

The Brownsea Bulletin

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Girl Guides of Canada - Calgary Area

Some Canadian Guiding Historical Highlights:

- 1910 • First registration of a Canadian Company
- 1911 • First Guide camp
- 1912 • Lady Pellatt: first Chief Commissioner
- 1927 • First national camp (Victoria, BC)
- 1928 • World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts founded; Canada a charter member
- 1945 • Canadian World Friendship Fund established
- 1971 • First national Ranger conference
- 1979 • Pathfinders began
- 1988 • Sparks began (officially named 1989)

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Launching in to an Exciting New Year!

I hope you had a wonderful break and were able to spend time with family and friends.

We are now into 2010, a year sure to be filled with activities and events to celebrate 100 years of Guiding in Canada. By the time you read this, we will have been on Breakfast Television on January 4 and completed our Launch Party on January 16. Over 500 Members signed up to attend the Launch Party at the Guide Centre, which marks the beginning of activities to celebrate our 100th birthday.

As you hold parties and events at your Unit, district and division levels, please share them

with us. We will be collecting photos and stories to build a record of everything that was done to celebrate Girl Guides' 100th birthday in Calgary Area.

Events around the province are planned for May 15, 2010; all Members are encouraged to participate. One of those events will be in Calgary with details to be provided in the next few weeks. We are encouraging at least the older girls to consider attending one of the events in another part of the province. I hope that you will mark that weekend in your calendars and attend one of the events. It is a rare and special occasion when an organization such as ours is able to celebrate 100 years of existence. This is a year to remember for all of our Members.

Some of our Members will celebrate the 100 years by attending Guiding Mosaic 2010. We have 130 Members signed up to attend either as a patrol member, patrol Guider or a member of the core crew. Attending a GM is an incredible experience. Each person will have the opportunity to travel to another part of Canada, try many new things and meet people from right across the country and even from other WAGGGS member countries.

Living in a tent for 10 days is a small sacrifice for the experience of attending a GM camp.

As you plan your activities to celebrate our 100 years, try to include the interna-

tional aspects of our organization. Have the girls look at the different countries that are members of WAGGGS, note the differences in the programs and the uniforms as well as the similarities that all of us share. Contact our International Committee to see if they can arrange for someone who has attended an event at a World Centre or travelled internationally as a Unit to come to your meeting and share their experiences and souvenirs.

I hope that you will take the time to enjoy one of the parties that will be held in Calgary and Alberta during 2010. As we enter our second century, we need to celebrate the future and the past. We have come a long way.

Eileen Johansen — Commissioner, Calgary Area



Girl Guides in front of Calgary City Hall in 1914



Let's Celebrate

2010 – Our Centennial Year!

By the time you get this issue of *The Brownsea*, our Centennial Year will have officially begun! We hope you have planned to include some Centennial activities in your program.

Remember we would like the public to know about our anniversary so have Members — girls and Guiders — wearing their uniforms

as much as possible. Be sure every Member knows this is a special year for us.

Below are some suggestions for games and crafts as well as some ideas for celebrations. Thanks to the Alberta Council Directors of 2005 who put together a great list of activities for Alberta's Centennial and have shared it again.

Each issue of *The Brownsea* this year will include a few more ideas.

Watch for more Centennial Celebration ideas in the next issue of *the Brownsea*.

Events

- ♣ Hold a district picnic in the park and ask girls to invite friends – make it a recruitment event as well.
- ♣ Hold a family pot luck picnic or barbecue in the park and display signs about your activity to let others know what you are celebrating.
- ♣ Find a community service project that the girls will enjoy – remember that the National Initiative for 2010 is Eradicate Hunger so have a Food Bank collection or older girls can volunteer to help at the Food Bank, younger girls can take a tour.

Centennial Games

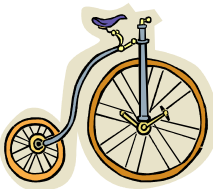
1910s: Hoops and Sticks

In a large open area, use a stick to try to keep a bicycle rim rolling forward beside you as you run across the area.

1920s: Here We Go Gathering Nuts and May (singing game in 2 parts)

1. Arrange the girls into two lines facing each other about 20 feet apart. Girls in each line hold hands. One line is 'A'; the other is 'B'. The words in italics are sung or chanted; the actions that they do while singing are in the brackets after each line.
2. Line A sings: *Here we go gathering nuts and may, nuts and may, nuts and may.* *Here we go gathering nuts and may, early in the morning.* (Line A walks forward about 10 feet then back to their original place.)
3. Line B sings: *Who will you have for nuts and may, nuts and may, nuts and may?* *Who will you have for nuts and may so early in the morning?* (Line B walks forward about 10 feet and then back to their original place)
4. Line A responds: *We'll have _____* (pick a girl from Line B) *for nuts and may, nuts and may, nuts and may. We'll have _____ for nuts and may early in the morning.* (Line A walks forward and back just like before)
5. Line B responds: *We'll have _____* (pick a girl from Line A) *to pull her away, pull her away, pull her away. We'll have _____ to pull her away, so early in the morning.* (Line B walks forward and back again)
6. The two girls chosen go to the centre and hold hands. Each girl tries to pull the other across the centre line to join their team. Repeat.

Source: *100 Footsteps Through Time: Celebrating Alberta's Centennial* (Printed January 2005)



Don't have an early 20th Century bicycle rim around? Bridge the decades with a 1950s invention: the hula hoop!

Centennial Launch Party Thanks

Many, many thanks to everyone who helped with our Centennial Launch Party on January 16.

Wow, what a wonderful time. It was great to see so many Members having fun. Of course, fun is what we have at all our functions, right?!

A special thanks to Southland Transportation for donating the bus where the music rocked the air all afternoon.

Thanks also to Fish Creek Rotary Club members who helped with traffic control at both the parade start and office parking lot.

Many thanks to Calgary Zoo for allowing us to bake all the cupcakes in their ovens and to those who iced them. (Are you sick of blue icing yet?)

With the support of Guiders, parents, girls and friends of Guiding, this was a terrific kick off to our Centennial Year Celebrations.



Units: If you are planning special events, please let Area know so we can share the experiences.

Centennial Craft Ideas

Boat

Make a small boat (about 3" long) using a variety of materials – cardboard boxes, plastic sheets, wax paper, etc.

Once the girls have finished their boats, arrange them in heats of how many boats you can accommodate in a tub or large plastic container of water at a time.

Each girl moves her boat by blowing at it through a straw.

This would be an outdoor (possibly camp) activity. *No water on your gym floor, please.*

Box Car

Make cars out of shoeboxes. Place them in a line at one end of the room. Each girl pushes her car with a stick to the other end of the room.

OR

Make a car out of a box the girl can fit over her head. Hang the boxcar on the girl with straps around her shoulders. Have a race around the meeting space.

Kite

Make kite in the shape of a trefoil, see if you can fly it.





Spring Cookies Sales

I know you just finished the sale of fall cookies and have just put in your order for the spring ones, but it is already time to think about the spring cookie sales. Area and National will be helping you as much as we can with advertising to the major media, booking malls and promoting cookies.

Please remember to keep contact with the malls and major stores to a minimum; only one person should be contacting them. They don't have the time or the energy to deal with multiple contacts. It is believed that we will be setting up locations in Sears again this spring; please let Area organize this — this is by their request. We learned a lot from our first experience in the fall and will work to make the next campaign a success.

Last campaign, we had overlaps within the malls and we want to make sure this doesn't happen. It is unfair to everyone concerned. As soon as I know the date for the Sears sales, I will let you know so that if you book your Units into other stores within the malls that have Sears stores, you will avoid that date.

It would be great to have a central registry for cookie sales bookings. This would require a large commitment twice a year by someone. If you are that person or know of someone who would be willing to make this

commitment, please join our Membership/Marketing Committee as our Cookie Sales Contact. The benefits of having someone to do this at an Area level are: all shifts would be covered (if a Unit can't make a shift, another Unit would have the opportunity), double bookings would be avoided, more opportunities might be available if only one person was the contact with stores and more cookies could be sold. Please consider this opportunity.

Now is the time to start talking to the parents about your campaigns and how yours will work. Are you planning a door-to-door campaign? Will you be expecting all the parents to take as many cases as they can sell? (Remember: we can't insist that every family sell a pre-determined number of cases or any for that matter.) Or have you yet to decide? Be sure to consult with your parents, and to let them know the importance of cookie sales to the Unit in terms of the dollars raised and how those dollars will be spent.

If you have any questions about cookie sales, wish to share ideas for selling or need help, please let Membership/Marketing know at memmar@calgarygirlguides.com

Pat Istead — Chair, Membership/Marketing Committee

Are you an organized GGC cookie lover? Consider becoming Area's Cookie Sales Contact.

Cookie Freshness Dating

The cookie freshness deadline for fall 2009 cookies is approaching.

Check the dates on the end panel of cookie boxes or on the case. The number could possibly look like this: 9196A. This means the cookies were produced in 2009 on the 196 day on A shift. The cookies were produced on July 14, 2009 during the day shift would be within our six month shelf life until

January 12, 2010.

There is a calculator on the Alberta provincial Girl Guide website under cookie resources to check your freshness dates on your cookies.

Check it out: <http://www.albertagirlguides.ca/cookiesfreshnessguidelines.html>



GGC Cookies days are numbered — literally. Check the freshness dates on boxes and cases!

Youth-Driven Service: Get involved; Get inspired!

My daughter, Ellery, is a Brownie and she has been doing a service project she thought up while she was in the hospital for day-surgery. Ellery has invited other kids in Calgary to help.

Here is her story...

When Ellery was in the Alberta Children's Hospital for day-surgery last fall, we were impressed to see each day-surgery bed had a DVD player for the patient. As it turns out, each bed in the entire hospital has its' own DVD player. Watching shows or movies certainly helps make a day at the hospital go by faster.

While we were choosing what show to watch, Ellery noticed there aren't very many to choose from. We asked a nurse if there were any other DVDs and she said they used to have more but DVDs wear out pretty quickly with all the kids using them.

Ellery then came up with the idea and wrote a letter to share it. (See insert.) Please read her letter and pass it on to anyone you would like: school, Girl Guides, 4H, Scouts, family, friends and neighbours.

Ellery will collect DVDs on our front porch — 17019 Sunvale Road SE — until January 31, then take them all up to the Children's Hospital. If you have a box (or more!) of DVDs, we will pick them up — just ask us! Please ensure any DVDs donated are not scratched and are suitable for children up to age 16. The hospital also won't accept "burned" DVDs. Thank you for reading Ellery's note.

Also, Ellery was on Global TV with her project. If you would like to see it, go to <http://www.globaltvcalgary.com/video/index.html?categoryID=1050140372>. (Scroll down the page to "Videos" and click on the picture of Ellery in a blue shirt reading from a piece of paper.)

*Leah Donald — Commissioner,
Brigadier Harvey District*
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THANKS! 😊
My name is Ellery. Yesterday I went to the hospital. I had to stay all day. I watched shows but there were just a few DVDs and lots and lots of kids. I thought if we had any DVDs we don't watch any more we could donate them to the hospital. I will put a bin on my front porch - my house number is 17019 Sunvale Rd. SE. Please leave any DVDs you would like to give in the bin. When I get better I will bring ^{them} up to the hospital.

Recognizing Service: Pat Guillemaud

The Canadian Coalition for the Rights of Children has recognized our sister Guider, Pat Guillemaud, for her dedication and contributions to the lives of the vulnerable and at-risk youth at the Calgary Young Offenders Centre by awarding her the "Children's Rights Champion Award".

Since 2002, Pat has been the driving force behind the weekly Guiding program at the Calgary Young Offenders Centre (CYOC). The program engages the youth in such activities as cooking, crafts, ice cream making, scrap booking; and bringing in other community organizations to teach the girls life skills and health and safety topics.

Congratulations Pat!



Find *The Brownsea Bulletin* and other great resources on the web:

GGC-Calgary Area website

www.calgarygirlguides.com

and

GGC-Alberta Provincial Council

website

www.albertagirlguides.com

Also check out the

GGC national website

www.girlguides.ca



The Calgary Area Training Committee
is delighted to launch our winter à la carte sessions:

TO GO

(Taking Our Guiding Outside)

Enjoy two and a half hours of practical hands-on
activities you can take back to your Unit.

We'll explore great activities for dressing for the weather, outdoor games, campfire magic, managing the risk and planning with your girls along with fabulous snow fun, Guiding-style!

You'll need to dress warmly as we'll be going outside for at least 45 minutes regardless of the weather. Bring a mug for hot chocolate so we can warm up later!

All sessions are held at the Guide Centre. Call 403-283-8348 to register.

Tuesday, January 26	7:00 - 9:30 p.m.	BROWNIE Guiders
Saturday, January 30	1:00 - 3:30 p.m. **	SPARK GUIDERS
Saturday, February 6	9:30 - 12 noon	GUIDE Guiders
Tuesday, February 9	7:00 - 9:30 p.m.	PATHFINDER/RANGER Guiders
Thursday, February 11	7:00 - 9:30 p.m.	Multi-branches (SPARK, BROWNIE, GUIDE and PATHFINDER Guiders)

****Note:** Safe Guide Training is offered in the morning on Saturday, January 30.

Why not make a day of it?!

Capacity is limited so register early. Don't forget to have your iMIS number ready!

See you there. We're going to have *snow* much fun!



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Share your story; be a contributor!

The *Brownsea Bulletin* welcomes Guiding interest stories and event information.

Submissions can be:

- ♣ sent by e-mail to brownsea@calgarygirlguides.com
- ♣ dropped off at or mailed to the Guide Centre
- ♣ faxed 403-283-9781.

Articles should be sent as text only (i.e. unformatted), using Arial font.

E-mailed submissions are to be sent as attachments (not part of the e-mail itself). Please have a specific subject line. (e.g. Brownsea - 9th Pathfinder zoo trip article.)

If you'd like a photo or other graphic included with your submission, please send it as a separate attachment. If issue space does not allow, graphics may be omitted.

All submissions are subject to approval and must be received by the publication deadline.

Items received after the publication deadline may be included in the next issue provided they are not time-sensitive.

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NEW Training: International Guiding

Saturday, February 6

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Guide Centre

Gain an understanding of Guiding around the world, the role that WAGGGS plays, our Canadian World Friendship Fund (CWFF), our four World Centres and all about Thinking Day.

You'll discover the great resources available to you and your girls as you work on this part of your program.

Target Audience: Unit Guiders – all branches

For other trainings offered by Calgary Area, check the calendar at <http://www.calgarygirlguides.com/training.html>

What can the International Committee do for you?

Help with girls and Guiders with applications for Nationally/Provincially selected events.

Help Units with independent travel plans and forms.

Make presentations to Units or councils at all levels about international travel, WAGGGS, Global issues and more.

Provide International program ideas and resources for all levels (including games, books, videos/DVD's, activities, photos, challenge badges, service ideas, songs and more).

Keep you informed on international events, and initiatives such as Twinning and

WAGGGS challenges/initiatives, Provincial initiatives, travel/international camps opportunities.

Organize Area Thinking Day Event each February and the Fall Area International Fair and Information night.

Offer International Enrichment trainings.

Remember International can be done in your program all year round, not just in February!

(But with Thinking Day just around the corner, now would be a great time to start *thinking* about bringing the world to your program.)

