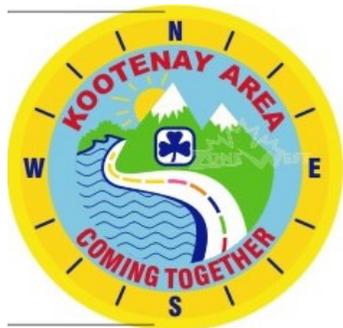


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FROM OUR FEARLESS LEADER . . .

Well, as mid June has hit, everyone is wrapping up the Guiding year. I know for everyone, including me, it is the busiest time of year but I always seem to look forward to the camps, events, etc. that happen. Over the last few months I have been very lucky to take part in some amazing events, meeting up with my Guiding friends from all over the Province and making new ones.



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Sometimes my travel schedule is overwhelming in the spring, but when I think back to what I have done and who I have met, it make it all worthwhile. We are finally seeing some nice weather and I will am getting ready to leave for Guiding Mosaic 2010 - in three weeks! - with three other members of our area to be part of the core crew... so my Guiding year still continues for a little longer.

It was a wonderful experience attending *Memories & More* with Members of our Area. When we arrived at the Pacific Coliseum, we were not sure what to expect knowing there will be approximately 7,800 members attending. When we looked around in the stands and there was pink, peach and blue everywhere, it was amazing. I come across ladies I worked with when I lived Kamloops, ladies that I have met on BC Council and at workshops and conferences and we were able to chat. I even got a chance to visit with my mom who is from Kamloops, who was there also with her Ranger Unit. You forget how many guiding friends you have out there.

I would like to thank everyone for a wonderful year, and look forward seeing everyone again the fall. Please take a day for yourself, put your feet up and read a good book or a watch a movie and relax. You have all worked hard to make Guiding great and you deserve it.

Thanks for everything, have a great summer!

Brandie



MEMORIES AND MORE



The 121 Kootenay Girl Guides who travelled by bus to Memories and More on the beach.
Photo by Guider Cheryl Webb of Wells Photo in Cranbrook.



Granby Guiding members in front of the "cake."

Vahalla Guides look out on the 8000 attendees. Somewhere down there are the rest of the 131 Kootenay Area members who attended.

A big thank you to Guiders in Ladner and Tswassen Districts and West Coast Area, especially Deputy Area Commissioner Angela Assalone, for all their help. They went above and beyond finding places for Kootenay Guiding to stay, feeding them supper and breakfast and doing clean-up giving the girls time to go to the beach.



SOAR 2011

TO: All BC Guiders

Wanted, Guiders to apply for Core Staff Positions! We need you for program, food services, site services, health services, security and more! Do you want to have fun with girls and Guiders? Are you enthusiastic, flexible and a team player? Do you enjoy a challenge, want new experiences and wish to meet new people? Are you ready to think and work outside your normal Guiding box? Do you have specific qualifications, experience and skills that you want to share with other? Can you live in a tent, maintain a positive attitude and work under pressure?

If you said yes to the above, then don't wait and complete the application today! Applications must be received at the Provincial Guide House by October 31, 2010 at 5:00pm. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. No faxed copies will be accepted.

The forms can be found on the *Kootenay Chronicles* site:

<http://kootenaychronicles.wordpress.com/2010/06/04/soar-core-staff/>

or on the Provincial site: <http://www.bc-girlguides.org/events/camping/provincial-camps/soar/>

AWARDS

Columbia District Guider Bev Thompson was presented with her 35 year membership pin by the Beaver Valley Rangers.



The following awards were presented at the AGM or the last Area Council meeting:

Tiger Lily Award

Joan Kaun	Cranbrook
Christal Klassen	Elkford
Tamara McLean	Kimberley
Cheryl Webb	Cranbrook
Pat Wildeman	Elkford

BC Guider Appreciation Award

Shelley Balfour	Cranbrook
Cheryl Cherry	Nelson
Beverley Rintoul	Trail

DC Award

Sandi Oorthuis	DC Award
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Bronze Merit Award

Margo Reinders	Bronze Merit
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Silver Merit Award

Sue Fielding	Silver Merit
Jennifer O'Donnell	Silver Merit

Gold Merit Award

Pam Cross	Gold Merit
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A view of Kootenay Lake from Blue Point Camp taken by Lori Bleaney

We have fabulous campsites in Kootenay Area. Make use of them!



CARE AND KEEPING OF CAMP RORY

Submitted by Leslie Shirley, Chair, Camp Rory Committee

The Camp Rory committee has been hard at work. There has been any number of trees felled, so they don't fall on the girls, and removed. Some have been bucked up and stacked up to dry. Most of the mess has been cleaned up and moved down by the gate. These piles will be burned in the fall, when it is safe to do so.

The wood that is bucked up and stacked between the trees should NOT be used for firewood. It is wet and will not burn. There is dry wood in the woodshed that can be used for fires. Please use this or comb the ground for small branches. You may need to cut some of the wood in the shed, so don't forget to sharpen your axe. If you do not want to cut your own wood, please bring dry firewood with you. Next year there should be enough split and dry wood for everyone. It would be wise to let the girls know that they should not play on the piles of debris or on the piles of cut wood. They are not safe!

New Guiders may notice that there are stacks of bricks on the tenting side of Camp Rory. These, along with the steel sheets and racks, are for making no-trace fires. There should never be fires started directly on the ground. Fires started on the ground can cause forest fires. The heat can travel underground and spring up in the most unlikely places. If you are unsure of how to build or use a no-trace fire, please ask. It might also be noted that the bricks are not for building dams in the creek, they are to be used for their intended purpose only.

We are so very lucky to have a creek running through Camp Rory. Even though the creek usually stops running by June, this year there is a lot of water running the length of it. We are working on cleaning up the creek bed so that there is less of a chance of it overflowing into the tenting area. While we all know that girls love to make dams and pools please ask your campers to refrain from doing this. Not only does it affect our portion of the creek, but it also affects the creek farther down where people rely on its water.

There will soon be new benches for around the campfire pits. The main fire pit is still for use at camps. Right now there is a lot of ash in it, but it will be cleaned out. If anyone would like to begin doing that, they are more than welcome to start. Ashes can be removed BEFORE BUILDING YOUR CAMPFIRE and spread up behind the Brownie cabins. Never spread hot ashes, only cold ones that have been sitting around and are completely dead. Ashes on the tenting side should never be disposed of in the creek or down the biffies. Ashes should be put into a metal bucket, add some water and stir till everything is cold. If they are still warm, add some more water. Dumping the ash bucket should be one of the last things done before leaving camp. Until there is a proper disposal system for ashes, this seems to be the safest way of doing it.

Thank you for doing your part in helping to spruce up our own Camp Rory. May you camp with wonder and joy in our little camp.

Questions? Contact Leslie at guider_leslie@hotmail.com

CANADA CORD

Five Canada Cord recipients spent a fun-filled day in Creston at the beginning of June. The morning was spent in an *Amazing Race*, on foot around Creston. After lunch they took a trip to the Creston Valley Wildlife Centre and the candle factory, where they dipped their own candles.

The ceremony was held at Victorian Acres in a beautiful rose garden. Area Commissioner Brande Samson presented the girls with their pins and certificates and read letters of congratulations from the mayors of Fruitvale and Castlegar. Afterwards, everyone went to Stavros for supper.

At right Back row: Darby Wills, Cranbrook; Kaylee Oorthuis, Fruitvale; Justine Paulson, Castlegar. Front row: Brianna Kennedy, Cranbrook; Toni Marie Stambulic, Cranbrook. Unable to attend: Sarah vonGradulewski, Cranbrook; Jennifer Matosevic, Nelson



Dipping candles, sliding down a hill on a block of ice and paddling at the wildlife centre.



GUIDERS' RETREAT

Kootenay Trainer Joy Andersen and Deputy Provincial Commissioner Maryann Brock make their plans for world domination.

There were training sessions, the AGM and a Q & A with Provincial Commissioner Daphe MacGregor-Greer. By the looks of the photos, there was lots of time to chat with fellow Guiders and celebrate 100 years of Guiding.



Talking and laughing – things Guiders do best!

Purple people and party hats!



Provincial Commissioner Daphne MacGregor-Greer appears to have had a good time.

Area Commissioner Brande Samson and Elkford's Jill-of-all-trades Dallys Wildeman always have a good time.



THE PAST AND THE PRESENT



At a recent meeting of Mountainview District, the past and the present came together. Brande Samson, current Kootenay Area commissioner, met with the last commissioner of Kootenay Area, Babs Jones. Babs oversaw the division of Kootenay Area into East and West in 1980. Babs is an active member of the Kootenay Connections Trefoil Guild and is chair of the Blue Point Camp Committee. She is an honorary life member and celebrates her 91st birthday on 21 June.

* For those wanting to know: the final meeting of Kootenay Area was April 1980 and the first meeting of Kootenay Area was August 2009

"Globalicious: Bringing our Region closer together"



Girl Guides of Canada has received an invitation from Girl Guiding Association of Netherlands Antilles to join their Anniversary Camp in April 2011 to celebrate their 80th anniversary.

Any group wishing to participate in these events should plan it as an Independent Group Trip and complete the Independent Trip Forms found in the Safe Guide International section and contact Teri Craig from the Provincial International Committee at tericraig1@shaw.ca. Because of the short time frame, planning would need to start immediately.

Note that this is an independent trip opportunity; there will be no financial assistance from Provincial or National council.

See <http://kootenaychronicles.wordpress.com/2010/06/09/independent-international-trip/> for more information. Information will also be posted on the National web site.

PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT

The Elkford Sparks have tied for best overall and best use of all categories in the Provincial Photo Scavenger Hunt! They are the proud recipients of an ice-cream party. The winning photos will be posted on the Provincial website.

Provincial PR Adviser Debra Legge particularly liked this photo.



LADY B-P VISITS KIMBERLEY!



On 4 October, 1955 Lady B-P attended a rally in Kimberley's Coronation Park. She was motoring across Canada with Mrs. Pepler, daughter of a former Chief Commissioner, and they were guests of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company (now Teck), staying at their guest house. Guides and Brownies from Cranbrook, Creston, Fernie, Invermere and Kimberley attended the rally.

The picture at left was given to Trefoil Guild member Naomi Miller by Stewart Gordon after she remembered the story his mum told her about meeting Lady B-P. That's Peggy Gordon, shaking hands with the World Chief Guide. The other Guider is June Wilson, Kimberley District Commissioner at the time.

Naomi remembered another story relating to this rally. A Guide mum in Golden said her most exciting Guiding moment was meeting Lady B-P while a Guide in Invermere. The girls from Invermere travelled to the rally in the back of one of the dad's farm trucks. He put down clean plywood for them to sit on and they wore only their uniform – no coats!

Thank you to Naomi for remembering these stories and doing the research to find out more about this moment in Guiding history.

HAT'S OFF!



To Joy Andersen who has been named to the Provincial Camping Committee.

To Elizabeth Ahlgren who will join the Provincial Council as an elected member

To Tamara McLean who joins the Provincial Program Committee as the Environmental Advisor

To Jennifer O'Donnell for all her hard work on Nite Trek and especially for giving Darlene and Bill an early security shift

To Leslie Shirley and Joy Andersen who are part of the planning committee for SOAR 2011.

To Pat Wildeman for all her work on the AGM/Retreat and especially for lending a hand to Darlene.

To Trainer Candidates Teresa Jansen, Marge Wernick and Tamara McLean who received their trainer pins at the AGM.

To Cheryl Webb, Brande Samson and Jennifer O'Donnell (bus boss) for getting 121 Kootenay Area Guiding members safely to and from Memories and More.

To Pam Cross for creating such a fabulous float and to all the communities that have used it to date.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

The Kimberley Heritage Museum has a display.



A 100th anniversary display at the Grand Forks Gallery.



Our float has been touring our area. It made its maiden voyage at Fernie's Griz Days at the beginning of March. (above)



It also made an appearance at Creston Valley Blossom Festival in May (above) and at Maryville Daze (right).

It has place second in both Beaver Valley and Marysville.

NITE TREK 2010



The Golden Guides attended Nite Trek for the first time in 2010.



From April 30 to May 2, Kootenay Area Nite Trek happened just outside Cranbrook at Jim Smith Lake. There were 168 participants and 83 adult volunteer coming from Montana (Missoula, Columbia Falls, Libby, Polson, Ronan and Kalispell) Alberta (Calgary and Lethbridge) and BC (Cranbrook, Fernie, Sparwood, Kimberley and Golden). The theme was *Star Trek* and all the stations were based on movies. There were two treks this year. A shorter one (approx 9 km) and the darkside long trek (additional 3 km). The short trek was for those where Grade 8 and under with the extension for the older kids. This was the first year for the darkside, which was done without a flashlights. The trail was marked with glow stick and the stations were done in the dark. Have you ever tried to sort Smarties by colours with oven mitts in the dark? That was our *Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* station and you'll have to ask those that participated how difficult it was!

Thanks go out to The CRU (Cranbrook Ranger Unit), Jennifer O'Donnell (Fernie) for putting on this great event this year.

Two hundred people tying themselves in a knot.



AROUND OUR AREA

The Vahalla Guides in New Denver, along with their families, took part in *Communities Pulling Together* sponsored by the Central Kootenay Invasive Plant Committee. They learned about invasive plants and the problems they cause before pulling up the problem plants. They were rewarded with a t-shirt and the unit received a \$250 doantion which they will use for camping equipment.



Rosemont Brownies enjoyed their unit camp held 29-30 May at Kokanee Creek Park. Note the rain gear.



Year end in Elkford saw this wonderful treat. It says 100 but there are 48 cupcakes.



Granby District celebrated another year of Guiding with a day camp.

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FROM THE EDITORS DESK . . .

Who is that Guider on the front page (not Brande, the other one) and why is she having such a good time? The picture was taken at Maryville Daze and I'm guessing she's having fun because a) she's a Guider and b) she has such a great float to walk beside. Have you seen it? Pam Cross and her band of elves out did themselves. The float has placed second in two communities and it's only June.

And what can I say about *Memories and More*? 8000 Girl Guides all in one bulding. 131 members from Kootenay Area attended and the gang who got them their did a great job. The friendly Brewster bus drivers; the Subway in Chilliwack put together 121 lunches; not to mention the West Coast Area Guiders who gave of their time and money to give us a place to sleep *and* supper *and* breakfast *and* did all the clean-up in the morning so the girls could go to Jericho beach.

Look in these pages and you'll see that *Memories and More* wasn't the only game in town. There was Nite Trek, Canada Cord, a retreat and all kinds of fun and games. And there is more to come.

Beverley Rintoul
editor

WHO YA GONNA CALL?

Area Advisers are ready to leap buildings in a single bound, neutralise monsters in your closet and swing into action to answer all your questions.*

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