



Girl Guides of Manitoba March 2010

100 1910-2010 Girl Greatness Starts Here



Volunteer of the Month

Congratulations to the volunteers of the month for February and March:

February 2010: Karen Reid, Assiniboine Area

March 2010: Marcia Novo (George), Cambrian Area

Provincial Forms now available in Word format

Please check the Forms section of the provincial website, we now have many of the regularly used forms available in Word format. These forms can be filled in electronically, saved and sent to their intended destinations. We will be adding more forms in Word format as time permits.

All forms are still available in PDF as well.

Revised National Forms

Please be advised that revisions have been made to the following national forms:

R. 3—Awards Application

A note which explains the process and timeline for submitting an application for a National Award has been added to the top of page two of the form. This is to inform provincial councils of the Guiding Essentials policy on submission of R.3 forms as well as the new process for delivery and ordering pins online. The change affects the Awards Application (application for National Awards) only.

A.1—Membership Application

The A.1 has been revised to make the meaning and functions of the communication permission checkboxes on page two consistent with iMIS. The form will match the current functionality in iMIS. This should minimize confusion and data entry problems in the field.

The section "Proposed Unit" was moved from the top of page one to the Interest and Availability section and titled Preferred Unit and Preferred District/Community field. The assigned Unit is recorded in the Actual Unit District/Community section, under the heading "For Internal Use", which replaces "For Office Use" at the bottom of page two.

Please begin using the revised form immediately and delete/destroy old copies of these forms.

These updated forms, and all other forms you may use, are available on the national website at <http://forms.girlguides.ca/default.aspx>.

Cookie Allstars Updates

Cookie All Stars is helping girls build life skills such as, decision-making, financial responsibility, planning, goal-setting – all important skills that add to a girls' personal growth. We listened to your suggestions and several changes have been implemented for this year's initiative:

1. Cookie All Stars is running as a year-long initiative covering mint 2009 and classic 2010 cookie campaigns.
2. Guiders are tracking the actual number of cases each girl sells individually – no pre-orders, prizes are awarded based on the number of cookies sold during both campaigns.
3. The prizing and recognition website has been revised to make it easier for Guiders to enter their requests
4. **New!!** Group sales crest for girls - every girl participating in at least one group sale event with her unit qualifies for a unit group sales crest.
5. **New!!** Guider crest - every Guider who promotes Cookie All Stars to the girls **and** registers her Unit for prizing and recognition qualifies for a Guider crest.

By this time, the girls will have completed sales for the mint 09 campaign. Keep your records safe, until you are ready to transfer them into the online prize ordering system.

You have a choice of entering the orders in two ways.

1. Both mint 09 and classic 10 data together in the spring of 2010. If you choose this option, you will need to keep your mint sales information (*for girls and unit's group sales activities*) until all sales for classic cookies are completed.
2. Enter mint 09 data when the ordering site first opens and edit your Unit information to include classic sales at a later date.

A Unit tracking form has been developed for you to help keep all the required information safe and in one place. You can download the form from the Cookie section on Member Zone.

Orders for prizing will be delivered directly to the Units in the Spring of 2010.

Ensure all girls participating in cookie selling receive the recognition certificate for participation. This recognition certificate is available on the Cookie All Stars section of Member Zone.

The only other certificate will be for girls who individually sell 40 + cases. They will receive a certificate signed by the Chief Commissioner and National Cookie Adviser. The national office will be responsible for mailing these directly to Units along with the prizing.

For instructions on how to access and use the prize ordering site, please visit <https://memberzone.girlguides.ca/C11/Cookie%20All%20Stars/default.aspx>

Toastmasters and “I have to give a speech” badge

Toastmasters International has grown to become a world leader in helping people become more competent and comfortable in front of an audience.

The nonprofit organization now has nearly 250,000 members in more than 12,500 clubs in 106 countries, offering a proven – and enjoyable! – way to practice and hone communication and leadership skills.

If you are interested in having Toastmasters come to your Pathfinder meeting to help the girls with the “I have to give a speech” badge, please contact John Hindle—Public Relations Officer at 204-782-6622 or www.district64.ca.

Awards Update

Think of where we would be if we had to run a Unit, a District, an Area or a Camp all by ourselves! We must remember to thank each other for all of the individual and unique talents they bring to Guiding.

Most of our volunteers are also busy working outside the home, raising a family and doing other commitments. Let's try and remember our sisters in Guiding by applying for an Award.

REMINDER—the deadlines are fast approaching for Awards applications.

All Awards being presented PRIOR to March 31st, 2010 and needing Provincial approval must be in to the Provincial office no later than March 1st.

The FINAL deadline for all Awards needing Provincial approval is March 22nd, 2010. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS!

Awards that need Provincial approval are the Red River Cart, the Medal of Merit, the Bronze, Silver and Gold Merit awards, the Letter of Commendation award, the Team Award and the Area Commissioner/ACL award.

Area Commissioners must be made aware of all Awards being applied for.

Upcoming Provincial Events

Lady Baden Powell Challenge—April 10, 2010

The Lady Baden-Powell challenge is the highest award in the Guide program, this challenge provides you with the opportunity to learn more about Girl Guides and gain a deeper understanding of the sisterhood of Guiding. This event is held for all third year Guides to help them to complete the Lady Baden-Powell Challenge.

Provincial Annual—April 30 and May 1, 2010

By now you should have received the 2010 Annual Training Conference booklet—the deadline for applications is March 21, 2010. A copy of the book and the registration form is available on the provincial website under Events.

100 Years of Guiding in Manitoba - Challenge & Change—May 2, 2010

The Manitoba Council Archives Committee invites our Guiding members, their families and all friends of Guiding to the official launch of the exhibit 100 Years of Guiding in Manitoba - Challenge & Change!

The launch will be at 12:00 noon in the main foyer at the Manitoba Museum (190 Rupert Avenue). Join us to celebrate our past 100 years!

National Rally Day—May 15, 2010

National Rally Day is a chance to shine the spotlight on Guiding. For girls and Guiders the rally will be a time to celebrate 100 great years of Canadian Guiding! Each community has been busy planning a unique, fantastic celebration!

Tim Horton's Clean Up—May 29, 2010

Girl Guides and Tim Horton's are once again teaming up for the *Tim Horton's Clean Up*. As part of an ongoing commitment to the environment lets all pitch-in to help keep Manitoba and our Communities Litter Free!

Youth Awards Day—June 19, 2010

The 2010 Youth Awards Day is an opportunity to recognize Pathfinders and Rangers who have completed their Canada Cord and Chief Commissioners Award.

Please check the provincial website for updates on these events (<http://girlguides.mb.ca/Events.aspx>)