 and finalizing our 2020 budget and strategic plan. We are hoping to share some exciting and engaging plans with the province soon! Please shoot me an email if you have any ideas you would like to see us add to our plans! Be a voice for the girls and share what they want to see in Guiding in our Province. All ideas are welcome!

Email sk-pc@girlguides.ca

Cheers!

Christa Morhart, Provincial Commissioner
SK Council / Girl Guides of Canada



2019 Provincial Dates

- September 6-7** Provincial Council Meeting (Saskatoon)
- September 14** Annual Jump Start Training Regina
- September 15** Annual Jump Start Training Saskatoon
- September 20 - 22** Wilderness First Aid (Trefoil Trails camp)
- September 24** Bridging Rivers Volunteer Fair
- October 15** Saskatchewan Outstanding Youth Award Applications Due
- October 18 - 20** Cookie Days
- October 27** Youth Recognition Ceremony (Regina)
- November 14** Southern Horizons Banquet
- November 15-16** Provincial Council Meeting (Regina)

2020 Provincial Dates

- August 7 - 10** Heritage Lake Serenity Camp (ladies)

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](#)



To Lois Busko, member in the Prairie Gold District, in the passing of her husband, Peter.

To Bev Drummond, President of the R&R Trefoil Guild, in the passing of her husband, Doug.

To Jennifer Kirby, DC for Prairie to Pine, in the passing of her mother-in-law, Debra.

AREA NEWS

CALL OUT FOR START DATES

If you haven't yet, please send in your unit's start dates to Yvonne Turnbull at the provincial office at sk-bridgingrivers@girlguides.ca ASAP!

Group Discount for Girl Guides to the Ballet

The Moscow Ballet is coming to **Saskatoon on November 17 and Regina on November 18** to perform *The Nutcracker* and offering group discount rates for Girl Guides, chaperones, family and friends to attend.

All Girl Guides who attend will receive this year's Moscow Ballet Fun Patch. For groups of 25 or more, they offer the opportunity for a Meet and Greet with a ballerina before or after the performance..

Those interested in attending can either fill out this [form](#) or email groups@nutcracker.com

Heritage Lake Serenity Camp Recap

Submitted by Ruth Griffiths

Good friends, good food, good fun... it's the recipe for success at Serenity Camp 2019.

Twenty-one campers met in early August at Heritage Lake Girl Guide Camp for four glorious sunny days of outdoor activity and creativity. Calm mornings and languid afternoons allowed canoeists to make the most of the placid lake.

For the rest of Ruth's submission [click here](#).



Bridging Rivers – Calgary Zoo Trip

Submitted by Natalya Mason – Lone Star District, Mosaic Guiding Unit Guider

On April 19, 2019, thanks to a generous donation from Dare and Dakota Dunes Community Development, we were able to take a group of forty-five girls and Guiders to Calgary, Alberta to visit the Calgary Zoo. For many of the girls, this trip will be a once in a lifetime opportunity. As we boarded the bus there was a nervous excitement for most of the girls. Many of them had never left Saskatchewan before or had the chance to travel on a coach bus. The bathroom on the bus never seemed to lose its novelty. After an hour the “how much longer?” inquiries began, and didn’t let up for the next six hours. This of course, was well worth it, for all the smiles and the songs and the questions and the games.

For Natalya's whole letter [click here](#).

BRAGG Crest Design Contest

Bridging Rivers needs a new crest - and YOU can be the designer!

Submit your designs to Yvonne Turnbull at the office by **September 20th** and they will be voted on at the next Council Meeting.

To enter: mail or bring your design to the to the Girl Guide Office in Saskatoon attn: Yvonne; or [email us](#) with your submission.

Good luck to all our contest applicants!

Volunteer Fair

Tuesday, September 24th, 2019

Frances Morrison Library, Lower Level

311 23rd Street East, Saskatoon SK

Fair is open to the public from **2:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

Attendees at a booth should plan to be at the venue from 1:30 – 7:45 p.m.

Wi-fi is available and there will be only street parking

Volunteer opportunities that accommodates not just newcomers, but high school and university students as well as the general public. This and other details are in the attached [registration form](#).



Trefoil Trails News Submitted by Tara & Megan

If you have camped at Trefoil Trails since mid-June you may have noticed our outdoor tables and benches looking rather spiffy. We were fortunate again this year to have a project approved for the United Way Day of Caring: an enthusiastic group of women from SMI (Saskatchewan Mutual Insurance) came to camp to work on painting to spruce up these items. Check out the photos on our [Facebook page](#). A special thank you to Guiding members who took part in the Day of Caring – Brooklyn and Cassidy for preparing the camp lunch for the volunteers, and Cathie as our rep for Camp Operating. Many thanks too, to Tara and Chris for their work on rebuilding the tables/benches with the newly painted boards!

Camp Crests!

For those of you who haven't seen the posting on our Facebook page – crests are back in stock! They are slightly changed from the last version to accommodate the new GGC trefoil logo in the center. They are available at the Bridging Rivers Area Office for \$1.95. (Size approximately 4" high and 3.5" wide at the base).

Booking

Remember that from October - April the bookable space is the lodge building only and includes access to grounds of the entire site. Contact the [Area office](#) to check on availability/make bookings/get other info. It is not too soon to book your fall/winter/early spring adventures!

SOUTHERN HORIZONS sk-southernhorizons@girlguides.ca

Girl Guide Fun and Games at the Summer Bash

On August 25, Girl Guides participated in one of Regina's largest festivals: the Summer Bash in Harbour Landing. This festival was a great way to wrap up the summer with a big party and to launch the new school and Guiding year. This free festival for families has grown by leaps and bounds since it was first held in 2017. It features a free BBQ lunch, two stages for entertainment, sports demos, the most bouncers at any festival in Saskatchewan and a field of over 60 activities for children.



To read more [click here](#).

What the Indian Head Guides Did On May Long Weekend Submitted by Tammy Davey

This May long weekend was very busy for the Guides of Indian Head. They planned and participated in an outdoor camp sleepover to prepare them for the Tipitotum District Camp this year. Even though it was cold they toughed it out and had fun.

The Guides learned the following:

- how to pitch tents; • practiced making bedrolls; • start a campfire; • made buddy burners
- prep food and cooked their own food over the camp fire and buddy burner (Highlights were the s'mores and bush pies.)

They also had fun making: • Tie-dyed shirts and bandanas; • Flower crowns, swaps and butterfly barrettes

They also participated in a scavenger hunt hike.

Thank you to the girls, and Steffanie Willoughby, Colleen and Don Reynard for making it a successful camp!

Free Yoga Opportunities for Units

Former guider Chrystal Atchison is offering a free mindfulness and yoga class for up to 10 Regina units in their meeting spaces. Yoga mats can be provided.

Contact Chrystal for further information: chickpeayoga@sasktel.net

Southern Horizons Area - Annual Awards Banquet

Thursday, November 14, 2019
All Saints Anglican Church Hall
142 Massey Road
Dinner at 5:45 p.m.
Entertainment and Awards 7:00 p.m.



SK COUNCIL NEWS - sk-provincial@girlguides.ca

Provincial Campership Fund

Purpose of fund: This fund was established from 20% of the proceeds from Camp Can-ta-ka-ye in 2016 to encourage camping experiences for all girl branch levels in Saskatchewan.



Funds Available: This fund will provide up to 50% of ground fees, usage fees or other related fees, up to a maximum of \$15/night/participant, associated with taking a unit or individual girl to a programmed camp experience. (Camping experience is defined as tenting or residential; two nights or more). Maximum Yearly Allocation of funds available - \$10,000/year

Who may apply: Funds can be requested by Guider after the completion of camp on behalf of attending girl/adult members.

[For more information, application form and FAQs, CLICK HERE](#)



NATIONAL TREFOIL GUILD GATHERING – 2019 REPORT

Over 230 Trefoil Guild members gathered from June 19-23, 2019 at Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ontario for the National Trefoil Guild Gathering themed “Oh! The Places We’ve Been!” Provincial & territorial liaisons from across Canada plus our national liaison were present along with seven international guests.

[Click here](#) for the rest of the report.

On June 3, 2019 the **1st Saskatoon Trefoil Guild** celebrated their **30th Anniversary**. Marj Martens was also presented with her **70 Year Service Pin**.

[Pictured here](#) is Lois Morrison (standing) and Marj Martens (seated) ready to cut a cake to celebrate.

Annual Jump Start Training

September 14 – Southern Horizons Girl Guide Centre (1530 Broadway Avenue, Regina)

OR

September 15 – Bridging Rivers Girl Guide House (801 Preston Ave, Saskatoon).

Training will be a full day (participants to bring a bagged lunch) and will include content for both new and experienced Guiders.

Your Provincial Training Team will offer **New Guiders** – Building Unit Guider Skills, The Girl Program, and Safe Guide.

But is that all we are offering at these Jump Start Trainings? Of course not!

For **returning Guiders** we will offer Safe Guide Refresher, Financial Management Refresher, Conflict Management, and Communication Skills.

For everyone combined, we offer a session on Diversity & Inclusivity, and an Arts session (Games and songs).

For more information and how to register, [click here](#).



LINK Travel Opportunity!!

Quebec LINK is in the process of planning and organizing a **trip to Europe from June 2nd to June 14th or 16, 2020** and are inviting LINK members across Canada to join them! They will be traveling to England, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Czech Republic with the final possibility of Hungary. Travelers can choose to depart for home either on the 14th from Prague or continue on to Budapest and depart on the 16th. This sounds like an awesome way to see Europe with your friends!! I can 100% say that traveling Europe with friends you know is a great way to experience international

travel!

If you are interested in registering for the Europe trip, please e-mail me at sk-link@girlguides.ca and I will forward your information on to Olivia Durand, the LINK Advisor in Quebec. If you have any questions for her, she can be e-mailed at qc-link@guidescanada.ca.

Time is of the essence here – I believe registration closes September 13th. A deposit of \$500.00 is required by October 27th to secure your spot in the group and for the team to start booking. I do not know the full cost of the trip.

For more information click here

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Amanda Lang sk-prcomm@girlguides.ca

Hike Around Saskatchewan

The brand new 2019 Hike Around Saskatchewan Crests have arrived! 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 are 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 (i.e. Twitter or Instagram), be sure to tag them with **#ggcsask** and **#exploresask**.

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

Crests are available all year long. Cost per crest = \$1.75 (taxes included)

Queen City Pride!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Girl Guide entry at the Queen City Pride Parade on June 15! We had about 30 participants – our biggest turnout yet. The weather held off and even though the parade route was longer than ever, it felt like it was over in minutes. Rainbow trefoil tattoos and GGC mini pride flags were handed out all along the route, promoting Girl Guides as an inclusive and safe place.



Saskatoon Pride!

Girl Guides do it with Pride! The Saskatoon Pride Parade was a blast with about 30 people walking this year! We are so proud to be part of such an inclusive organization and thank everyone who came out to show their support. Even though it was a wet day, smiles and rainbows were plentiful!

Official messaging from National:

At Girl Guides of Canada we believe we have a responsibility and obligation to ensure that every girl, woman and person feels welcomed, safe, and valued for who they are and for what they can contribute. Girl Guides strives to ensure environments where girls and women from all walks of life, identities, and lived experiences feel a sense of belonging and can participate fully.

We support the 2S-LGTBQI+ community and value the richness of human diversity in its many forms. To this end, we support Guiders and girls who choose to participate in Pride events. For more information on inclusivity standards for Girl Guides of Canada please visit the website

Pride T-Shirts

We managed to pull together a 'Guiding with Pride' T-shirt design and produce 60 shirts in time for the Queen City and Saskatoon Pride Parades in June. Thanks to the 21st Regina Pathfinders and Rangers on their great feedback and discussion the design generated!

At this time, the shirts were made to order, so there are not any extras left to purchase. If there is interest, membership will be surveyed in the New Year to see if a second run of shirts (or a new design all together) should happen. Reminder: there are "Be Proud" T-shirts available through the national store, but sizing may be limited.

Special Project

Do you, or someone you know, work at or regularly visit children's wards at hospitals, Ronald McDonald House, or paediatrician offices around the province?

If so, please let Amanda Lang know (sk-prcomm@girlguides.ca) as she has some logistical questions about providing pre-packaged activity materials to these facilities, as well as potential opportunities to host special event meetings for these kids. If you or your unit (of any branch) might be interested in leading a special meeting night (or if you have in the past), please let Amanda know as well! These would be a great activity to tick off a few boxes in the 'Your Action' theme of the program!

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL



Applications are now open for 2020 Nationally-Sponsored Trips!

- **Youth Opportunities** – Deadline October 9, 2019
- **Guider Opportunities** – Deadline September 11, 2019
- **Young Adult Opportunities** (18-30 year old) – Deadline October 9, 2019

Explore, connect and discover! Girl Guides of Canada Nationally-Sponsored Trips offer the chance for members to increase their understanding of global and Canadian issues, explore new cultures and communities, and develop a sense of belonging to the sisterhood of Guiding.

For more information about applying for GGC's Nationally-Sponsored Trips, please visit the [NST website](#) or contact the National Travel Team at: nationaltravel@girlguides.ca.

Start your application! [Register now!](#)

ARCHIVES - Beth Dreger

Over the past year and a bit, the current Archives Committee has been meeting monthly to sort and preserve items stored in our myriad of boxes. Over the summer, we received approval from Provincial Council to convert the former store space on the upper level of the Southern Horizons GGC building into a museum which will allow us to display these items for everyone to see and hopefully learn a bit about the history of Guiding in Saskatchewan. We're excited about this project and gung ho to get going. It would be nice to have a few more people on our committee to help out. These people would need to be available during the day and have a more flexible schedule as we all do. It would be helpful if they had an interest in the history of Saskatchewan Guiding and/or a sense of how to put together interesting and informative displays. If you or someone you know would like to join our fun-loving committee who like to play with old things, please contact Beth Dreger by email at bldreger@sasktel.net or by phone (306) 543-6938 for more details.

We need female mannequins of all sizes to display uniforms and other Guiding attire and are willing to pay a reasonable price. We prefer the ones with heads if possible. Again, if you know of someone who might have what we are looking for, please provide some contact information and we will do the rest.

Thanks for your help with the above requests and remember, we're all part of Saskatchewan Guiding history.

Beth Dreger, Archives Committee Chairperson



The older I get, the more I realize the importance of not wishing time away, however, I am pretty excited about October Cookie Days this year!

I am proud to be the one to let all of you know that even as we had only budgeted for 9,400 cases of Mint to be ordered province-wide, we surpassed this guesstimate and ended up ordering a grand total of 9,542! All I can say is, "WOW!" Good work to all of our girls and Guiders. This is proof of how we are growing Guiding in Saskatchewan. Well, either that or we have a large following of Girl Guide Cookie Lovers which isn't too shabby either. Let's call it both, shall we?

And this brings me to my next point: Cookie Days. Mark your calendars everyone because it will be a special three-day weekend event. No, that is not a typo – it is three days: Friday October 18, Saturday October 19, and Sunday October 20. More chances for badges to be earned in group sales. Why not take a moment at the start of the year to consider what that looks like for your unit. I know the ideas are already rolling around in my brain. I plan to add to my newly made Cookie Booth, (see May's post for a picture of it). I also think I might start contacting some

local businesses to arrange plans to set up shop, or visiting event calendars on social media for upcoming community events where Girl Guides would feel welcomed. I can't speak to every community in SK, but Estevan has always done really well with cookie sales when we attend SJHL hockey games. I'm just saying you could consider it: Large crowds + family friendly event = kind of genius!

Well, I'm off to start back into the routine that is back to school and all things work and autumn. I really hope to see your Cookie Booth ideas in pictures. Send them to the provincial office so that they can be put into our next issue of the Prairie Lily. We all share on social media, why not in print!

Any questions or suggestions? I would love to hear your feedback. Contact me at sk-cookies@girlguides.ca

Yours with Cookie Passion,
Laura O'Hanlon
a.k.a. "Star"

ARTS - Janice Graessli

Saskatchewanians are known for their giving and kindness.

Craft Ideas:

- Make a camp hat craft to "trade" with another camper.
- Make a craft to "donate" as a service project to a shelter (i.e., teddy bear, towels or knit/fleece toques), senior's home (lap blankets) or animal shelter (cat toys or dog blankets).
- Make a craft using recycled materials.
- Try mouth (wrap brush handles with plastic wrap) or foot painting (inclusivity), wheat weaving, birch bark biting using paper, or any other Saskatchewan craft.

For more songs, dance and drama ideas from Janice [click here](#).

OUTSIDE OPPORTUNITIES

Gym Ringette Registration

Gym Ringette is a maximum participation activity, a team game, and a safe playing game. All skill levels and all ages experience the benefit of teamwork, cooperation and accomplishment.

If interested in booking a gym ringette session in the winter months in Regina and area please [email](#) our Technical Director, Carrie, and check them out on [Facebook](#).



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