



Brownsea Bulletin

November 2008

Dates to note:

- World AIDS Day Pathfinder/ Ranger Event — November 30
- National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women — December 6
- National Cookie Initiative (Order Forms Available) — December 8
- Holiday Decorations Contest deadline — December 15
- Guide Centre Closed — December 18
- Shop Closed for holidays — December 18-January 6
- Office Closed for holidays — December 24 - January 5
- Brownie Camp Academy — February 7

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Unit Schedules: Making It Work and Cutting Costs by Getting Creative

Eileen Johansen, Calgary Area Commissioner

Are you struggling to find enough meeting space for your units? Are you paying high rents for your meeting space?

Consider some of the *Creative Meeting Plans* that other Districts and Divisions have tried:

Share one room with three smaller units

- One night a month, all the units meet together and work on a joint project.
 - One night a month, each unit has the room to themselves.
 - One night a month, each unit meets by patrols or circles in houses for a "quiet" activity such as baking cookies, making chocolates, doing a craft, working on a section of program or having a movie and pizza meeting.
 - One night a month, each unit goes out on a field trip, to do a service project, for a night-games activity in a field or park in the community, for some "active living" such as bowling, skating or swimming, or to do anything else that will add fun to the program. (Remember: if you do not have to pay as much rent, you will be able to afford to do more with the girls!)
- Units of older girls and small units can meet in homes.**
- See if any of the Guiders' or parents' homes have the room to host the meeting either on a regular basis or a rotation with other homes.
 - Have the homeowners check with their insurance agency to see if they need to do anything to meet their requirements.

- If the insurance agency has a small extra charge, discuss having the unit pay for it. (If it is only one house for the year, any extra charge would likely be considerably less than rent.)
- Plan your activities so that they are suitable for a house; run games and more lively activities outdoors.

You do not have to meet each week.

There are units in the province which meet on varied schedules.

Consider meeting once a month for the whole day or twice a month for half the day. Plan your program so that it is fun and active; the half or whole day will disappear quickly.

Keep in touch in between by having e-mail or phone contact that includes challenges that can be worked on individually and shared at the meetings.

If you have a "Creative Meeting Plan" that you would like to try, simply do the following:

- Talk to the girls and parents to see if they support the plan.
- Ask parents to assist with some meetings to meet ratio requirements, if necessary.
- Talk to your Commissioner to make sure she is aware of your plans.
- Make sure your plan meets *Safe Guide* requirements.
- Have fun!





Girl Guide Cookie Selling Rewards Initiative: A New Way to Work!

Pat Istead, Chair—Calgary Area Membership/Marketing Committee

Let's reward girls for selling more cookies!

Cookie sales are vital to our organization. The two campaigns each year are the major source of funding for units. If we increase the number of cases ordered, we can increase the number of program opportunities in units!

Our Area office gets a lot of calls during every campaign asking: "Where are the cookies?" "Why doesn't someone come to my door?" With Calgary growing in population, there are lots of sales opportunities for all our Members. The membership/marketing committee is dedicated to supporting units in their sales by helping with advertising and booking sales opportunities.

How does this new system work?

Beginning December 8, 2008, there will be a form available for download on the national website. Girls will be able to print this form then begin taking pre-orders from family, friends and neighbours.

In early January, a unit Guider or cookie parent will collect the pre-order forms and calculate how many cases have been requested. In consultation with the Guiding team, they will then decide how many more cases to order to sell door-to-door, and in malls and sales locations. The total order will be submitted to the district cookie coordinator who will add up all unit orders and forward the total district order as is the current practice.

When the cookies arrive at the district delivery point, families will pick up their orders then deliver them to their customers and collect the money for the cookies.

Families will have two weeks to get orders delivered, collect money and turn it over to the unit treasurer.

The unit will pay for the total cookie order as is the current practice.



All girls will be rewarded for their efforts to pre-sell cookies. From certificates, crests and gift card incentives, each girl will receive something for her work. Of course the more cases of cookies sold, the greater reward! Ten cases earns a \$20.00 gift card to Chapters; 25 cases earns a \$100.00 gift card to Future Shop or Best Buy (to be confirmed/subject to change).

With the unit cookie order, the Guider will submit the prize qualification information. Prizes from National will be sent directly to the unit for distribution before the end of the Guiding year.

Let's all work together to help the girls increase their cookie orders and to provide exciting program opportunities for all of our Members.

"All girls will be rewarded for their efforts to pre-sell cookies."

For more information:

Cookie All Stars incentive program:
<https://memberzone.girlguides.ca/C11/Cookie%20All%20Stars/default.aspx>

Frequently asked questions:
https://memberzone.girlguides.ca/C11/Cookie%20All%20Stars/Document%20Library/cookie_all_stars_faq.aspx

Girl Guide Cookies
 A great recipe for growing girls



National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women: December 6

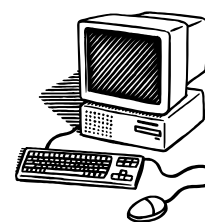
Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada is challenging its Members to join together to commemorate this important day.

Information is available on the national website under *Girls' Program - Programming Ideas and Activities*. There are activities — including instant meetings — for all ages.

Please contact the Calgary Area membership/marketing committee (memmar@calgareaguides.com) to let us know your plans and if we can help promote your activity. Details on your activities will be forwarded to our national organization. Any pictures would be appreciated.

We'd love to have Girl Guides in the media commemorating such an important issue, so let us know in enough time to send your activity to the media before it happens.

Crests are available from the Guide Shop.



Find the *Browsea Bulletin* and other great resources on the web:
Calgary Area website
www.calgareaguides.com
and
Provincial website
www.albertagirlguides.ca

Also check out the
National website
www.girlguides.ca

Mint Cookie Sales

Membership/Marketing Committee

Units should be well on their way to selling out of cookies. If you have some left, there are great resources available on the national website. Posters, "Sorry We Missed You" notes and door knob hangers, key selling messages, tips for girls and for Guiders on selling cookies, how to host a cookie selling event, and so much more. Use the resources available to help sell all of your cookies and increase your orders for next time!

The Calgary Area membership/marketing committee offers resources too — especially for hosting a cookie selling event!

Here's an idea: wrap boxes of cookies in holiday paper or slip them into baking bags from the dollar store then suggest customers buy them for their:

- doctor / dentist
- hair stylist / esthetician / nail technician
- chiropractor / physiotherapist
- mail or newspaper carrier / courier

- recycling or trash collector
- spiritual leader / adviser
- travel, insurance or real estate agent
- lawyer
- accountant / banker
- personal trainer / gym staff / coach
- teacher / professor
- child-care provider / babysitter
- local fire, police or EMS department
- drycleaner / tailor / seamstress
- bus driver
- local group home / shelter / food bank / senior centre
- small business contacts
- local corner store or gas station attendant
- car dealer / mechanic
- veterinarian / groomer / pet-walker
- restaurant delivery person

The possibilities are endless!



Happy selling!

International Fair

Thank you to all that attended or presented at the fair. It was a wonderful night!

-International Committee

International Offerings

Tirian Eynon, Calgary Area International Adviser

Calgary Area International Committee Events

For **Pathfinders / Rangers:**

“Girls World Wide Say... Fight AIDS”

FREE – NO COST Event!

Sunday, November 30, 2008

Guide Centre, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Details on pages 6-7.

To register, send form (page 8) to the Guide Centre, Attention: International Committee.

Dominica Twinning Project – Adopt-a-unit

Thank you to all those who donated items. The second package will be mailed in January.

Area Thinking Day 2009

Saturday, February 21, 2009. Details TBA. See you there!

World Thinking Day (2009)

Theme – “We can stop the spread of AIDS, malaria and other diseases.”

This topic links to the Millennium Development Goal 6: “Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases” and WAGGGS’ Global Action Theme. See the WAGGGS website for ideas for your units to celebrate Thinking Day. <http://www.worldthinkingday.org/en/home>

Resources have been developed to help you explore the issue of contagious diseases such as HIV/AIDS and malaria, and to fundraise for World Thinking Day.

Activity sheets are divided into three topics:

- [HIV and AIDS](#)
- [Malaria](#)
- [Other diseases](#)

Each activity sheet contains practical ways to learn about the theme ranging from designing a poster to the “swat the mozzie” game!

Fact-sheets give you more information to help with research activities.

Most of the activities are suitable for ages five years and above. There are some which are more suited to our “older Members” (10 years and above) though these activities may also be suitable for other age groups. We suggest you use your discretion when choosing activities for your group.



International Travel Opportunities

- ▶ Northern New Zealand 2009 Tour
- ▶ Discover Your Potential: “Power of Youth” Pax Lodge World Centre, England 2009
- ▶ Ecuador Adventure 2009
- ▶ Swiss Experience, Our Chalet World Centre, Switzerland 2009

Deadline for forms to be in to the Area international adviser for these selected events is December 1, 2008.

For details on these opportunities, [see page 8 of the September issue of the Brownsea Bulletin.](#)



International Offerings — continued

International Craft and Activity Ideas

World Centres Fruit Salad

Are you looking for a fun way to help your Spark or Brownie Unit learn the names of the four World Centres? Try World Centre Fruit Salad.

Have everyone sit in a circle. Assign each player the name of a World Centre. When you call out the name of a World Centre, everyone who is that centre switches places with someone of the same World Centre.

You can increase this game's challenge for Guides and Pathfinders by calling out a World Centre fact such as the country in which the World Centre is located or a food or craft from that country instead of the name of the World Centre itself.

World Centres Slap

Tape pictures of each of the World Centres on the wall at the front of the room. Split the girls into two to four teams. Read out statements about the World Centres. The first girl in each of the lines should run up to the front of the room and slap the correct answer, then run back to her team.

Virtual Tour of the World Centres

Here's a great activity to learn about the World Centres!

Organize and hold a virtual tour to help your girls learn about the World Centres.

Make a passport for your virtual tour. Organize four stations, one for each World Centre. Have activities at each World Centre including international food, people who have visited the World Centres, and games. Stamp the passports of each girl who visits the World Centre station.



Duke of Edinburgh's Award

If your Pathfinder or Ranger Unit is interested in finding out more about the Award and how to earn it while working on the Guiding program, contact the Award office to schedule a presentation or get some brochures.

403-237-7476 or teynon@dukeofed.org

Congratulations to girls who attended the Silver Ceremony in Edmonton on November 14, 2008.



CALGARY AREA GUIDE SHOP

2188 Brownsea Drive NW

Phone: 403-283-8340 Fax: 403-283-9781 E-mail: shop@calgareaguides.com

New Gift Ideas and Crafts are starting to arrive for the Upcoming Season!



Phone orders and mail-orders welcome.

SHOP HOURS: November 1, 2008 — May 31, 2009

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday	11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	noon - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, Monday	Closed

We will be closed for the holidays December 18—January 6.

Guides and Pathfinders:

Winter Adventure and Wildlife Weekend

Banff, March 20-22, 2009



Discover snowshoeing, ice-walking, Husky dogs and native wildlife while staying in Banff's Youth Hostel for an amazing weekend of friendship, fun and adventure!

\$195.00 per participant.

Registration deadline: December 10, 2008.

Fee for the weekend includes return transfers from Calgary to Banff, National Park fees, all food, activities and accommodations.

Unit Guiders must maintain their own ratios but do not have to lead activities. *Safe Guide* forms will be provided for all participants.

Visit www.1stcanmoreguides.com/banff2009

or e-mail lindsey-wilkinson@hotmail.com

or call 403-675-0600

Calgary Area International Committee

Calgary Area Program Committee

Present

World AIDS Day 2008 Event

“Girls World Wide Say...Fight AIDS!”

Join 50 of your Guiding sisters (Pathfinders and Rangers only) from all over Calgary and the surrounding areas for a day of learning, friendship, crafts and more.

“Girls World Wide Say... Fight AIDS” will be a one-day event with sessions on topics from general HIV/AIDS facts and statistics, adolescent health, healthy relationships and AIDS stereotypes/discrimination. There will be a keynote morning speaker from AIDS Calgary, lunch-time booths and craft activities.

Date: Sunday, November 30, 2008

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Location: Calgary Area Girl Guide Centre
(2188 Brownsea Drive NW)

Deadline: 4:00 p.m. November 19, 2008 to register

Cost: FREE – No Cost!!!

Includes catered lunch, snacks and session materials.



All event attendees must bring an H.1 (Personal Health) form and a signed SG.2 (Parent/Guardian Permission for Non-regular Unit Activities) form.

Event enrolment is on a first-come basis, so get your registration in early.

To register, complete the attached Event Registration form, then return the completed form to the attention of the Calgary Area international or program committee c/o the Calgary Area Guide Centre.

Girl Guides of Canada—Calgary Area
2188 Brownsea Drive NW
Calgary, Alberta
T2N 3G9

For more information, please contact: international@calgareaguides.com



Dear Parents,

Calgary Area international and program committees are hosting the **Girls Worldwide Say “Fight AIDS” Event** on **Sunday, November 30** from *8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.* at the Guide Centre (2188 Brownsea Drive NW). There is no cost for the event.

This event will cover some topics from the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts AIDS badge curriculum, and will also allow girls to complete related challenges from the Pathfinder and Ranger programs. Participants in the event will receive the W.A.G.G.S. AIDS badge.

Information on the W.A.G.G.S. AIDS badge can be found at: www.wagggsworld.org/en/resources/documents/31 (.pdf document)

This is a Pathfinder and Ranger only event and the ratios we require will be met by adult Guiding Members from the international committee.

In order to address some of the curriculum, the conference will include a guest speaker from AIDS Calgary, an HIV-positive speaker and a sexual health nurse who will give a presentation and answer questions from the girls. Girls will also learn what Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world are doing to make a difference in the fight against HIV and AIDS, as it is one of the focuses of our organization internationally.

Girls should wear their uniforms and need only bring a water bottle and a pen for their own use throughout the day. A healthy snack will be provided, and lunch will be catered by EthniCity Catering, a non-profit social enterprise of the [Centre for Newcomers](http://www.ethnicitycatering.ca) which provides Canadian employment experience and training to immigrant women in transition. (www.ethnicitycatering.ca).

We encourage Pathfinders and Rangers to sign up for this event. It is a valuable experience which will allow them to increase their own awareness and understanding of an important world issue, to discuss current topics and issues, to ask questions in a safe environment, and to learn how they and others can and are working to make a difference in our world.

If you have any questions, please contact us at international@calgareaguides.com or program@calgareaguides.com

Thank you and we hope to see your daughter there!

Tirian Eynon – Area International Adviser

Amanda Adams – Area Program Adviser

Girl Guides of Canada — Calgary Area
“Girls World Wide Say... Fight AIDS” Event Registration Form

Send form by November 19, 2008

To: Girl Guides of Canada Calgary Area
2188 Brownsea Drive NW
Calgary, AB T2N 3G9

Applicant's Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____
Number Street Town/City

Postal Code: _____ **E-mail Address:** _____

Guiding Unit / District / Division / Area: _____

Health or Dietary Restrictions: _____

Girl: Applicant's iMIS Number: _____ or
Applicant's Date of Birth: _____
Day/Month/Year

Are you attending on your own or as part of a group? Individual Group

T-shirt size: Sm M LG XL

*Note: The responsible Guider for the event will notify you when your registration has been accepted.
Additional information may be requested at that time.*

*We protect and respect your privacy. Your personal information is used to communicate within our organization. We do not provide or sell this information outside our organization.
For further information, see our privacy statement at www.girlguides.ca.*

Brownie Camp Academy

\$15 / girl

includes: materials for stations;
hotdog, juice and rice crispy
square for lunch, and Brownie
Camp Academy crests

Saturday, February 7, 2009. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Camp Jubilee in Cochrane

Goal: Complete "Key to Camping" and a few other program badges.

Girls will:

- ▶ participate in a flag raising ceremony
- ▶ circulate through activity stations
- ▶ join in a campfire ceremony
- ▶ have fun!

Potential Stations (not yet finalized):

1. "Be Prepared" kits (Safety First)
2. "Bedroll" craft and tent set-up (Camping Know How)
3. Best Dressed Game (Dress Right)
4. "Hug a Tree" (Lost and Found Outdoors)
5. Tea "lights" (Be Aware Badge)
6. Make a Sit-Up-on (Special Interest Badge)
7. Outdoor Cooking (Cookout Badge)



Requirements:

Girls must register with a unit.

The unit is responsible to provide ratio as well as appropriate first aider(s) as per *Safe Guide*.

We will do all other paperwork, but unit Guiders will be responsible to distribute, collect and return it to the Calgary Area camping committee by December 1 (no exceptions).

**Brownies
Can Do It!**

To start the process, please complete the registration form on the next page.

Return the form to the Guide Office with your unit's fee on or before **December 1**.

We will then e-mail you the rest of the paperwork.

NOTE: Attendance will be based on receipt date of the form and fee (first come, first served).

Brownie Camp Academy Registration (please print)

Unit : _____ District + Division: _____

Contact Guider (first and last): _____

E-mail: _____

of Girls Expected: _____ # of Leaders Expected: _____

This form must be returned
to
the Guide Centre by
December 1.



Calling for Volunteers!

Adult, Pathfinder and Ranger Members:

What are you doing Saturday, February 7, 2009?

How about helping with the upcoming **Brownie Camp Academy** at
Camp Jubilee in Cochrane?!

We need energetic helpers to assist with activity stations (see "Brownie Camp Academy" details on page 9 of this issue of the *Brownsea Bulletin*). Calgary Area will provide the supplies required for these stations, but we need your cheery faces to help us show the Brownies how much fun camping can be!

If interested, please complete the information below and forward it to Calgary Area Office by December 19.

Brownie Camp Academy Volunteer Form

Name (printed, first and last please): _____

iMIS #: _____

E-mail: _____

Will Help with:

Option 1 _____

Option 2 _____

Option 3 _____

Return this form to Calgary Area Office on or before December 19.

Become a *Brownsea Bulletin* Contributor!

Pat Papineau, Editor

So, you've been reading for years or perhaps this is your first issue of the *Brownsea Bulletin*, but did you know that you could see your own name in print?

Have you got an innovative program or craft idea? Did your unit try new tactic during our latest cookie campaign? Was your district or division event a big success and you want to offer some tips on how others might host their own? The *Brownsea* welcomes Guiding interest stories and event information.

Unformatted submissions can be:

- delivered or mailed to the Guide Centre
- e-mailed to brownsea@calgareaguides.com
- faxed to 403-283-9781.

When e-mailing articles, please send them as attachments (not as part of the e-mail itself) and have a clear and specific subject line. (e.g. *Brownsea*: 9th Pathfinder zoo trip

article) The *Brownsea* gets a lot of spam and I'd hate for a great write-up to get lost.

If you'd like a photo or graphic included, send it along. (Availability of space and image quality will be deciding factors.)

Submissions are subject to approval by committee chairs who must then forward the articles to the *Brownsea* prior to the publication deadline. Items received after the deadline may be included in the next issue provided they are not time-sensitive.

(Yes, it sounds very official and perhaps complicated, but it's not really. And if you don't know to whom you should submit, send it directly to the *Brownsea* at least a few days prior to the deadline and we'll see it gets reviewed by the appropriate person.)

Remember that you too can help make the *Brownsea* an even better way to share in the sisterhood of Guiding!

Brownsea
Publication Deadlines

December 31 for the
January Issue

February 28 for the
March Issue

March 31 for the
April Issue

April 30 for the
May Issue

August 31 for the
September Issue

October 31 for the
November Issue



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For additional numbers, information or to connect with voice-mail extensions, please call 403-283-8348.

The switchboard will go to voice mail at lunch time daily.

Girl greatness starts here!

CALGARY AREA GUIDE CENTRE

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Fax: 403-283-9781

E-Mail: ggcinfo@calgareaguides.com

Shop Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday: noon - 8 p.m.

Friday: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday, Monday: Closed

Phone: 403-283-8340

Fax: 403-283-9781

E-Mail: shop@calgareaguides.com

*The Guide Centre is closed on all
statutory holidays and all long week-
ends.*

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www.calgareaguides.com



If you are reading this, chances are you view the *Brownsea Bulletin* on-line (because this is where the address label would go).

THANKS for helping us to *use our resources wisely* and *protect our common environment* by saving on postage, paper and printing!



There's a chill in the air.
Winter and the holiday season are almost
upon us!

While you're huddled inside, make some
decorations then enter your creations in
our...



Holiday Decorations Contest!

Bring your *home-made* decorations to the Calgary Area Office before the office closes (5:00 p.m.) on *December 15*.

Each entry must include: name of the crafter(s), unit number, branch, district and division.

Prizes for Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders and Rangers.

Congratulations to our **PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST** winners from Sparks, Brownies and Guides in Blue Mountain Division's Sunstar District.

Thanks to everyone who participated!