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Girlguiding

Cambridgeshire West

May 2019

The Starfish Story

An old man was walking on the beach one morning after a storm. In the distance he could see someone moving like a dancer. As he came closer, he saw it was a young woman picking up starfish and gently throwing them into the sea.

"Young lady, why are you throwing starfish into the sea?"

"The sun is up and the tide is going out and if I do not throw them in, they will die." she said.

"But young lady, do you not realise there are many miles of beach and thousands of starfish? You can't possibly make a difference."

The young woman listened politely and then bent down and picked up another starfish and threw it into the sea. "Made a difference for that one."

And that is why we keep volunteering. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our young women.

Helen

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New Programme Transition Routes

For girls caught in the changeover, Girlguiding offers a temporary alternative route to ensure they are still able to achieve the section Gold award, if they wish to, and experience the celebration and value placed on it by the organisation.

These temporary arrangements will be in place from the beginning of the 2018/19 academic year until the end of the 2019/20 academic year so that the timing of a unit's changeover to the new programme does not affect a girl's ability to follow this temporary alternative route.

Instead of the requirement to complete all six Theme awards:

Rainbows

- 3 Rainbow Roundabouts
- 3 Interest badges from the new programme; each must be from a different theme
- Rainbow Gold Challenge

Brownies

- 2 Brownie Adventure badges
- 3 Interest badges from the new programme; each must be from a different theme
- Brownie Gold Challenge

Guides

- 2 Guide Challenge badges
- 2 Skills Builder badges; each must be from a different theme
- 3 Interest badges from the new programme; each must be from a different theme
- Guide Gold Challenge

For Guides who have substantially completed their Baden-Powell Award, but did not complete it before the end of the academic year 2018/19 when the award is retired: They can be awarded a Guide Gold Award instead if they have completed the 10 Baden-Powell award clauses across the different zones, as outlined in the Baden-Powell Challenge award criteria and also the Guide Gold award challenge.

Rangers

- First two phases of four octants
- 3 Skills Builder badges; each must be from a different theme
- 3 Interest badges from the new programme; each must be from a different theme
- Ranger Gold Challenge

A girl can only be awarded the Ranger Gold award if she is aged 14-18 at the time of awarding.

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>

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.

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 Division 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

Saturday 21 September · 0900-1600 · Yaxley Scout Hut, PE7 3TS

Safe Space (Level 3) £5.00

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

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New Programme Training £5.00

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

Safe Space (Level 2) £5.00

Tuesday 09 July · 1900-21:30 · Sawtry WI Hall, PE28 5TS



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International Opportunities

Cambs West Selection Session

What is it:

An information session for anyone interested in an international trip with Girlguiding. These international trips will vary from jamborees to service trips.

Who is it for:

Guides who will be aged 14 to 18, in the year 2020.

When and Where:

Sunday 09 June · 10:00-12:00 · Alconbury Memorial Hall

How to book:

Please contact Karen Hunt - International Adviser via
InternationalAdviser@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 Skills Builder Day

Sunday 02 June 2019 · 1030-1600 · Alconbury Memorial Hall

- Registration: **Closed**
- Details: <https://ggcw.org.uk/events/2019SBday>
- Contact: Liz Zientek campadviser@ggcw.org.uk

County Activity Day

Sunday 07 July 2019 · 0930-1530 · Sawtry Junior Academy

- Registration Deadline: Friday 24 May 2019
- Details: <https://ggcw.org.uk/events/2019ActivityDay>
- Contact: Carol Warren aaa@ggcw.org.uk

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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