



Girl Guides of Manitoba November 2009

100 1910-2010 Girl Greatness Starts Here 

Volunteer of the Month

Congratulations to the following volunteers of the month for September, October and November!

September – Tamara Tinant, Pine Ridge Area

October – Chantal Muzyka, Bishop Grandin Area

November – Rebecca Paddock, Assiniboine Area

Craft Supplies Available

If you are looking for used CDs to use for crafts, we have many available at the provincial office. If you are interested, come on down and pick them up! For ideas for great CD crafts check out this website: http://familycrafts.about.com/od/cdcrafts/CD_Crafts.htm.

First come, first served!

Iron/Sew On Labels

Are you looking for an economical site to order Unit title tapes for badge scarves? If so, check out http://www.clement.qc.ca/etiquettespersonnalisees_en.aspx?id=138&id2=1843&id3=994&catalogue=false.

Make it Count—Guide to Youth Money Management

The Manitoba Securities Commission has announced the launch of their new instructor driven education initiative *Make it Count: An Instructor's Guide to Youth Money Management*. The guide provides instructors with lesson plans that outline objectives, discussion questions, activities, and teacher tips that make program planning and implementation a snap.

For more information, and to request your copy of this guide, please visit the Make it Count website at <http://www2.makeitcountonline.ca/msc/parents/>.

Holiday Office Hours

The provincial office will be closed from December 24th to January 3rd inclusive with regular office hours resuming Monday January 4, 2010.



Prepaid Credit Cards and PayPal for the Online Store

Did you know that you don't have to have a credit card to make purchases at thegirlguidestore.ca?

Other than a credit card, parents and Guiders placing orders can use prepaid credit cards, which are available at many national banks and even some convenience stores.

PayPal, which allows you to use your credit card or bank account to pay for online orders, is also available. There is no cost to sign up for PayPal. For more information on PayPal please visit www.paypal.ca.

Be Part of the Torch Celebrations with Canada CODE

Canada CODE is a website where Canadians are creating a collaborative online portrait of the country to share with the world at the Vancouver 2010 Winter Games. Your words. Your photos. This Canada.

Act now to be part of the story on the big screen during the Olympic Torch Relay. It's easy!

- 1) Go to <https://canadacode.vancouver2010.com/user/register>.
- 2) Login or register if you are a new user.
- 3) Upload an image or text of 10 to 15 words about your torch celebration community.
- 4) Tag your submission with your community name and the words "torch community"
- 5) Watch for your content and enjoy the celebration.

Never been to one of the route communities? No worries! Great Canada CODE content from across the country will be displayed at each of the 190 celebration communities every time the torch makes a stop.

Racism. Stop It! National Video Competition

The *Racism. Stop It!* National Video Competition is part of Canada's March 21 campaign against racial discrimination.

This competition, which is conducted annually in the spirit of United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (March 21st), encourages young Canadians between 12 and 20 to create videos articulating their thoughts on eliminating racism. Ten winning videos are selected and broadcast on national television to raise awareness among Canadians.

While young people are among those most impacted by racism, they are also our greatest partners in the struggle against it. *The Racism. Stop It!* competition gives youth the opportunity to go beyond the boundaries of race, ethnicity and religion and embrace diversity. For more information, please visit www.march21.gc.ca.

Treasurer News

It is time once again to change or reaffirm your signing officers on your bank accounts. This must be done every year at a District meeting, followed by visits to the banks involved.

Many signing officers will be changing. Remember that your District Commissioner(s) are to be on your Unit and District accounts. As part of your District meeting minutes, the following must be included:

Unit designation, bank name and address, account number and signing authorities

For any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your District and/or Area Treasurer

Guide Unit looking for Pen Pals

My name is Heather, and I am a Guide Leader in Roxboro, Quebec, which is a suburb of Montreal.

We are working on a unit about Community, and we are looking for "rural" Guides to write to. We would like to share a little bit about what it is like where we live, and hear about girls who live in a rural setting. Would you be able to refer me to a Guide Leader in your province?

Thanks so much,
Your sister in Guiding,
Heather Wyche
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Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Quebec
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If your Guide Unit is interested in this opportunity, please contact Heather directly.

100th Anniversary Celebration Activities

Have you visited the 2010 website lately? There are two great contests for girls to participate in to celebrate 100 years of Guiding.

2060 Uniform Contest

This contest gives girl and adult Members across Canada the chance to design a uniform for the future. Guiding Members - **from Sparks to Trefoil** - are invited to imagine what their uniform might look like on our 150th anniversary in 2060. The sky is the limit! Create and draw a picture of the Guiding uniform (top only) for your branch that might be worn in 2060. The winning design for each branch will be manufactured and featured in a video presentation that will be part of National Rally Day.

For more information visit: https://2010.girlguides.ca/2060_uniform_contest

Show us your GGC

GGC is producing a video to celebrate all things Guiding in Canada. The video will be officially screened on National Rally Day in all provinces on May 15, 2010. Part of the video includes a "Show us your GGC" segment, which is your chance to show everyone what GGC means to you. Shoot a video with your Unit, your friends, your family or on your own, and you may see yourself on the big screen!

For more information visit: https://2010.girlguides.ca/uploads/File/celebration_events/Show_Us_Your_GGC.pdf



Heritage Uniform Rentals

Our Archives Committee has been hard at work putting together a collection of uniforms for Units to use in fashion shows to celebrate 100 years of Guiding!

The uniforms are from Sparks all the way to adults and go back as far as the 1920's. We are fortunate that many of the women and girls in Guiding treasured their uniforms, badges, pins and accessories and have entrusted the Manitoba Council Archives with their care and display.

For a copy of the Heritage Uniform Rentals contract, please check the provincial website under Resources.

Archives is looking for...

Our Archives Committee is currently working on a 100th anniversary display for the Manitoba Museum that will start in April 2010 and they are looking for a French translator for their displays. If you are bilingual in French and English, please contact Elaine at the provincial office.

Archives is also looking for your old camp hats—if you have something you'd like to donate, please send to or drop off at the provincial office, to the attention of the Archives Committee

2010 Provincial Annual

Are you thinking of the 2010 Provincial Annual yet?

Heard of the changes, yet confused?

The plan is that Friday night (April 30th) will be low key. There will be no formal activities planned. Come, talk, visit and reconnect with your old Guiding friends. Saturday am starts with breakfast and trainings. The Manitoba Provincial banquet ends the evening's formal activities. Stay if you want and talk, visit and stay connected with your Guiding friends. Sunday morning has no activities planned. When you get up, the day is yours!.

Ultimately we have listened to the many Guiders who answered the past surveys. The majority of Guiders wanted Friday evening to be unplanned. They want to talk, visit and do their own hospitality. Sunday morning is the major change. We are trying to balance costs and again the wishes of Guiders. Many wanted to head home early, or go shopping or to have the opportunity to come out for a shortened weekend.

Please plan to come out for the whole weekend or just a part of it. The choice is yours and whatever choice you make we promise to try and make it fun, full of training, exciting and worthwhile.

Awards Update

It's not too early to be thinking about which Guiders that may be deserving of an award this Guiding year.

Did You Know?

The **Gold Thanks pin** and the **Letter of Commendation** require only one letter of support, that describes a person's service to guiding! The Gold Thanks pin is approved at the Area level.

The new **Unit Guider** awards are approved at the Area level and require 2 letters of support.

Most other Awards require 2 letters of support and are approved by the Provincial Awards Committee.

The **Red River Cart** is approved by the Provincial Awards committee. **The Beaver, Gold Maple Leaf** and **Honorary Life** are approved at the National level. These all require a minimum of 3 letters of support.

The awards deadlines for 2010 are:

January 8, 2010 – Those awards needing National approval (Beaver Honorary Life, Gold Maple Leaf)

March 1, 2010 – Any awards needing Provincial approval and especially the ones being presented prior to March 31, 2010.

March 22, 2010 – the FINAL deadline for all Awards needing Provincial approval.

Let's all try and be early this year and not leave Awards to the last minute.

GM 2010 Updates and Information

Only 8 months to go!

Calling all Participants!

Do you know of any girls who are still thinking of attending GM2010 but haven't signed up yet?
Are you still trying to decide if you will be going?

We would like to invite any Guiders who are thinking of going, or know girls who are still thinking of going, to join in on the conference call that will be held on Sunday, November 22, 2009 @ 7:00pm. If you are interested, please RSVP to Stephanie at the provincial office—details about how to call in will be sent out prior to the call

Also, if you know of girls who still need to be assigned to a patrol please let Janet or Carla know.

Fundraising Updates

Please remember that there are two opportunities to fundraise for GM2010.

Celebrating A Century of Girl Greatness Anniversary Cookbooks are now available.

All proceeds from the cookbook sales will go to help offset the provincial subsidies to the participants attending GM next summer. Each participant (Girl and Adult) going to GM 2010 is asked to sell a minimum of five cookbooks. These cookbooks have been ordered by your Area council and are available from your Guider or Commissioner. The cookbooks sell for \$10.

Don't forget - there will be a prize for the TOP selling Girl Member and TOP selling Adult Member of \$25.00 for the online Guide store. Make sure you keep track of your orders!

Individuals can order cookbooks from the office and pay by Visa or MasterCard. Shipping charges will be applied for orders being mailed out. Order form available on the website <http://girlguides.mb.ca/Downloads/Forms/GM2010CookbookOrderTrackingForm.pdf>.

All girl participants, including Rangers/Trex, going to GM 2010 will have the opportunity to increase their number of cases of cookies ordered for the fall and spring campaigns for the next guiding year. For anyone selling a combined total of 5 cases or more of cookies you will receive back \$5 per case of cookies sold to go towards fundraising for GM2010. (example 3 cases in the fall – mint, 3 cases in the spring – sandwich cookies = 6 cases total for the year = \$30.00)

Orders need to be made through your unit Guider and entered into the Cookie All-star program. The Provincial office will track the number of cases sold by each participant and funds raised will be put towards offsetting their travel costs to the event.

Please note that money raised is applied directly to the girls' travel costs. Check back to the GM 2010 section of the provincial website for updates (<http://girlguides.mb.ca/GuidingMosaic.aspx>).

We need your pictures!

Do you have great pictures from your 2009 Area/District/Unit events? Did you attend a provincial event in 2009 and get a bunch of great shots of girls and Guiders? If so, please forward your photo's to the provincial office—we use these pictures in our Annual pictorial at the AGM in the spring.

If you do have pictures, you can e-mail them to Elaine or send a disc to the provincial office. Please be sure to specify what each picture is from and what Area you belong to.