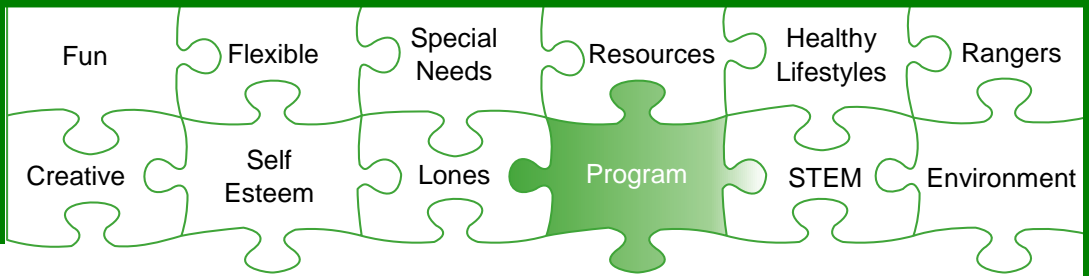




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FunFinder Special Edition

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Welcome back to a brand new Guiding year, full of exciting experiences, out of the box ideas, and new ways to achieve program goals! In this issue, we briefly explain some of the resources that you will find on the Provincial Website.



The Provincial Program Committee supports girls and Guiders in finding fun and unique ways to complete program. This includes, but is not limited to liaising with Provincial and National Committees, coordinating girl and youth events, maintaining contact with program advisers throughout BC, creating resources and tools, publishing the FunFinder—BC Program Adviser Resource newsletter, and work with outside organizations to develop interesting and pertinent challenges.

This issue highlights many of the resources that are available to you that will help make your Guiding experience a better one!

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Did you know?

- ... that we appreciate you sharing your ideas for new program resources with us. Please send them to program@bc-girlguides.org.
- ... the Program Committee is looking for new members?
- ... all program challenges and resources can be used by all branches of Guiding. They just have to be adapted to use applicable activities that are challenging enough for the girls that are doing them.
- ... that you do not have to follow the letter of the challenge or the program. You just have to meet the intended outcome!
- ... that there is no shipping cost on challenge and event crests in BC
- ... that doing the challenges is to benefit the girls and their program. If the girls choose it, do it! It doesn't matter whether you've done it before or not. They may not have, or they may just have enjoyed it so much that they want to do it again!
- ... that all FunFinders and challenges have program connections included to assist Guiders in planning and completing specific program activities.

BC Program Challenges

	<p>Alien Invaders</p> <p>Do you want to make a positive impact on your community by providing a safe environment for native plant and animal species? In the Alien Invaders Challenge, you will learn about invasive species in your communities, and promote actions that you can take.</p>
	<p>Arts to Go: Circus</p> <p>Remember that feeling of excitement and wonder as you immerse yourself in a world of imagination, daring and fun! Join the Circus! Take part in the Arts to Go Circus Challenge and experience the world of music, dance, drama and crafts</p>
	<p>Arts to Go: Food</p> <p>In a hurry? Want a taste of the Arts in your Unit meeting? The Arts To Go resources are packed with quick and simple choices to satisfy your appetite for music, dancing, crafts and drama. Think of it as your picnic basket to open and enjoy!</p>
	<p>Arts to Go: Passport to the Arts</p> <p>Get onboard! Take part in the Arts to Go – Passport to the Arts Challenge, and experience the world in dance, music, crafts and drama. Look forward to feeling the excitement and wonder of discovering other countries as you immerse yourself in other cultures.</p>
	<p>Colour Me Healthy</p> <p>This challenge was created to replace the now discontinued Active Living Challenge. It encompasses the same principles: to explore healthy lifestyles through fitness, healthy eating and a positive self-esteem. To encourage completion of this challenge at every level, four separate branch level challenges and crests have been developed.</p>
	<p>CSI</p> <p>The increased popularity in TV show themes has resulted in program challenges and activities that are show theme related. This CSI challenge, through a range of STEM activities, provides an opportunity to discover what it is that forensic investigators actually do.</p>
	<p>Diversity</p> <p>This challenge has been created to encourage girls and Guiders to explore the concepts of diversity and what it means in the community where they live.</p>

BC Program Challenges




	<p>Eco Pak The environment covers a wide range of subjects and concepts including ecology, forestry, sustainability, pollution prevention and conservation. The Eco Pak helps us learn more about our environment and environmental stewardship through a variety of games, activities, experiments and service projects.</p>
	<p>Girls WorldWide This challenge provides an opportunity to learn about the issues and concerns facing women and children throughout the world. It focuses on past millennium development goals: achieve universal primary education, promote gender equality and empower women, reduce child mortality and improve maternal health. If we focus on our world at a personal level, it is easier to begin to make change in the world.</p>
	<p>Ocean Aware The Ocean Aware challenge is designed to increase awareness, understanding and curiosity about the ocean and the seven principles of ocean literacy – regardless of where you live. Everything you find in this challenge will help you explore marine science through hands-on activities, observations and exploration – without boats, life jackets or even having to visit the ocean (though visits are encouraged)!</p>
	<p>Shakeout Challenge This challenge promotes Earthquake preparedness through a Shakeout meeting and Earthquake drill.</p>
	<p>STEM Challenge: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math The objective of the challenge is to engage girls in learning more about biological and chemical reactions and the concepts of physics; improving awareness of computers, electronic devices and communication technologies; to engage girls in different types of engineering including civil, mechanical, electrical and chemical; and to have fun improving awareness of mathematics, logic and problem solving.</p>

Ranger Ramble

Ranger Ramble is our newest publication. It is written for Rangers, to share information and help provide them with ideas on how to complete their program.

If you are interested in making a contribution to Ranger Ramble, or have an idea of what you'd like to see included, please send your ideas to rangers@bc-girlguides.org

Program Event Resources

	<p>Rainbow Revelry If you're looking for magic, look no further than the end of a rainbow! This event plan supplies the ingredients for designing and carrying out a rainbow themed event.</p>
	<p>Snowflake Ball What fun for girls to participate in an event where they arrive dressed to the nines. With this event toolkit, you can plan the ball and see all the sparkle and twinkle take place.</p>
	<p>WOWZA What could be more wonderful than having a room full of Sparks and Brownies totally excited about doing Science? Absolutely nothing! With this toolkit you can plan an exciting event that ignites the interests of both Sparks and Brownies for the world of science.</p>

Events hosted by the BC Program Committee

	<p>GUEST: Guides Exploring Science and Technology This annual event for Guide patrols rotates through three regions of the province - Vancouver Island, Northern BC and the BC Interior. For the upcoming year, we hope to add a fourth region—the Lower Mainland. The goal of the event is to introduce Guides to the wonderful wide world of science, while experiencing a taste of university life.</p>
	<p>Pathfinder Summit This biennial event for 2nd and 3rd year of Pathfinders who travel to Vancouver as patrols and explore the Pathfinder Program, with a focus on leadership. Participants explore subjects they might not encounter at unit meetings and are encouraged to share their experiences with their units. The event takes place at Guide House in Vancouver and Hi-Vancouver Jericho Beach Hostel.</p>
	<p>Ranger Revolution This biennial event is for girls registered and active in Ranger units as well as for those participating as unit assistants. This event is different from all other Program Committee events, as girls can register either as a patrol or as individuals and is tailored specifically to Ranger-aged girls, with a variety of sessions, including Junior Leader specific topics. The event takes place at Guide House in Vancouver and Hi-Vancouver Jericho Beach Hostel.</p>

Instant Meetings

Instant meetings are now available on the Provincial website for teaching camping skills to the different branches of Girl Guides. They can be found at <http://www.bc-girlguides.org/web/> > Program > Instant Meetings

Sparks

Being Healthy
Chinese New Year (2 meetings)
Clue Hunt
Cookies Rising: Cookies Count!
Cookies Rising: Who wants Girl Guide Cookies?
Diversity Challenge (2 meetings)
Eco-Pak Challenge (2 meetings)
Forensic Fun (CSI Challenge)
For the Birds
Mad Scientist
Musical Sparks

Brownies

Bring a Friend
Cookies Rising: Blast to the Past
Cookies Rising: Putting the Pieces Together
Cookies Rising: Smart Cookies!
Diversity Challenge (2 meetings)
Eco-Pak Challenge (2 meetings)
Forensic Fun (CSI Challenge)
Ocean Aware Part 1 and 2

Guides

Bring a Friend
Cookies Rising: Crazy for Cookies
Cookies Rising: Playing With Cookies
Diversity Challenge (2 meetings)
Eco-Pak Challenge (2 meetings)
Forensic Fun (CSI Challenge)
Fun with Science
Give Peace a Chance
Recycling Badge
Take it Outdoors Meets Active Living

Pathfinders

Bring a Friend Night
Cookies Rising: Amazing Cookie Race
Cookies Rising: Cookie Apprentice
Cookies Rising: Lights, Camera, Cookies!
Diversity Challenge (2 meetings)
Eco-Pak Challenge (2 meetings)
Feeling Good
Find Your Inner Leader
Forensic Fun (CSI Challenge)
Taking it Outdoors Meets Active Living

Meet Your Area Program Advisers

Lougheed Area: Becca Stephen

Becca has been involved in Guiding since Brownies, first as a girl and currently as a Guider. She has led girls at all levels and is currently working with Rangers in addition to being an Area Program Adviser. Most recently, she was the driving force between Lougheed Area's Zombie Apocalypse event for Pathfinders and Rangers. She created the Lougheed Area Gets Active Challenge to promote Physical Literacy in the area, and is currently working on putting together a Resource Centre for Camp Kanaka.

Becca has her Bachelor of Recreation Management where she completed a research project on how to better engage 18—35 year olds in Girl Guides. She often jokes about the fact that she's a "professional Girl Guide". She has a variety of recreation experience including leading outdoor youth recreation programs, supervising and mentoring teams of volunteers and managing recreation and leadership programs in schools. She is currently working with North Vancouver Recreation and Culture and sits on the board of directors for ProMOTION Plus, an organization that works to empower girls and women in sports and physical activity.

Becca is passionate about helping girls and young women realize their full potential as leaders, encouraging them to increase their knowledge and skills so that they have what they need to make a difference in their community and beyond. She is also a strong advocate for girls who have come up through Guiding and the value they bring to our organization.

Monashee Area: Claire Sokoloski

Claire became a leader when her now 19 year old daughter became a Brownie. Her unit quickly grew to 50 girls (yes, 50!) and her love for planning, organizing and programming began!

In the 13 years that Claire has been a leader, she has been contact Guider for every branch (sometimes 2 branches in the same year); Deputy Commissioner, District Commissioner, Cookie Adviser, District Program Adviser and most recently, Area Program Adviser. She has taken groups of Guides, Pathfinders and Rangers to numerous extended adventures to the US, Mexico and Australia and is hoping to plan a trip to Our Chalet next.

In all these positions, her favourite has always been programming. Her goal is to let Guiders know about challenges and activities that are not only prevalent in the area, but in the province and in the other provinces. Claire is a huge believer in allowing the girls to spread their wings ... and that "even" Sparks can influence what their unit does and can be a big important part of choosing their programming. Her passion is to allow girls to learn new skills in a safe and fun environment and teach girls of all ages to be comfortable in their own skin. She can often be heard saying "If it's not fun it's not Guiding". In her area, coming up in November, there will be a 2 day WOWSA Challenge for Sparks and Brownies.

For information on how to contact your area program adviser, ask your Commissioner or email program@bc-girlguides.org. If you don't have a program adviser and are interested in the position, please contact your commissioner.

BC Website: Links to program resources can be found at <http://www.bc-girlguides.org/web/> > Program > Program Resources

Unit Guider Resources include:

Girl Awards: Overview of Girl Awards; Lady Baden Powell and Canada Cord Resource and Tracking Booklets; Lady BP Certificate

Science Out of the Box (replaces Science in a Box) A variety of science categories including: applied science, computer science, earth science, environmental science and forensic science are included in this new resource. Most activities include a “What’s Happening” section to help you explain the science related to the activity.

Treasure Box: A resource that provides Guiders with a variety of simple, engaging activities that will help develop map-reading and compass skills. The CD Resources can be found in your area or district with the original Toolkits.

Arts To Go: Includes Drama, Crafts, Music, and Dance resources.

Electronic Record Sheets for all levels

Links to **Guiding Challenges** across Canada

Active Living includes: Active Living Resource handbook, Skipping Games, Active Living Toolboxes for all levels.

Environment includes: links to Shoreline Cleanup, Water For Tomorrow, Project Wet, Project Wild, Frog Watch BC, Geocache Your Watershed, and Environment Canada

Games and Activities includes: Getting to Know You Games, Rubber Chicken Games, and Recipe Book for Fun and Successful Meetings

Guiding Songs: includes: links to familiar Guiding songs with words and demos as well as a link to Arts to Go Music which contains music program connections, themed campfire plans and links to lyrics and music for many songs

STEM: includes a variety of supplemental science activities.

Lones

What is Lones?

Lones is a distance unit that makes it possible for all girls to have the opportunity despite challenges that they may face in considering a regular local unit. Examples of these challenges may include: distance, health, physical challenge, school workload, lack of time, transportation, or lives outside of Canada temporarily.

Where are BC Lones?

There are currently girls at most levels of Guiding and from all around BC who are registered in Lones.

How does Lones work?

Lones participate in the Guiding program via email, facebook or mail. Each Lone is assigned to a Unit and a Guider. It is her responsibility to correspond as regularly as she can with her Unit Guider.

The Guider works with the Lone to create a program plan that will empower her to complete the challenges and program work that she wishes to complete. The Guider may use a variety of mediums to encourage program completion which may include games, crafts, pictures, songs, setting personal challenges and goals, and taking part in service activities.

The Guider will communicate ideas with the girls and ask the girls to share their ideas and news with other girls and with the Province. This helps to keep the Lones involved and building their new friendships.

How do Lones find out about opportunities?

The Lone is encouraged to connect with a unit within

her area so that she can take advantage of District and Area opportunities as well as participate in cookie sales.

The Guider will keep the Lone aware of upcoming events and special activities. If the Lone is interested in participating, she and her Guider will work together to eliminate any obstacles.

Do Lones have the same privileges as other girls?

Lones have all the privileges that any other girl member of their age has. If the Lone can meet the criteria, she can apply for Provincial, National and International camps and events. She is also able to apply for the Guiding Bursaries and Scholarships when she is of age.

How do girls register in Lones?

All Lones are required to register through Province. You will need to complete and send in the following forms:

[Application](#) (A.5P)

[Health](#) (H.1)

[Image release](#) (IR.1)

Send these forms along with a cheque for \$105.00 to:
BC Lones – Registration
Girl Guides of Canada—BC Council
1476 West 8th Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6H 1E1

How do I become a Lones Guider?

If you are interested in working with Lones, you need to contact the Provincial Lones Coordinator at lones@bc-girlguides.org. You will be required to have a PRC, as well as have relevant training and experience including Safe Guide.

Past issues of FunFinder

The FunFinder is a Program Resource Newsletter that is sent to all BC Guiders, Transitioning members, and Rangers. Each edition is themed to assist you in preparing for your activities and completing program. The Funfinder is on the Provincial website at : <http://www.bc-girlguides.org/web/> > Program > FunFinder

April 2017 Ceremonies: There are many types of ceremonies including opening, closing, enrolment, advancement, badges and awards, grace, campfire, Reflections and Colours. Although this issue concentrates on advancement ideas, they can be used for just about any theme ceremony. You are limited only by your imagination

December 2016 Program in the Winter Wonderland: This issue focuses on taking program outdoors in the winter. Even though its getting cold outside, there are lots of things you can do in the cold and in the snow.

September 2016 Program Loves The Outdoors Even though our units meet all year, there is only so much time designated to program during regular meetings. You can incorporate fun and creative program activities into your camps and outdoor events. This issue will give you a variety of ideas to be used in the outdoors.

March 2016 Turning Discussions into Fun Activities While we realize that some of the “discussion” parts of the program are difficult to do, they are necessary to complete program. This issue addresses these “discussion” requirements in fun ways that often lead to animated discussion and always cover program.

October 2015 Words in Action This issue was developed to be used as a supplemental resource when doing the past National Service Project “Words in Action”. Understanding the importance of literacy in Canada and ways to promote it will never lose relevance, therefore although the challenge no longer exists, the resource still adds value to program work.

USING THEMES FOR PROGRAMMING is a three part issue with ideas using a variety of themes to carry out program. One idea in each edition is for younger girls and one is for older girls, but in all cases, program can be adapted so the theme suits a wide variety of ages.

May 2015 Part 3 This issue includes “The Princess in Me and “Superhero Boot Camp”. Both of these themes are built around self-esteem and personal development.

March 2015 Part 2 This issue includes “Owls” and “Harry Potter”

December 2014 Part 1 This issue includes “Guides in Wonderland” and “Myth Quest”

October 2014 Colour Me Healthy is all about healthy living. It concentrates on activities that teach about getting active, eating healthy and promoting self esteem. This issue is meant to give additional ideas that work with the Colour Me Healthy Challenge.

May 2014 Nature Nut A substantial part of the Guiding year should be spent outside, becoming familiar with the environment and learning about nature. This issue gives some ideas for how to do that.

January 2014 Operation Earth Action Issue. This issue has a variety of additional ways that girls can learn to take care of the world around them. Although this was originally based on the National Service Project “Operation Earth Action”, it is still very relevant.

October 2013 Enrolment Ideas Issue. Get all your enrolment questions answered in this issue of FunFinder. How do you plan an enrolment? What are some enrolment ideas for different levels? Are there any traditions? And so much more!

CHALLENGE INSTANT MEETINGS is a two part issue addressed ideas for many of the challenges that are / were available, both Nationally and Provincially

June 2013 Part 2 - Challenges included are: CSI Challenge, Nova Scotia SPCA Challenge; Diversity Challenge; STEM Engineering Challenge

April 2013 Part 1- Challenges included are: Active Living Challenge; Nedic: Love Yourself Challenge; Arts to Go Food Challenge and STEM Technology Challenge

December 2012 Hat Craft/Traders/SWAPS: What is a SWAP? A Swap is a “Special Watchamacalit Affectionately Pinned Somewhere” or “Something with a Pin”. This issue includes a variety of examples shared by Program Advisers around BC.

CELEBRATIONS: For a year, the FunFinder focused on traditional as well as obscure, fun and crazy celebrations. Whether you use them as individual meeting ideas, celebrate several in a district event or use them as a theme for a camp, the activities for these days will provide lots of fun for the girls.

October 2012 October to December: Celebrations include Mad Hatter Day, Frugal Fun Day, World Post Day, Internet Day, Day of the Dead, Children’s Day and Bathtub Party Day.

June 2012 July to September: Celebrations include: Chocolate Day, Teddy Bear Picnic Day, Strawberry Sundae Day, Thread the Needle Day, Swiss National Day, International Art Appreciation Day, National Potato Day, Better Breakfast Month, Mexican Independence Day, International Peace Day, Math Storytelling Day, Asian Harvest Festivals.

March 2012 April to June: Celebrations include April Fools Day, National Children’s Book Day, Look at the Sky Day, Jelly Bean Day, Richter Scale Day, Space Day, Mother’s Day, Lucky Penny Day, World Environment Day, Eat Your Vegetables Day, and Dragon Boat Festival

December 2011 January to March: Celebrations include National Bird Day, Chinese New Year, Groundhog Day, Valentines Day, National Tooth Fairy Day, Leap Year, and World Water Day.

Meet the BC Program Committee

Co-Program Advisers

Colleen McKenna

- ♦ Has been in Guiding for over 30 years, starting as a Brownie, and continuing through to receive the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award from Prince Philip with some Ranger friends.
- ♦ Has been a Guider in all Branches, currently doing Sparks and Brownies with her daughter as co-leader.
- ♦ Loves Guiding. Favorite aspects are the fellowship, crafts, camping and campfires.
- ♦ Outside interests are running, swimming, hiking and reading. Loves gardening but is the most hopeless gardener of all time.
- ♦ Employed as a Genetics Technologist and love talking science!

Susan Stephen

- ♦ Has been in Guiding for almost 40 years, first as a Brownie and Guide and then as an adult.
- ♦ Has been a Guider with all branches except Rangers, and held positions from District to National..
- ♦ Currently working as an Administrative Coordinator in a lower mainland transition home.
- ♦ Has been known to enjoy a Coffee Crawl, curling up in a chair and reading, spending an afternoon at a street festival and visiting new places
- ♦ Enjoys traveling, having spent time visiting Eastern USA, Mexico and Europe. Favorite countries are Greece and Italy. Next wish to visit: Turkey or Ireland.

Environmental Specialist: Van Chau

- ♦ High school Biology teacher and Science textbook author
- ♦ Hobbies: shopping, traveling, photography, trading GGC crests
- ♦ Loves the outdoors, hiking, camping, kayaking and snowshoeing
- ♦ Favorite places, Italy, France, Garibaldi Lake, Joffree Lake, West Coast Trail

Inclusivity / Diversity: Fiona Rogan

- ♦ Born in Scotland
- ♦ Married mom of 12 year old twin boys and a girl in her 3rd year of Guides
- ♦ Currently work as a Special Education Assistant in Burnaby School District and love my job!
- ♦ Passionate about inclusion and how it impacts our lives and the lives of others!

Lones Coordinator: Neena Olson

- ♦ Has 2 children (boy and girl), 4 grandchildren (girl in brownies and 3 boys in scouts)
- ♦ Started in Guiding at age 8. Family members including mom, sisters, nieces, daughter and new granddaughter with daughter-in law. All now have a total of 140 years of membership.
- ♦ Retired from being a paramedic for 28 years and first aid instructor for 25 years.
- ♦ Love traveling and meeting other Guiders and hearing stories of what they are doing, helping people do new tasks and learning. Visited our Cabana as a Ranger and aspire to visit the other three World Centres.

STEM Specialist: Christina Noel

- ♦ Has been a part of Girl Guides for over 20 years, and am currently a Brownie Leader in Vancouver (my goal is to make it to 60 years!).
- ♦ The highlight of her time in Guiding has been having the opportunities to visit two world centres: Pax Lodge and Our Chalet.
- ♦ By day she is an Environmental Engineer-in-Training, specializing in contaminated sites remediation.
- ♦ One of her favourite hobbies is building popsicle stick bridges. The strongest bridge I ever built held 2,350 lbs before collapsing!

Youth / Girl Program

Elizabeth Hardy

- ♦ Is in her final year of her elementary education degree.
- ♦ Started guiding in Sparks and has experienced all the levels as a girl and is very excited to be able to help with them as an adult member.
- ♦ Lives in Kelowna, but bounces between there and Victoria during the school year!

Carissa Konesky

- ♦ Ranger Guider from Burnaby who has been involved in Guiding for 16 years.
- ♦ Student at SFU studying Psychology and Women's Studies and want to work in non-profit.
- ♦ Likes volunteering, traveling and watching Netflix in her spare time.

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