

Girl Guides of Manitoba March 2011

CONGRATULATIONS !

Elaine has had her baby!!!

Georgia Megan Foltz was born on February 22, 2011 at 1:23 am weighing in at 6 lbs 1 oz

Baby, mommy and daddy are doing great!



2011 Provincial Convention

Have you registered for the convention yet?

At the Convention you will have a chance to meet new and old Guiding friends, attend interesting and informative Guiding workshops, celebrate the accomplishments of your fellow Guiders and of course have some fun! We hope to see you all there!

Click on the link and it will take you to the website <http://girlguides.mb.ca/Home.aspx>

Earth Hour 2011

On March 26, let your support for clean energy shine

World Wildlife Federation is calling on Canadians to think about how we use and produce energy. To create the best possible future for Canadians and for the planet, let's stop wasting energy and generate what we need from clean, renewable sources like wind and solar. Canada can be a world leader in clean energy. But the longer we wait, the more it will cost—both in dollars and environmental impact.

This year, WWF is calling on Canadians to join millions worldwide and turn out their lights for WWF's Earth Hour on Saturday, March 26 at 8:30 pm. Together we can show our support for action on climate change.

Check out the website for more information <http://wwf.ca/earthhour/>

Girl Guides Take To The Streets!

Are you starting to plan what you and your Unit are going to do for the first ever Girl Guides' "Take To The Streets"!

April 18-24, 2011 During the week we are asking all units to "Take To The Streets" and participate in:

- Storm Drain Painting
- Litter Control Cleanup
- Beautifying a green space or park

SWAPS

I am a Brownie leader outside of Washington DC in the United States. I have 18 girls in my troop who are interested in swapping with a Brownie troop in Winnipeg (my daughter and I are from Winnipeg). My girls recently made 's'mores' swaps, and would love to swap with a Unit in Winnipeg. Are there any Units who might be interested?

Thanks
Courtney McDonald
Brownie Troop 4641
courtmcdonald@comcast.net

Please contact Courtney directly if you are interested.

SWAPS

I am a Guider in Ontario currently volunteering in three Units (Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders). Our Units attended Rally Day in May 2010, and our girls had so much fun swapping hat crafts with girls from other Units across Ontario that we decided to hold "swap meets" throughout the year. So far we have completed two successful swap meets (one in December 2010 and the second this February). We would like to expand our swap meets to include Units from all across Canada.

The next Swap Meet is planned for March 31, 2011.

524th Toronto Brownies
524th Toronto Guides
143rd Toronto Pathfinders

What are SWAPS???

SWAPS can be:

- Special Whatamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere
- Share With A Pal
- Sharing With A Purpose

Whatever meaning you choose...it's all about sharing with other sisters of Girl Guides.

Swaps are small crafts that girls (and leaders) wear on their camp hats. Most SWAPS will have the person's name, unit name and/or date when and where the SWAP was made. Some swaps have a theme, Christmas, Valentines, camping, rallies...or are just general items that can be attached to a pin to your hat. Sometimes, Swaps can be badges or crests.

HOW TO MAKE A SWAP:

Find a really neat looking craft and make a lot of them if you like...attach your unit name and if you wish. You can make a lot of one kind, or several different types. If you want that person to write you, you need to attach contact info, like an address or email address. Remember that some girls who receive the craft you send might be Sparks or Brownies, so an email address might not work for everyone!

Some SWAPS are in tiny plastic bags, others are a simple craft. Some ideas are:

- Frying pan with eggs and bacon – bottle cap and bobby pin painted black, foam or beads for eggs, yarn for bacon
- Mini bedroll – felt cut in the shape of a sleeping bag, rolled up, tied and covered in a small piece of plastic
- Melted Snowman – fake snow, snowman hat, plastic carrot, bead for eyes, in a tiny plastic bag.

WHAT IS A SWAP MEET AND WHAT ARE THE SWAP MEET DATES:

A SWAP MEET is where your swaps will meet other swaps and you receive different swaps back.

To avoid a lot of mailing, we will hold four “Swap Meets” throughout the Guiding year (September – May). To ensure that you receive swaps back, please ensure you’re your swaps reach us by the due date for each meet you plan to participate in. The dates of the Swap Meets and due dates are as follows:

Swap Meet Dates	Possible Themes	Due Date
• Swap Meet #1		Past
• Swap Meet #2		Past
• Swap Meet #3 March 31/11	Spring	Thursday March 24, 2011
• Swap Meet #4 Monday May 2/11	End of year/Advancement	Monday April 25 for May 2, 2011

HOW TO GET INTO THE SWAP MEET:

Have your unit make hat crafts. You should submit one craft from each member of your unit, leaders included. As well, please submit 5 extra swaps to be put into the Swap Slush Pool. Swaps in the pool will be used to fill orders for larger units.

Fill out the SWAP MEET FORM (below)

Package up your swaps; enclose the SWAP MEET FORM along with a \$10.00 prepaid, self-addressed bubble envelope (available at all Canada Post outlets). For units outside Canada, please provide us with \$10.00 cash to send back your swaps. You will get any change and a receipt for your records mailed separately from your swaps. Send your SWAP to:

GG SWAP MEET
c/o Karen Pennington
190 Rexleigh Drive, Unit B10
Toronto, ON M4B 2N5

Ensure your package is shipped with enough time for it to be received within one week of the SWAP MEET dates, as listed above.

You do not have to participate in each SWAP MEET. Only units who submit swaps by the due dates will receive swaps back. So, you can choose to participate in Swap Meet #2, and get swaps back only from that swap meet.

For every swap you submit, you will receive a swap back, (not including the 5 extra swaps). So, if you submit 25 swaps, you will receive 25 swaps.

SWAP MEET FORM

Please fill this out for each swap meet your unit wishes to participate in.

SWAP MEET #1 #2 #3 #4 Circle the SWAP meet you are participating in
Are you swapping crafts or crests Circle one please

UNIT # AND NAME _____
(i.e. 524th Toronto Brownies – please include the city/town)

CONTACT GUIDER INFO

NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # (in case we need to contact you) _____

EMAIL: _____

(so we can confirm receipt of your swaps, and let you know when yours are being shipped)

SHIPPING ADDRESS: (if different than above)

Do you prefer (circle one) a variety of different swaps or swaps all the same

How many members are in your unit? _____

How many swaps are you submitting? _____

Have you remembered the following:

- To include your unit #, name and date on each swap?
- To include the girls' first name on each swap?
(if you wish to become pen pals)
- To enclose your \$10.00 prepaid, self addressed bubble envelope?

Submit this form with your swaps to:

GG SWAP MEET
c/o Diane Bowie/Karen Pennington
11 Vicross Road
Toronto, ON M4B 3K7