

# Girl Guides of Manitoba December 2011

## Santa Parade

### Manitoba Girl Guides Welcome Santa to Winnipeg!!

Saturday, November 12, 2011 was the date for the 102nd Annual Winnipeg Santa Claus Parade and Manitoba Girl Guides were out in full force to wish everyone a Happy Holiday season. Donned with blinking stars, glow sticks, reindeer antlers, elf ears and campfire blankets galore girls from Sparks to Rangers and their Guiders enjoyed riding on the float or handing out stickers, bookmarks and pencils to the large crowds gathered to watch the parade.

The 382nd Rangers would like to thank CAA for donating the tow truck to help pull our float and all the Guiding members that came out to participate in the parade; we hope you all had fun. We also wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season!

Girl Guides of Canada - Manitoba Council  
Bison Bits December 2011



# Way to Go!

# *Congratulations!*

It's time to think about spring and awards in Guiding.

Anytime is time to recognize and thank Guiders for their dedication and hard work, but if you want to make the presentation in the spring, the time is now, to fill out the application and gather supporting letters. It's not hard and anyone can nominate a Guider, download the forms and ask other Guiders for the letters of Support.

### **Let's get started!**

If you need assistance please contact the provincial office.

### **2011 Awards Deadlines**

- January 10, 2011 for awards needing National approval (Beaver and Honorary Life).
- February 21, 2011 for awards needing Provincial approval.

### **THESE ARE FIRM DEADLINES.**

Area specific awards, New Unit Guider appreciation pins and Unit Guider Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards are approved at the Area level NOT Provincial.

For more information on Provincial and National Adult Member Awards, click on the link <http://forms.girlguides.ca/SitePages/Home.aspx>

### **Manitoba Ranger Award**

2011 Award Deadline: February 21, 2011

A nomination recognizes a Ranger who gives extra effort in the performance of her duties as a Ranger Member and contributes to Guiding in her Unit, District or Area. This Award will be presented at the Youth Awards Ceremony, Saturday April 21, 2011.

# You deserve it!

# We Day

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## WE Can Make a Difference

Community Service has always been a big part of Guiding and the 382nd Rangers know when we put our minds to it we can make a difference. The Rangers have worked over the years to teach this to younger units, so when the opportunity to volunteer at a large youth event that would be enabling youth to become involved in service projects, not only on a community level but also a global level, they jumped at the chance.

The 1st Annual We Day was held at the MTS Centre in Winnipeg on Wednesday, November 23, 2011 and saw over 16,000 students and educators from across Manitoba, Northwestern Ontario and even Saskatchewan in attendance. We Day is a day organized by Free the Children and Me to We organizations that work with schools and youth organizations to celebrate the power of young people to change the world. We Day kicks off a year of youth-led, world-changing initiatives. Powerful speeches were heard by the founders of Free the Children, Craig and Marc Kielburger, as well as Spencer West, Rick Hansen, Mia Farrow, Al Gore and many more, Musical performances by Shawn Desman, Down with Webster, Sierra Nobel and Hedley rocked the house.

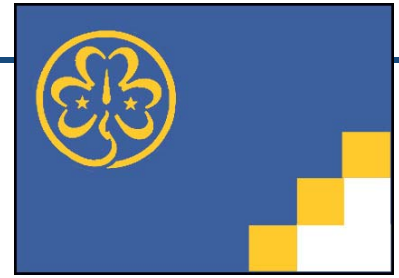
The Rangers volunteered as Crowd Pumpers (getting the youth excited and engaged in the program), Transportation (helping shuttle them from their buses to the appropriate entrances) and Youth Registration (helping to ensure everyone registered received their wristbands and memorabilia) as well as filling in where ever needed throughout the day and experienced something they will never forget. Karyn, a 2nd year Ranger, said the best part was when they were talking about how you don't have to do something big to change the world. Karyn is going to continue to raise money for local charities to be a part of the change.

Emily, another 2nd year Ranger, says that she is going to help out with clubs at school that help people overseas as well as trying to make a difference in what she does every day with helping others.

With big smiles bright and early in the morning, 382nd Rangers (Karyn, Emily, Hayley and Lauren) along with Guider Krista and our Provincial Commissioner, Debra Halligan, get ready to open the doors to 16,000 students and an amazing day!



# Traditions



## Guides Own

A Guides' Own is a very special type of ceremony. It can be used at a camp or other event as a time for personal reflection, as well as a time to give thanks for all our blessings. A Guides' Own is NOT a replacement for a church service or other religious ceremony. Guides' Owns can be used with girls of any age. This ceremony can be planned by girls and/or Guiders.



## Colours

The colour party should consist of one flag-bearer, and 2 guards. The flag bearer should call the commands, and the flag should be carried in the correct, folded condition, over her two outstretched arms.



## Horseshoe

The Horseshoe Formation is the traditional way to start a Girl Guide meeting. It is used by a Unit to make it easy for everyone to see and hear what is going on. It is used for Enrolment for raising and lowering the flag at camp, and for special presentations. Since girls are standing, it is usually a brief ceremony. The opening of the horseshoe is at the front of the hall. The guiders stand at the opening and there is a Patrol Leader at the front of each arm of the horseshoe. Her Patrol stands beside her with the Patrol Second at the other end of the Patrol.



## Salute

The Three fingers of the right hand are raised as we each make/repeat our Promise. In Canada, at any Guiding function the right hand raised in the air means all should be quiet, still, and listen to what is being announced.

## Handshake

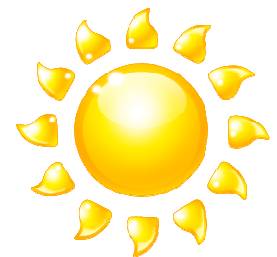
This special handshake is used by Members of the World Association as a greeting. The left hand is the closest to the heart and so signifies friendship and trust.

## Ceremonies

Ceremonies are made up by Guiders and girls to make an occasion memorable. It could be an enrolment, advancement, opening, closing, Thinking Day or many others.

## Campfires

Enjoy being part of the planning if possible, but in particular enjoy the atmosphere of the campfire or sing-along.



## Taps

Day is done  
Gone the sun  
From the lake  
From the hills  
From the sky  
All is well  
Safely rest  
God is nigh



## Taps

Thanks and praise  
For our days  
'Neath the sun  
'Neath the stars  
'Neath the sky  
As we go  
This we know  
God is nigh

## Flag Raising

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The Canadian flag is usually raised soon after sunrise and lowered just before sunset. The timing will depend on your schedule and the daylight hours where you live. A flag that is made for hoisting on a pole has a toggle at the top and a short rope at the bottom.

When two flags are being flown, the Canadian flag should be on the left facing you. If three are being flown the Canadian flag should be in the middle. When raising more than one flag, they should be hoisted and lowered at the same time. If this is not possible the Canadian flag should be raised first and lowered last.

The flag raising ceremony traditionally takes place with Members gathered in a horseshoe formation facing the flag pole. A colour party consisting of a flag bearer and two escorts look after the raising of the flag. The flag bearer carries the folded flag flat on her open palms. Depending on space the escorts will be on either side of her, or the party will be in a single file with the escorts in front and behind the flag bearer. Generally, for a smooth running ceremony, have the colour party practice their moves and commands, and tying the flag to the flag pole before the ceremony. Ask someone who is sure of their knots to be nearby in case they need help.

When the leader of the ceremony says 'Colour party fall out', the color party falls out from their place in the horseshoe by taking one step forward and two back.

The flag party marches to the flag pole on the flag bearer's commands as follows:

'Colour party fall in' - they all move into position

'Colour party, march forward' - they march to the flag pole (if needed, the bearer can use commands of 'right wheel' and 'left turn')

'Colour party halt!' - they stop within comfortable reach of the pole and start to attach the flag.



## Provincial office Holiday Hours

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Please take note of the office hours for the provincial office over the 2011 holiday season.

The office will be closed at 4:00 on December 23, 2011 and will be reopening on January 3, 2012. E-mails and voice-mails will not be checked during this time. If you are planning an event requiring Safe Guide authorization for early January you are encouraged to get your forms in early so that they can be processed.



# Happy Holidays from Manitoba Council!

## International

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### Manitoba International is again going to Pay it Forward

Are you interested in traveling internationally but always wondered where to start? Manitoba Council wants to see more groups traveling independently and we are looking for a Guider who would like to take the dream to the next level.

- Would you like to travel and take your community service experience to another level by doing service in Ecuador?
- Would you like to travel with a group of teens who are interested in making a difference in other people's lives?
- Would you like to learn how to be an Independent Group leader?
- Would you then be a mentor for other interested Guiders?

If you can answer 'Yes' to all of the above, then do we have an opportunity for you!

Manitoba Council is organizing an Independent Trip for eight 14 – 17 year olds to Ecuador to work with Me to We, an organization that helps build schools and educate the local community, in July/August 2013. Exact dates will be set by the Guiders leading the trip and the Me to We organization.

We need one leader who wishes to be mentored through the Independent Trip process. The Guider chosen will be involved in all aspects of the trip planning, paperwork submission, participant screening, travel preparation, execution and wrap-up.

What's the catch? You will be expected to take your new knowledge and mentor the next Manitoba Adventure and continue to hone your travel skills with your own group.

Still interested? See the website for more information and be quick! The deadline for applications is January 10th. If you do not have access to the internet, information is available through the Provincial Office.



## International

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### Pay It Forward Community Service in Ecuador

If you are interested in this adventure. Please answer the following questions as completely as possible, use a separate sheet of paper if necessary. Take as much space as you need to get your point across. Please submit your completed responses to the Provincial Office – **Attn: Pay It Forward** by January 10, 2012. email to [mtheissen@girlguides.mb.ca](mailto:mtheissen@girlguides.mb.ca) please title Pay It Forward in the subject line or snail mail to 213-530 Century Street Winnipeg, Manitoba R3H 0Y4

1. What travel experience have you had inside and outside of Guiding?
2. What is it about this trip that interests you?
3. Why do you think you would be an asset on this trip?
4. Why do you want to be a leader with this trip?
5. How do you expect to use the knowledge gained from this trip?
6. What experience have you had working with girls aged 14 – 17?
7. What community service experience do you have that would benefit this trip?
8. What experience do you have working with culturally diverse people or people who do not speak English as their first language?
9. How will you prepare yourself and the girls to travel to such a culturally diverse location?
10. This trip includes a physically demanding requirements, such as building a school. How do you feel you are capable of the physical requirements?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Area: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

## January Training Day

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January 21, 2012  
Maranatha Church  
910 Sturgeon Road  
Winnipeg Manitoba  
9:00am to 4:30pm

Have you sent in your registration form yet?

Space is limited—Spots are filling up fast!

Deadline for registration is December 31, 2011

**THIS IS A FIRM DEADLINE!**

The office will be closed for the holidays from December 23, 2011 to January 3, 2012 any emails dated after December 31, 2011 will not be accepted, registrations that are mailed in will not be accepted with a January post mark. All registrations received **MUST** have the payment accompanied with it.

To download the booklet and registration form visit the Manitoba website events page.

<http://girlguides.mb.ca/Events.aspx>

**JANUARY TRAINING  
DAY**