

Postings from the PC..... NS Council

Hello and welcome to the June installment of *Postings from the PC*.

I love spring! It may have taken its time to get here, but I love spring! I feel a more positive energy. There is a sense of renewal, a feeling of moving forward, a feeling of success! Spring is reflective of exactly how I feel as I think of Guiding - I feel the positive energy, I feel the sense of renewal, and I feel that GGC is moving forward. I feel success! Thanks to all of you!



When I came into the PC role, I realized that while many Guiders knew what the Provincial Council did and the impact the Council had on their experience in GGC, some did not. It wasn't because they didn't care or that the Council wasn't effective, so I asked myself:



- How could I build on our past success and continue to create an environment that engaged our members and meet the needs of our members in our province?
- How could we be more inclusive, more supportive and more collaborative so the initiatives and decisions made had a positive impact on the girl and on the Guiders?
- How can we ensure Council was transparent, and that our work is more than just making decisions on budgets, number of cookies we should order, or interpreting policies?

These challenges have been a focus of mine and I hope that you have felt that your Council is engaging, more inclusive, more supportive, more collaborative, transparent and is meeting the needs of our Guiders.

I want you to know that Council supports and appreciates all you do for our members and I hope that you sense that and feel the support. I do encourage feedback and welcome your comments.



Over the past year, the Provincial Council has supported the Spark Brownie Camp, Quest, Winter Kwahee, Arts Day, STEM activities, Lady Baden Powell Challenge Day, Brownie Explosion, Free Being Me, Fall Connections, COGS, Guider Conference, Trainers Weekend, Trainer STREAM Training, Outdoor Adventure Leadership, Girls First Training, Link activities, Thinking Day Activities, Trefoil Guild Gatherings, we saw 125 members travelling Nationally and Internationally, and so much more.



We developed the Full Circle Award to recognize our youth members who started in Sparks and completed the full program to become adult members. I was fortunate to present 230 Guides, Pathfinders and Rangers with their Lady Baden Powell, Canada Cord and Chief Commissioners Awards this past year.



I was very honoured to present the Governor Generals Sovereign Award for Volunteering to past Provincial Commissioner: Kathy McKay.



We saw the creation of the Youth Forum, who presented at Fall Connections and planned and lead this year's Provincial Youth Recognition Event.





Provincially we supported our members who continued their education, and it was just announced that Cassidy Joudrey, Chantal Gushue, Chelsey Gould, Hannah Kosick, Makayla Foster and Natalie Horne all from NS received National Scholarships as well- congratulations to everyone and best of luck on your path of learning.

It's been quite a year so far - and we aren't done yet.....



June will bring Spark Brownie Camp, July will see Guides gather for Kwahee, August brings Pathfinders and Rangers together to Keji Tri-Ventures and Quest will be hosted in Sept.

And then there are opportunities that will take you beyond our borders in 2019. Our sister provinces are hosting the following:

- ❖ Newfoundland & Labrador: Mark your calendar for July 29 to August 4, 2019 when girls and Guiders gather for an event of a life time. Plans are underway for this event with information being updated at [GGCNL](#)

- ❖ Quebec: Voilà Québec! is a 7 night camp held at Québec's provincial camp Wa-Thik-Ane, the camp of peaceful waters. Girls will experience Québec culture, language, and heritage in an intimate community camp with under 120 Guiding sisters. Girls will complete program work and a special camp challenge. Adventure awaits with two outings: St. Sauveur waterpark (largest in Québec) and a day trip to Mont Tremblant village and a tree adventure course. More information: [Voila](#)



- ❖ Ontario: LEAP into outdoor adventure, a LEAP outside their comfort zone and a LEAP into participating in a unique camping experience! Guides, Pathfinders, Rangers and Trex (born 2001 to 2009) are invited to join nearly two thousand Guiding friends next summer for an adventure at LEAP 2019 from August 4-10, 2019 at our Doe Lake Girl Guide Camp located in Sprucedale, Ontario. More information: [LEAP](#)

The June Guide Post came to your inbox last Friday and features articles on Uniform, Girls First, National Service Projects, National Graphic Standards, what's new at the online store and so much more. I encourage all to read the Post – there's lots of good information.



Girl Greatness Award Recipients were announced with Brynn Mittelstadt, a Brownie from Elmsdale and Claudia Saunders, a Pathfinder from Fall River both receiving an Award!

This will be my last PC Postings for the summer, but I will be back with updates and news in September. I wish you all a relaxing and fun filled summer- take time to enjoy your family and all that rejuvenates you.

I say this every month, and I want you all to know that I truly mean it when I say: Thank you for all your time and efforts to make Guiding a fun place for both girls and your fellow Guiders- it's because of you our girl members will succeed in their goal of becoming



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Thank you!