



Girl Guides of Manitoba April 2010

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Volunteer of the Month

Congratulations to the volunteer of the month for April:

Shawna Armstrong, Lagimodiere Area

Cookie Boxes

To all you recyclers! We need many cookie boxes for a special PR/Cookie Project! Once you have enjoyed your delicious sandwich cookies in their new 100th anniversary box please flatten and send them to the provincial office at 213—530 Century Street, Winnipeg MB, R3H 0Y4.

Thanks!
Michelle Barclay
Provincial Cookie Adviser

Changes at the Provincial Office

Stephanie Dion is no longer an employee of Girl Guides of Canada. We wish her all the best of luck in her future endeavors.

The following changes have been implemented regarding where to send items to the provincial office—please ensure you have noted these changes, especially when dealing with time sensitive matters. Getting things to the correct person the first time means that no time is wasted waiting for forwarding.

If you have questions about the Safe Guide Assessment process, provincial events, membership initiatives/events, Kids Helping Kids challenges, and any other special events or activities, please contact Monika at mtheissen@girlguides.mb.ca or at (204) 774-4475, extension 2.

If you have questions about BackCheck and BackCheck Online, PRC renewal process, adult member screening and any other administration or operations questions please contact Elaine at ecullingham@girlguides.mb.ca, or at (204) 774-4475, extension 1.

If you have questions about cheques, expense forms, donations and receipts, or anything else financial, please contact Jill at jsavegh@girlguides.mb.ca, or at (204) 774-4475, extension 4.

Any general inquiries not fitting into these categories can be sent to info@girlguides.mb.ca or a voicemail can be left at (204) 774-4475, extension 3.

In addition, the provincial office hours have changed effective March 22, 2010. The new hours for the provincial office will be Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The locked drop box at the back door is still available for after hours drop offs.

Cookie Allstars Updates

Don't forget the deadline to order prizes for Cookie Allstars is April 29, 2010.

There **will not** be any extensions given so please make sure you enter the information about cases sold into the website on time.

Cookie Selling on the Internet—IMPORTANT REMINDER

An important reminder for all cookie campaigns from the National Cookie Manual:

Selling cookies on the Internet

Online auction sites, such as e-Bay, and personal websites have made it increasingly easy to purchase goods through the Internet. Over the last few years, GGC has received many complaints from Members and consumers about Girl Guide cookies being sold on the Internet.

Examples include:

- Cookies being sold by adults on e-Bay.com and other auction sites
- Girls setting up websites complete with photographs and other personal identifying information
- Non-Members selling cookies on the Internet

Due to the nature of the Internet, there is no way to control who sees the website for cookie sales and who can contact the girl. Since girls do not have a secure means of contacting strangers and exchanging funds over the Internet, GGC considers this kind of activity to be a significant safety risk to the girls.

GGC is committed to ensuring the safety and security of its girl and adult Members in all Guiding-related activities. Therefore, GGC has adopted the following online sales guidelines:

Girl Guide cookies may not be sold on the Internet by anyone at anytime (sales on the Internet include, but are not limited to online auctions, broadcast e-mail messages and/or posting on any websites, including GGC or unit websites).

Guiders can use e-mail to let family and friends know they are selling cookies.

Women's Health Clinic Pap Day

On Friday, April 9th the Women's Health Clinic (WHC) is holding its first Pap Day at their satellite location in Portage Place for women with disabilities who have mobility problems and who would otherwise have difficulty having a pap test or just not get one at all.

The WHC has gone out of their way to organize this event and to make it as 'user-friendly' as possible. They have an examination table that moves up and down for easy access, as well as a hooyer lift. A trained attendant will be on hand to assist patients with dressing, undressing, getting on and off the table, etc., and each appointment is 45 minutes.

Are you a woman with a mobility challenge who needs a Pap test or do you know someone who does? If you interested in participating, please call Tanya at 947-2422 ext. 213 for more information.

Police Partnership Badge Series

The RCMP are hoping to have a Girl Guide group complete the Seniors Safety series where the badges would be presented at the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) event held on June 15th (location in Winnipeg yet to be determined). In previous years, the WEAAD has been featured on local TV news. This is not only an excellent opportunity to bring attention to elder abuse awareness but also to Girl Guides of Canada and the strong intergenerational component of both programs.

Please visit the provincial website under News for a registration form (<http://girlguides.mb.ca/Home.aspx#news1>)

You're My Hero

Help write the best book ever about Guiding! Girl Guides of Canada is looking for Members, from Sparks to Trefoil and alumnae, to help write the book, *You're My Hero Girl Guides of Canada*.

All Members are invited to write a story about their personal hero – an individual who has inspired you, challenged you or made you feel like you can do anything, and then have that story published in the book! (Sparks and Brownies can submit a drawing if they prefer). Your hero can be a friend, a relative, another Girl Guide Member, or anyone whose actions make a big difference.

Your inspiring stories will show the world the amazing spirit of Guiding and all that Guiding makes possible. Every story submitted will have the opportunity to be part of the book, and, as a bonus, the first 5,000 entries will have their name and their hero's name printed in a special Honour Roll section as well.

Guiders, we need you to encourage girls in every branch to submit their stories/drawings. **But hurry, the submission deadline is April 16.** Visit <http://www.ymhggc.com/> for more information.

Provincial Treasurer Volunteer Opportunity

Carol Hodgson will be completing her term as provincial treasurer at the end of the Guiding year—a big thanks to Carol for all her help in the past two years!

We are now looking for a new provincial treasurer to work with Manitoba Council and the Executive Committee. If you are interested in this position, please see the provincial website for more information (<http://girlguides.mb.ca/Home.aspx#news1>)