

Postings from the PC..... NS Council

Hello and welcome to the March installment of Postings from the PC.

Hot on the heels of our new logo in January, February brought our new Vision and Mission! It seems only fitting that our Vision: *A better world, by girls* was announced on Feb 22nd.

Thinking Day has always been a day when we remember our Founders and all the amazing things they did to make the world a better place for girls. What better way for us to make our



mark in history than by proclaiming, by our Mission, that we are an organization where we will be a *Catalyst for girls empowering girls*!

If you haven't had a chance to look over the information, shared via email on Feb 22nd, I encourage you to do so. If you would like more information, check out the articles on the National website.

February also saw Guiding jump into full swing with events and activities around the province. Thinking Day activities took place across the province. From unit celebrations in meeting halls to District and Area events- we all took a few minutes, or more, to share that special Guiding bond we have with other members.

NS Program Committee hosted 2 weekends of Kwah-ee camping for Guides, where over 52 Guides gathered to enjoy a Heroes VS Villains camp. The Brownie Arts Day had 67 girls come from around the province to engage in Arts focused programming and then 16 adults took part in Outdoor Adult Learning (OAL) Training. These members have committed to learning how to

provide safe, engaging camping experiences for girls from Sparks through to Rangers, and we truly thank them for making their girls camping experience better.

The International Provincially Sponsored trip for 2019 was announcedestination London England! This is a great opportunity to travel with members of Guiding in NS and take part in exciting programs while there. Information is available at <u>International Travel</u>.



The NS Girl Guide Bursary is accepting applications for the 2018 Guiding year. If you are a member who is looking to further your education, please check out the <u>Bursary Information</u>.



We were disappointed to have to cancel the 2020 Provincial Camp. I know this event seemed well in the future, but due to lack of volunteers not taking on key roles, we were unable to start the planning needed to make this event a success.

And finally information for the International Women's Day, National Service projects, Girls First, Girls Greatness, Uniform Review updates and so much more, was included in the most recent Guide Post, available on MemberZone. There's lots of information in Guide Post – definitely worth the read.



.....and as we look to March - we wonder if the saying "in like a lion, out like lamb" will hold true - what will March bring?

Can't speak for the weather but for Guiding, March will see Cookies and the start of our spring campaign.

The Provincial Membership Team is bringing the "Area Membership Roadshows" to you! Look for information from your DC & AC on these being held throughout the province in March & April – we have great news on each Areas successes and want to build on those to make 2018 the best guiding year yet!



The Area and Provincial Camp Committees will gather for education, information sharing and networking, all with the intent to ensure our Camp Properties provide a safe environment for all campers. The Brownie Stem Day is being hosted by Engineers NS and hopefully those folks, who have school age children, will get a chance to enjoy some of March Break.

Volunteers to help plan events are always needed. If you are an Adventure seeker, we are looking for members to plan the Tri-Keji Adventures event that will be held in August, refer to email sent on March 2nd. If planning a fun filled camp for Sparks/ Brownies or Guides is more your thing, then consider volunteering for that committee- more information on that event will be coming out soon.

Not that I am wishing March away, but wanted to let you know that April is shaping up to have more amazing events for girls and Guiders. Watch for more information on the Trefoil Gathering, Young Guiders Conference, and Earth Day Run/Walk.

Information on all these events can be found at <u>www.girlguides.ns.ca</u> – links to events available



from the calendar.

I am extremely pleased with the work the NS Youth Forum is doing. Working on strategies to engage peer members in Guiding, planning the Provincial Youth Recognition Event and promoting Guiding wherever they go – it's exciting to learn from these members and

embrace their vision for Guiding in NS.

Our Provincial Annual General Meeting will be hosted by Ceilidh Area on May 25th in Sydney. All Guiders are invited to attend the Meeting and Banquet, watch for more information in the next week.

Again Thank you for all your time and efforts to make Guiding a fun place for both girls and your fellow Guiders- it's because of you our girl members will succeed in their goal of becoming*Everything She Wants To Be !!*