

Girl Guides of Manitoba August 2011

Online registration is LIVE!

As the summer heat continues to burn down on us the excitement for on line registration has hit. Manitoba is live, go and check out the new Unit Finder on the National website: <http://www.girlguides.ca/join-us>

We already have had registrations; parents have been taking advantage of the fast, friendly and easy registration process. Guiders, please actively encourage everyone to register early. In Manitoba if you have a parent who requires a subsidy or time payment plan the parent must fill out the forms and submit them directly to the provincial office; 213-530 Century Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3H 0Y4. do not hold on to any paperwork as parents who register online get directly into the unit while paper registration wait until they are received at the office. Guiders will need to check their Unit Rosters on Member Zone. As well, don't forget that you will need to contact the parents to tell them news of your Unit, when you are starting your meetings and anything else you might think of.

Over the summer you have received information about online registration. Please check out the national website for FAQ's and more information <https://memberzone.girlguides.ca/Membership/OnlineRegistration/SitePages/Home.aspx> please do not hesitate to contact the provincial office or myself if you have any questions or concerns.

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Registration payments

Girl membership

The Manitoba girl registration fee for the 2011-2012 Guiding year is \$95.00, this fee does not include any additional costs associated with weekly meetings, special activities and outings and camp levies. This payment is to be made online through online registration, parents that require financial assistance or a subsidy are to fill out a paper registration form and send it along with a Financial assistance form to the provincial office.

Adult membership

The Manitoba adult registration fee for the 2011-2012 Guiding year is \$58.00, this payment is to given to your District/ Area Commissioner or Area office.

Girl Membership

Girls in Guiding do almost everything they want to do.

- Guiding is bold, fun and energetic and empowers girls to face challenges with confidence
- Guiding is a safe, all-girl environment that allows girls to express themselves, find their voice and meet new friends.
- Guiding girls the tools and resources they need to achieve greatness.

Guiding's contemporary programming offers a wide variety of age-appropriate program activities and challenges that are relevant to the needs and interest of today's girls and young women. Girls learn skills, engage in discovery, learn to connect with others, and take action to make the world a better place.

Sparks girls ages 5 and 6

In Sparks, girls are encouraged to try a bit of everything and begin discovering their individual skills and talents. Girls will make lots of new friends, start collecting badges and begin to learn all kinds of new skills in a safe and fun atmosphere.

Activities include:

- Discovering the community through outings places like a fire station, a farmer's market or a neighborhood landmark
- Exploring the arts by making masks or creating a dance
- Learning about bike safety
- Having fun preparing simple snacks
- Discovering the outdoors on a nature scavenger hunt
- Having sleepovers or going camping

Brownies girls ages 7 and 8

The hands-on Brownie program is all about encouraging girls to develop their own identity and positive relationship with others. Brownies gain confidence by learning skills that they can use in their daily lives and developing a commitment to their communities through service projects and special events. Programming covers everything from safety and healthy choices, science, technology and the arts, eco-awareness and camping.

Activities include:

- Learning about healthy friendships
- Community service projects
- Celebrating different cultures
- Finding out how to use basic tools, like screwdrivers and hammers
- Visiting an artist's studio
- Planting an edible garden
- Organizing an eco-project
- Outdoor walks and nature activities

Guides girls ages 9 to 11

In Guides, girls start developing leadership abilities by making decisions about Unit activities, learning to organize events and teaching each other new skills. The Guide program includes activities that deal with cyber-safety, anti-bullying, self-esteem, health and fitness and environmental sustainability. Guides also have opportunities to take a stand on issues important to them and to make the world a better place through community service projects such tree planting and volunteering at local food banks - while still having tons of fun.

Activities include:

- Helping at a local food bank
- Starting a book club
- Planning a tree planting project
- Learning about online safety
- Working on our anti-bullying challenge
- Planning a spa night
- Camping under the stars
- Creating a digital photo gallery

Girl Membership

Pathfinders girls ages 12 to 14

The Pathfinder program allows girls to take the lead and become active in causes they believe in. Girls can apply for international trips, particularly to the Guiding World Centers in Mexico, England, Switzerland and India and lead activities for younger girls. Pathfinders also organize events and outings and are encouraged to explore new interests in diverse areas such as photography and web design, fashion and interior design, engineering, community safety, technology and more

Activities include:

- Learning about healthy relationships and building self-esteem
- Creating decorating ideas for your personal space
- Having discussions about body image and the media
- Taking an international trip
- Holding a multi-cultural fashion show
- Leading activities for younger girls in Guiding

Rangers for young women ages 15 to 17+

The Ranger program addresses the challenges of today's young women and promotes leadership and community involvement through a flexible program that allows teens to create their own unique Guiding experience. Young women begin to explore career options and learn business skills in budgeting and finance. Rangers are also involved in active leadership opportunities like global development projects, can apply for Girl Guides of Canada scholarships and can volunteer as Junior Leaders.

Activities include:

- Explore career options and learn how to write a great resume
- Learn about budgeting for living away from home
- Have discussions about body image and the media
- Plan an overnight canoe trip
- Organize a community service project
- Volunteer as a Junior Leader with younger girls
- Apply for Girl Guides of Canada scholarships
- Participate in global development projects
- Develop real skills you can use in school or at work

Unable to attend regular meetings?

Lones is an option for girls who are unable to attend regular meetings due to distance, health, studies or physical challenges. Lones carry out the program of their branch by correspondence.

Looking for something extraordinary?

Extraordinary Options is a program choice for girls aged 12—17 who want to explore Guiding through outdoor adventures or specialized programs in leadership through sports and the arts.

For more information on any of the Branches please call your provincial office or check out the Manitoba or national website:

www.girlguides.mb.ca

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To register for any of the Branches listed above please visit the national online registration site:

www.girlguides.ca/join-us

We welcome girls of all ages to join us at anytime!