

Postings from the PC..... NS Council

Hello and welcome to the September installment of
Postings from the PC.



School has started, the air is crisp, and there's a renewed energy all around – it's September and that means Guiding is getting back into gear!

I hope your summer was filled with fun times, and maybe occasional restful ones as well. I hope you were able to take a break from Guiding and recharge your batteries with family and friends and that you are now looking forward to seeing your "girls" and meeting your new members too. I know I am!



Speaking of the summer, Spark Brownie Camp, Summer Kwahee and the Provincial Keji Tri Ventures took place and offered girls camping experiences as well as wilderness camping with biking, hiking and canoeing. I know there were also a few units that also camped and did day adventures this summer, there will be many more starting this fall too.

NS was very fortunate to have several girls and Guiders chosen for Nationally Sponsored Trips. Emma Little, Chantal Monty and Rebecca Hopkins were selected for Mexico. Abigail Harper and Laura Foran are off the Australia. Switzerland travellers are Kathleen Dolan, Sophie Keddy, Naomi Hammond and Grace Hall. Adult members were also selected, Lashauna Smith for Australia trip and Jennifer Wills for the British Columbia trip.

Recognizing the importance of international travel and the benefits gained by our members, we are pleased to be able to support a patrol, made up of girls from across our province, to explore London and Pax Lodge in 2019, congratulations to all selected- an amazing experience awaits them for sure.

Maplewood/Colchester Rangers travelled to Switzerland and enjoyed all that Our Chalet offered. Guider, Brenda Harvey presented Viraji Rupasinghe, Laura Murphy and Madison Harpell with their Chief Commissioner's Gold Award atop the mountain!



Our NS Youth Forum is flourishing with new members. Joining Jessica Dean (Bedford), Madison George (Yarmouth), Emma Little (Dayton), and Amber Thornton (Bedford), are Maya Kosick (Port Morien), Shelby Parr (Windsor), and Julia Wright (Halifax). We are very fortunate to have these young ladies working with Gabrielle Grant – Elected Member Youth, to bring their voice forward.



We are very proud to have our Youth Members recognized for their amazing work. Keona Simmons (Preston) was a member of the NS Youth Forum and along with Sophie Bezanson (New Minus) have been accepted as members of the National Youth Forum – well done, ladies.

The Guide Post that was delivered to your email on Sept 6th has lots of information on Girls First, an update on the National Service Project, Travel Opportunities, Cookies and more, don't forget to check that out!

And speaking of *Girls First*.....

There has been lots of buzz around the new program, trainings have taken place and leaders are embracing our new future - that is very exciting!

To help with the program, National is providing the Girl First Programming Cards to each unit. These will be distributed towards the end of the month so watch for yours. And you know – there's a patch for that!!



As you start to integrate Girls First into the meetings, a Girls First Patch will be sent to the unit. Once you have started the program and have ordered your program badges, via the On Line Store, you can request your GF Patches (free of charge) from our Provincial office. The GF Patches Order Form is available at www.girlguides.ns.ca News and Articles Section.

Volunteers Needed!



As you know Guiding offers wonderful opportunities to girls and Guider across our province- but we can't do it with out you. There are several volunteer opportunities available for passionate Guiders to come on board and join teams to help plan events, mentor Guiders, and experience more of what Guiding has to offer. Here are some highlights of our needs:

Provincial Guider Conference: Our Conference happens every 2 years and is organized by a team of guiders from across the province, and we need your help. This is a true TEAM and everyone works together to make this event successful. If you would like to help out – either for big or little contributions, we want to hear from you.

Camping and International are program areas that directly impact girl experiences. Both our Camping Adviser and International Adviser roles need a volunteer to help promote and coordinate communications and events for our girls and Guiders.

Public Relations is also looking for an Adviser who can help generate ideas on how we can better promote Guiding in NS and communicate with our members. Working with the Social Media Team and Area PR Advisers she would have support from Member Services to get the good word of Guiding out there.

More information is available at [Committee Responsibilities](#) or by contacting [Guiding NS](#).

No matter what your contribution to Guiding is, we appreciate your time and energy!

Thank you, Lorena

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