



WE DISCOVER, WE GROW

Girlguiding

Cambridgeshire West

April 2019

By the time you read this, I expect that you will be on your Easter holidays and taking a well earned break from your regular unit meetings.

I know that many of you have exciting District and Division events planned for the next weeks and months as we enjoy the (hopefully) summer weather. Thank you for giving your girls these opportunities.

Please do not forget to sign up for our County Activity Day, happening on 7th July. The organising team has spent many hours planning for this day and would love to see you and your units enjoying yourselves at the end of term.

We are already starting to plan for 2020 so if there are any events you would like to see us put on next year, please do let us know via programme@ggcw.org.uk.

Thank you, as always, for being fantastic volunteers and role models for our girls and young women.

Helen

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Growing Guiding

We ran a survey via Google Forms, promoting it both on the Facebook group and in the newsletter.

We got 43 responses; mainly from Unit Leaders (1 District Commissioner). We were surprised at how many units say they need help recruiting girls.

Recommendations from the survey:

- Create more recruitment materials for recruiting girls – will be actioned later this year.
- Run a recruitment workshop for Leaders – scheduled for 11 May 2019.
- Provide more social media content that Leaders can easily use – will be actioned later this year.
- Continue to promote resources available on the County and National websites – the County website will be updated with inventory of PR & Recruitment resources, available to members and regular posts will be made on Facebook with details including any new resources.

The survey is still open and the results help county plan what resources are needed where. So please fill in the survey if you have not yet done so.

Growing Guiding survey: <https://goo.gl/forms/Yib03Y2eVC31GFy02>

Recruitment Workshop

What is it:

This workshop will help you recruit more volunteers or girls for your local area. It will also give Leaders access to the County PR resources, some details of which recruiting methods have worked in the past, practice sessions on promoting volunteering and a session on using social media to grow guiding.

Who is it for: Leaders and Young Leaders

When and Where:

Saturday 11 May · 13:00-17:00 · Sawtry Old School

How to register: Complete the online form <https://forms.gle/nE5PpJZvX83q4Pc26> or contact County Office with the following details:

- Your full name
- Your email address
- The Unit / District / Division that you will be helping grow
- Whether you need help recruiting Girls or Volunteers

UK Parliament Week

UK Parliament Week is back — Have your say and get involved!

Parliament Week is a great way to help girls learn more about politics and democracy. It also helps them find out how they can speak up on the issues that matter to them. From starting a conversation to debating the big issues, this is a great way to highlight the issues that matter to you.

Sign up and receive a free kit packed full of goodies including a booklet, bunting, a ballot box and more.

For information and sign up: <https://www.ukparliamentweek.org/>

Girlguiding Anglia Macmillan Challenge

Join in and take part in supporting our goal of fundraising with Macmillan Cancer Support. Girlguiding Anglia has partnered with Macmillan Cancer Support to raise money and awareness for people affected by cancer and to raise enough money to pay for 2,500 Macmillan nursing hours.

Macmillan challenge badges will run throughout the year and into 2020, focusing on three main badges: "Fundraising", "World's Biggest Coffee Morning", and "Awareness". If you would like some extra challenges, there are three more that link into these throughout the year. These include: "Dress Up and Dance", "Mile for Macmillan", and "Volunteering".

For more information: <https://www.girlguiding-anglia.org.uk/region-partnerships/girlguiding-anglia-macmillan-challenge>

Campfire Workshop

What is it:

Have you ever wished you knew more campfire songs?
Then join us for a sing-a-long!

Who is it for: Adult and Young Leaders

When and Where:

Friday 26 April · Starts at 19:00 · Sawtry Junior Academy, PE28 5SH

Cost: £5 (this is a legitimate unit expense)

Details and Booking Information: <https://ggcw.org.uk/events/2019Campfire>
Complete the booking form and payment ASAP.

Camp Skills Builder Day

What is it:

An opportunity for girls of all sections to work towards the Camp Skills Builder badges from the Have Adventures theme. Come and have fun, make new friends, take part in activities and gain a Camp Skills Builder badge (Stages 1-4 will complete the full Skills Builder. Stages 5-6 have a requirement to attend camps, which will have to be completed separately).

Who is it for: Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers (with their Leaders)

When and Where:

Sunday 02 June · 10:30-16:00 · Alconbury Memorial Hall

Information and Booking: <https://ggcw.org.uk/events/2019SBday>

Complete and return the unit form to the County Office. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Booking deadline: Friday 10 May 2019

County Activity Day

What is it:

An activity day filled with sport, science and art activities.

Who is it for: All sections

When and Where:

Sunday 07 July · 09:30-15:30 · Sawtry Junior Academy, PE28 5SH

Cost: £10 per girl (any surplus in funds from this event will be used for Girlguiding activities in Cambs West)

Booking forms: <https://ggcw.org.uk/events/2019ActivityDay>

Booking deadline: Friday 24 May 2019

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Warren - Outdoor Activities Adviser, via aaa@ggcw.org.uk.

Transition Gold Award – available until August 2020

For Guides caught halfway between the Baden-Powell Challenge award and the new Gold Award, there is a special Transition Gold Award that is available until August 2020.

Activities that Guides have completed as part of the old programme will not normally count towards the Guide Gold Award. However, until the end of the academic year 19/20, a special dispensation to this rule will apply.

Instead of the requirement to complete all six theme awards, a Guide who has completed two Guide Challenge badges under the old programme may complete three Skills Builder stage badges in different themes and one new Guide Interest badge from the other three of the six themes to demonstrate she has participated in a balanced and varied programme. Guides will still need to complete the section Gold Award Challenge.

If you have any questions, please contact Janet Reid - BP Adviser, via BPAdviser@ggcw.org.uk.

All Stars Cricket

Cricket East is offering a free taster session for Rainbows. This session can be delivered as part of your weekly unit meetings so that your girls have an opportunity to try out the All Stars Cricket activities before deciding whether they would like to take part. In addition, every unit that receives a taster session will be entered into a prize draw to receive a visit from a Kia Super League or England Women's player.

The All Stars Cricket programme is a fully inclusive programme aimed at getting young girls, aged 5 to 8, to be more physically active and develop their fundamental movement skills through fun, game-based activities loosely connected with cricket.

The focus of the programme is on developing new friends, inspiring a generation to move more and to take part in a community sport.

ASC participants also have the opportunity to attend money-can't-buy experiences across the country which includes men's and women's international fixtures and player press conferences where they can meet cricketing superstars.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>

To arrange for a free taster session for your unit, please contact Sam Rose via sam.rose@cricketeast.co.uk or 07725 515543.

Cambs West County Challenge 2019

Spend **at least one night away** in an unusual place from 01 January to 31 December 2019.

This is a challenge for all sections. It can be under canvas or indoors, as a unit or in a larger group (ie. District or Division event). The event can be held locally or further afield.

Usual sleepover rules apply:

- The Event Co-ordinator (or a member of the leadership team) will need to hold, or be working towards, the Going Away with Girlguiding Award modules 1-4 to be able to take girls away overnight.
- To qualify, a REN Part 1 needs to be submitted to the District Commissioner and Holiday Adviser before booking the event. The REN Part 2 needs to be submitted 4 weeks before the event.
- Accommodation needs to be checked for suitability if it has not been used for this purpose before. Check with your Divison Camp or Holiday Adviser.

On completion of your event, please submit a photograph taken during the sleepover, a short description of your event and a list of all participants (with membership numbers) – instructions to follow.

On completion, all members of Girlguiding Cambs West will be eligible to receive a badge. Only one badge per member, regardless of number of events participated.

For further details, please contact Liz Zientek - Holiday Advisor, via holidayadviser@ggcw.org.uk.



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Training Information

Upcoming training for this year:

*** Guiding wear is to be worn for all trainings ***

Please book via the County Office at office@ggcw.org.uk.

Detailed training information:

<http://www.ggcw.org.uk/events/training>

* You will need to be logged in to view this page.

First Response Full Course £23.00

Saturday 15 June · 0900-1600 · Sawtry WI Hall, PE28 5TS

New Leader Training £5.00

Tuesday 30 April · 1930-2130 · Yaxley Scout Hut, PE7 3TW

New Programme Training £5.00

Sunday 12 May · 1030-1300 · Tesco Community Room, PE7 8BD

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Thursday 13 June · 1930-2130 · Godmanchester Baptist Church, PE29 2BJ

Safe Space (Level 3) £5.00

Thursday 30 May · 0930-1230 · Sawtry Old School, PE28 5UY

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Campfire Workshop

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- Registration: <https://ggcw.org.uk/events/2019Campfire>
- Contact: Liz Zientek campadviser@ggcw.org.uk

County Ranger and Young Leader Day

Saturday 27 April 2019 · 1000-1500 · Yaxley Scout and Guide HQ

- Registration: **Closed**
- Details: <https://ggcw.org.uk/RYL>
- Contact: office@ggcw.org.uk

Recruitment Workshop

Saturday 11 May 2019 · 1300-1700 · Sawtry Old School

- Registration: <https://forms.gle/nE5PpJZvX83q4Pc26>
- Contact: County Office office@ggcw.org.uk

Guide Sleepover

Friday 17 May to Saturday 18 May 2019 · Wicksteed Park

- Registration: **Closed**
- Details: <https://ggcw.org.uk/GuideSleepover>
- Contact: Rudy Boddington guideadviser@ggcw.org.uk

Baden-Powell Adventure

Tuesday 28 to Wednesday 29 May 2019 · St Ives

- Registration: **Closed**
- Details: https://ggcw.org.uk/BP_Adventure
- Contact: Janet Reid BPadviser@ggcw.org.uk

Camp Skill Builder Day

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CamJam 2019

Saturday 27 July to Saturday 03 August 2019 · Huntingdon Racecourse

- Details: camjam.org.uk

UK Parliament Week 2019

Saturday 02 November to Friday 08 November 2019

- Details: <https://www.ukparliamentweek.org/>

Helping Hands

More Ways to Help Girlguiding Cambs West



County Team

We are still looking for people to join the team and have the following vacancies available:

- Land Adviser

We are a very friendly County team and you will be given lots of support if you would like to join us. Please contact Helen Pope - County Commissioner at countycommissioner@ggcw.org.uk.

Task and Finish Groups

Many exciting events are being planned, but in order to have these events become a success, we need your help - you do not need to have experience - every little helps!

You do not need to be an expert - just someone with enthusiasm to share the fun and adventure of Guiding with others.

If you are interested, please e-mail the Programme and Adventure Chair at programme@ggcw.org.uk.

County Skills Builder Day

Leaders, helpers, Trefoil Guild members or adults associated with Girlguiding in another way, are needed to help on the day. Please contact Liz Zientek at campadviser@ggcw.org.uk.

County Activity Day

Leaders are needed to help with the planning of this event as well as help on the day. Please email Carol Warren at oaa@ggcw.org.uk.

County Sleepover in 2019

A County-wide sleepover event. A team is needed, to support the Team Leader, to run this event. Please contact Liz Zientek at holidayadviser@ggcw.org.uk.



Go Social with Girlguiding Cambridgeshire West



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/girlguidingcambswest/>



<http://cambswestgirlguiding.tumblr.com>



<https://twitter.com/ggcambswest>



<http://www.girlguidingcambswest.org.uk>

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Donate to County Building: <http://www.justgiving.com/cambswestgg>

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