

PEACE ARCH AREA
PROGRAM NEWSLETTER, APRIL 2009

JUST RELEASED

“Canadian Girls Say...”

Girl Guides of Canada is excited to officially launch our “Canadian Girls Say...” photography project. Please [click here](#) to download all the materials to participate with your Unit in this groundbreaking project, which empowers girls to voice how they feel about their community through photography.

We hope that your Unit will be interested in participating in this fun and new project! If your Unit does not have the time and/or only some of the girls are interested, please [click here](#) to download and forward a copy of the “Canadian Girls Say...Lones Activity Guide” to the parent/guardian/girl so they can participate independently.

Please note that all photos must be submitted by **June 22, 2009**.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR GIRLS FROM NATIONAL

Dear Guiders,

In keeping with our commitment to engage girls and develop leadership skills, the National Board is seeking 2 Members between the ages of 12-25 to volunteer their time to serve on our Program Stewardship Committee.

The Program Stewardship Committee is in place to ensure that GGC provides quality, relevant programming to sustain and grow girl Membership.

The position posting and application forms can be found by clicking on this link

<https://memberzone.girlguides.ca/C12/National%20Volunteer/default.aspx>

For applicants who are under 18, there is a different application form as well as the requirement to follow Safe Guide (under resources), if there will be travelling involved, as there may be one meeting a year in Toronto. The majority of the meetings are held by teleconference.

We ask you to consider girl Members who are mature, excellent team players with very good communication skills and advise them and their parents of this opportunity.

If you have any questions, I would be more than happy to address them. Please email me at culberth@girlguides.ca

Thank you so much for all you do for our girls.

Helen Culbert

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NEWS FROM PROVINCIAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE

- New National Sparks 20th Challenge is now available on the National website and crests are available through the Guide Store or online.

April 14, 2009 is the Sparks official 20th Anniversary!

- BC Active Living Challenge will be released this spring.
- Global Youth Service Day is April 24-26, 2009
- May 2nd is the Dove Self Esteem Sleepover. More sleepover information kits can be found at <http://www.dovesleepover.ca>

FOR ADVENTUROUS GIRLS

Students on Ice - International Polar Year Arctic Scholarships 2009

Dear Friends,

Thanks to funding generously provided by the Government of Canada's International Polar Year Program, we are thrilled to offer ten fully-funded student positions to participate on the upcoming Students on Ice - IPY Arctic Expedition 2009 from July 29th to August 13th, 2009. Six of these positions are designated for northern aboriginal youth and four are designated for non-aboriginal youth from across Canada. The scholarship includes all travel expenses from home to the Arctic and return. Travel arrangements will be arranged by the Students on Ice office.

IPY Scholarship applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

Candidate must be a Canadian citizen between 14-18 years old at the time of application.

Candidate must currently be attending high school at the time of application.

Candidate must submit a completed application form* with 2 letters of reference.

Candidate must understand that this is an educational expedition, not a vacation. He/she must be committed to participate fully in all aspects of the education program.

Candidate must demonstrate some or all of the following qualities: strong academics and/or passion for learning, interest in the environment; leadership qualities and/or potential to develop these qualities; a desire to make a difference and become a youth ambassador for change and action.

Candidate must have current Government issued identification (with photo, if possible). Ex: Health Card, Driver's License, Birth Certificate

Application Deadline: Friday, April 24th (applications received in our office after this date will not be reviewed)

*The scholarship application form can only be obtained by contacting:

Niki Trudeau, Participant Coordinator at apply@studentsonice.com.

Students on Ice is an educational, not-for-profit, Canadian organization, providing youth from around the world with ship-based educational adventures to the Arctic and Antarctica. Our mandate is to educate and inspire the next generation of polar scientists, researchers, and environmental leaders - and in doing so, help to provide them with a greater understanding and respect for the planet. For more information, please visit www.studentsonice.com.

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THINGS TO DO AND THINK ABOUT

We are getting to the end of the Guiding year and I hope the girls will have achieved some great memories.

For the Girl Guides, I have attached the information on the newly revamped “**Lady Baden Powell Challenge**”.

For Brownies, Sparks and those Guides who love to camp I have attached some **Camping Themes**.

For Guide Leaders, please look into the newly renovated **Guide Book** to use next fall. Check on line or at the store (before April 30) to see the transformation from cards to book for the Guide program.

Finally, **EARTH DAY IS APRIL 22/09**, check out the link to see what kids can do to help our planet. <http://www.ecokids.ca/pub/index.cfm>

Crafty Stuff:

I have attached a spring craft with an international Guiding theme. **Japanese Cherry Blossoms** are a rite of spring and can decorate anyone's spring table.

A Song or two to sing:

POOR LITTLE BUG ON THE WALL

Poor little bug on the wall
No one to love him at all
No one to wash his clothes
No one to tickle his toes
Poor little bug on the wall

(repeat the song a number of times using different actions: Loud, sad, underwater (finger drumming against lips) Opera, Country, etc.....)

LINGER

Mmm I want to linger.
Mmm, a little longer
Mmm, a little longer here with you

Mmm, it's such a perfect night
Mmm, it doesn't seem quite right
Mmm, that this should be my last with you

Mmm, and come September
Mmm, I will remember
Mmm, our camping days and friendships true

Mmm and as the years go by
Mmm, I'll think of you and sigh
Mmm, this is good night and not good bye.

Have a great spring in Guiding.

Joanne Loney
Peace Arch Area Program Adviser