

## Postings from the PC..... NS Council



Welcome Back! I hope the summer was good to you and your family and you had a chance to kick back and rejuvenate your soul and Guiding Spirit!



The hard work and planning for camping and travel for this summer became a reality for so many of our members.

Spark Brownie Camp was held in June with 38 girls attending and Kwahee was held in July with 36 attending. Thank you to the volunteers who made this happen for the girls.

Did you know.... 139 Girls and leaders hit the roads & skies this summer!

The Provincially sponsored International trip saw 8 girls and 2 leaders spend 8 days in London where they stayed at Pax Lodge, completed the Journey through London Program, engaged in service projects, made new friends and did some sightseeing.



There were 129 girls and Guiders travelling on Nationally sponsored and Provincial Independent trips:



- 3 girls and Guiders made Newfoundland their destination on a Nationally sponsored trip.



- 20 Colby Pathfinders, Rangers & leaders headed off to a trip of dreams to Iceland, Switzerland and Austria.



- 10 Halifax South Pathfinders, Rangers & leaders had their eyes on a visit to Our Chalet and France, with a stop at Canada House in Lyon, France.



- 14 Hammonds Plains Pathfinders, Rangers & leaders also headed to a World Center, Sangam, with trips to Thailand and India.



- 19 Tri County Pathfinders, Rangers & leaders found their way to London, Paris and Switzerland for a visit to Our Chalet.





- 8 South Shore girls & leaders spent their trip time at DAWN in Newfoundland where 10 Guiders were part of the Core Crew for the camp.



- 13 Guides & Pathfinders from Hants visited Quebec.

And....

- 13 St Margaret's Bay Guides & leaders visited New Brunswick.
- 17 St Margaret's Bay Guides & leaders travelled to Alberta where they took in the Calgary Stampede.

All the fundraising and hard work paid off for these girls. Thank you to the Guiders who did an amazing job supporting the girls in their dreams so they could expand their horizons and challenge themselves with opportunities to learn and develop new skills.





## Welcome to the Council Team!

I am very pleased to welcome Lisa Pretty: Member- Property Mgmt ([ns-member1@girlguides.ca](mailto:ns-member1@girlguides.ca)) to Provincial Council.

Please join me in welcoming Lisa to her new role.

## WOW the Girl !

Your Girl Engagement Team has been busy working with their provincial peers and National reviewing all the Provincial Challenges to align with Girls 1<sup>st</sup> Program, result – as you complete a Challenge, the girls can earn credit towards their program, win- win!! More information on NS Challenges can be found at: [NS Challenges](#)

## Guide Post

Last Thursday, you would have received Guide Post- there is lots of information in this communication from National- please take note of Guider Learning Path Training, Brand Resources, National Service Projects, Cookie info and so much more.



## Nationally Sponsored Trips

The 2020 Nationally Sponsored trips were also announced, in Guide Post. We are very excited to be featured as a destination for one of the Domestic Trips next year!

NS is excited to pilot the new Girl Assistant Placement Tool, a website-based tool, where the girl takes control and “drives” her way to connect with a unit where she can volunteer. Support documents for Guiders and girls will be available as the project is rolled out.

## NS Clothing – NEW!!

We are pleased to announce that we launched a NS specific clothing items. We are starting off with just a few items and will add to the program as demand increases. Please note: to keep costs of the items as low as possible, we must meet minimum quantities so orders may take 4-6 weeks for delivery.

Check out the full line and order process at: [NS Clothing](#)





## Around the Province: Summer 2019

Lots of fun and exciting Guiding things happened over the summer – here’s a glimpse:

**Ceilidh:** 75+ girls and Guiders spent 3 days in Halifax where they experienced University residence life, attended the Tattoo, Harbour Hopper, and toured Halifax & Dartmouth.



**Dartmouth Shore**  
Girl Guides rocked the  
Natal Day Parade.



### Member Shout Out!

This is a new section to PC Postings. We know there are members out there quietly doing their thing and we are proud of their accomplishments, so we want to Shout It Out!

Meet Maya Kosick: Maya is a 17-year old student at Riverview High School. An avid volunteer, she is a leader in her community and a proud member of the Girl Guides of Canada

To read the full article -> [Maya Kosick of Port Morien devoted to guiding others](#)

Way to go Maya! If you know of a member, who you feel deserves a Shout Out, let us know and we will randomly pick one and feature them each month.

### So – what’s next!!

Unit Guiding, camping, outdoor events, Conference and so much more is coming your way- this is an exciting time with girls and adults returning to units, moving up a Branch or a new girl or woman joining, let the fun begin!!

September sees units start, it brings the Trefoil Guilds together for their Camp, the District and Area Commissioners gather for a day of training, Provincial Council meets, and the month ends off with Quest Camp, an outdoor experience camp for Pathfinders and Rangers. If you haven't already done so, please consider registering your Pathfinders for Quest or maybe coordinate a Project for the girls to participate in. Deadline to register is fast approaching so check it out-> [Quest](#)

October sees the units in full swing, with lots of camps planned.

November will have 200+ Guiders and Rangers come together for the Provincial Guider's Conference being held at Aldershot in the valley. If you haven't registered for this event, please do – you won't want to miss out on the sessions and fun. More information can be found at [2019 Conference](#).

While some feel that Jan 1<sup>st</sup> is the time to start fresh with resolutions, I always find Sept 1<sup>st</sup> provides another opportunity to make some Guiding resolutions and I hope you will join me and make some resolutions as well. My hope is that every girl who wants to belong to Guiding can, so what do I / we need to do to make that happen?

### **Membership Matters!**

Did you know that while NS is a small province (geographically and demographically) we have the 4<sup>th</sup> largest membership in Canada? NS does great things and it shows!

Over the past 5 years, NS girl membership typically runs between 4,700- 4,730. 2017 girl membership was 4,718 and 2018's was 4,561 which represented a decrease of 3% or 157 girls, and unfortunately it looks like we are on track for another decrease this year.

Last year Girls 1<sup>st</sup> was launched and, based on year end reviews, the girls love it! Guiders may still be working out a few kinks, but for the most part there is favorable reviews as well. The new uniform provides a lower cost option that girls can continue to wear when they leave one Branch and go to another, camping and travel continue to be a strong part of our program. We have passionate and dedicated women, like you, who mentor and empower the girls so how can we make Guiding a viable option for more girls and women?

We know there are more and more options for girls and women today, so I have to ask, what's going on and why aren't the girls coming our way? Why is Guiding not on the top of the list for them?

My focus will always be The Girl, after all, where would we be with out them, but we need your help.

Over the next couple of months, you will be asked for your input via a series of short survey's. PLEASE take a few minutes and respond- we can't address concerns unless we get your feedback – your voice is critical to our success.



## ***Join the Team!***

While we have had some great women step up to join the team, we are still looking to fill the following roles:

**Member Services Coordinator** – provides assistance and support to the Membership, Public Relations, Training, Link and Trefoil Advisers – experience as an adviser is ideal but not necessary.

**International Adviser** – provides oversight to international trips, interprovincial trips and develops resources for international aspects of GGC.

**Active Living** - promotes active living activities through N.S. Girl Guides programming for girls and guiders.

**PR-** promotes and supports activities relating to getting the good word of Guiding out to the public via various methods.

Please keep in mind that there is also a huge need for women to fill some of the vacant or upcoming vacancies for District Commissioners or District Treasurers, Safe Guide Assessors, Provincial Finance Committee Members, etc.

Please don't hesitate to email me at [ns-pc@girlguides.ca](mailto:ns-pc@girlguides.ca) if you wish to speak to me about any of these opportunities.

The Volunteer Application for Provincial level positions can be found at [Forms](#).

Thank You for all you do, *Lorena*

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