

# MONASHEE AREA OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

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## Announcements

- Dorothy Lind is the new Area Secretary.
- Deb Deorksen has resigned as Area PR Adviser effective October 31, 2010. She has a new role as Deputy to Paula to help with the merger of Sun Valley and Creekside Orchards Districts.
- Sharon Brooks has resigned as International Adviser.

## New Area Crests

We have ordered 5000 new Monashee Area crests. Any girl or Guider who goes to a selected event will get 10 crests (e.g. SOAR). They will also be handed out at trainings, such as Choices.



## Program Resources

- Snowflake Ball meeting: This will be posted on the Provincial Website before November.
- "Recipe for Fun & Successful Meetings" booklets were given to the DCs.

## Challenges & Camp in a Box

These can all be found on the BC Girl Guides website (<http://www.bc-girlguides.org/>):

- Sparks Go Wild at the Palace
- Sparks Go Wild In the Jungle
- Sparks Gold Rush Day Camp
- Brownie Magic
- Brownie Magic Goes Exploring
- Brownie Magic Around the World
- Guiding Elements – Earth
- Guiding Elements – Fire
- Geocaching
- 100KM Hiking
- 100 Years Strong camp in a box
- BC Camping Challenge

## Fundraising Changes

- SG.8 (Safe Guide 8) form for all travel in the province. Event pre-authorization must be completed before the FR.1 (Fund Raising 1) (or FR.1 will not be approved). Any fundraising for an event in excess of \$5,000.00 must be approved by Area.
- Fundraising for other organizations: We do *not* do this. (You can do this as individuals, but not as Girl Guides.) There are a few exceptions (e.g. poppies). Something will be going to put something in the next *Pipeline* clarifying what is acceptable.

## HST

- HST is not optional.
- Completed forms for any overnight events held with girls must be emailed to the Area Treasurer by the 10th of the month following.
- You do not need to send the money owing to the Treasurer. She will invoice your District for any money owing and they may/may not (depending on the District) bill the unit.
- 54% of any HST paid on non-overnight events (meeting supplies etc) can be claimed back through your District, usually at the end of the year. You cannot include the HST paid on overnights in the 54% claim, as the credits will already have been used on the HST On Event Form.
- HST paid on purchases from Girl Guides cannot be claimed back (i.e. the online Guide shop).
- Confused – ask for help!”

## Upcoming Events

**MOTION:** That Monashee Area approve the project proposal for a trip to Vancouver Aquarium for 18 patrols of 5 Brownies and 1 Guider, with the stipulation that the date not conflict with Area Brownie Camps. Carried.

*[Note: After the meeting, this was booked for June 18<sup>th</sup> .]*

### **Rainbucket: November 19-21, 2010**

- Popkum Native Reserve
- for Rangers [www.rainbucket.org](http://www.rainbucket.org)

### **Under the Boughs: Jan or Feb ??????**

- A winter camping experience for Pathfinders and Ranger

### **Rovent: February 18-20, 2011**

- Cambie Creek in Manning Park
- for Rangers [www.rovent.ca](http://www.rovent.ca)

### **Area Brownies Camps**

- Central will be hosted by Susan Thesen and Susan Hilmer at Camp Arbuckle on May 13-15
- North will be hosted by Michelle Cole and Nancy Jensen in Revelstoke on May 13-15
- South to be held at Mewata in April

### **Area Sparks Day Camp**

- Central will be hosted by Gina Wells at Camp Arbuckle on March 12
- North TBA
- South TBA

## Past Event Reports

### **Arbuckle Summer Camp**

- Around the World at Arbuckle Summer Camp. Aug. 8-13, 2010.
- We had 4 Pathfinders and 27 Guides start camp on the Sunday and stayed through to Friday morning. 32 Brownies and 10 Sparks arrived on the Tuesday with the Sparks leaving Thursday evening after Camp Fire and the Brownies leaving Friday morning. The highlight of the week besides the Pathfinders and Guides either going Horseback Riding or to the Water Slides on the Wednesday was the Family Pig Roast on the Thursday night, where we also raised \$85.00 for CWFF, the evening was finished off with a campfire hosted by Sheila McKenzie Brown.

## OAL Training

- September 17-19, 2010 at Camp Mewata.
- A successful weekend with 10 Path participants, 8 Trail Participants, several ladies doing beyond Trail (Blaze) camping skills and 13 children attending. Although the rain provided some challenges, it also contributed to the realism of the training. There was a lot of positive feedback – with food being the most often mentioned highlight. Thanks to all Core Staff, Trainers and the five Pathfinders helping out with child minding – a challenging job this year, but one much appreciated by the participants. Well done everyone.

## Public Relations

The Area 100th Year Parade Float was in many parades this summer:

- June – Fat Cat Children’s Festival
- July – Peachland Festival, Westside Days
- August - Summerland Summer Festival, Penticton Peach Festival
- Sept - Armstrong IPE Parade and Salmon Arm Fall Festival.

## Internet Inquiries

Our CSRs (Customer Service Reps) have received at least 500 internet inquiries since we began this job about year ago. We also have received some phone inquiries. It’s obvious to us that checking out the GGC website is **the** primary way that young mothers find out about Guiding.