

# Forth Valley County Newsletter



## WELCOME

To the latest County Newsletter. A newsletter is issued at the start of each term, and we would love to hear about what your Unit has been doing. Your photos and stories are always welcome, please email them to [ggfvpr@googlemail.com](mailto:ggfvpr@googlemail.com).

## ANNUAL EVENT

The Annual Event will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May in the Victoria Halls, Dunblane. The event will start at 7.30pm. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

## GUIDING DEVELOPMENT

*Is your First Response 3 years old?*

*Do you wish to renew it?*

There are spaces on the renewal course on Saturday, 6 June from 10am - 1pm.


No previous first aid or a lapsed first aid certificate:

**Full session** - Sunday 17 May, Stirling Guide Hut, FK8 2HZ from 9.30 - 3.30.

To book your places please contact Sue, Guiding Development Adviser.

The **2009-2010 Day Workshop** will be on Saturday 3 October 2009 at Forth Valley College, FALKIRK. Details will be out in August.

## WORKSHOPS

 Workshops have been completed and all leaders should now be familiarising themselves with the Training Site. We are just waiting to hear when Forth Valley will go 'Live'. Please read the instructions you were given and keep up to date with progress via the Girlguiding UK website.

## COUNTY CAMP

County Camp 2009 will take place from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June at Gartocharn. All Guide Units in Forth Valley and ALL GUIDERS & MEMBERS of the SENIOR SECTION are invited to take part. So, if you are a Rainbow or Brownie Guider or Young Leader, why not come along?

Further information and registration forms are available from your District / Division or by email from [mary@sheldon.plus.com](mailto:mary@sheldon.plus.com).

## INTERNATIONAL

This year's international Selection will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> September 2009, information packs for Girls will be sent to district commissioner within the next few weeks so if you haven't received anything please contact them. We are looking for leader who could come along and help at the event also, if you are interested please contact Becky Evans CIA on [Becksie@msn.com](mailto:Becksie@msn.com) or 07734903347. Please find attached a note of opportunities for attending camps abroad in 2009, please book directly with the organiser. Also attached is a note of UK selection 2009 for people aged 17-30

years. If you are interested please book quickly as there are limited spaces and please contact Becky Evans CIA to advise you are going.

## CHANGING THE WORLD COUNTY ACTIVITIES



1<sup>st</sup> Bannockburn and 2<sup>nd</sup> Bannockburn Rainbows held exhibitions in February as part for the Plan - Because I am a Girl appeal.

Both units invited friends and family to

the exhibition. They displayed photos which the girls collected to show what they loved about being a girl. Some were photos of themselves taking part in activities like camping or parties. Others were pictures they had collected from books or magazines showing things which represented girls in this country, for example, cooking, playing, at school or with families. The girls also sang songs to entertain their guests. Overall the girls raised £18 from the door entry for Plan.



## CENTENARY

**Launch** - The Centenary launch is on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at Grangemouth Stadium. Letter will be sent out later this week to Commissioners to pass onto Units with information and permission forms.

**Rainbows Celebrate** -

**Guides Day Out** - M&D's May 2010, date tbc.

**Brownies Take Over the Tracks** - Bo'ness & Kinneil Steam Railway, Bo'ness on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

**All-Section Camp** - The All-section Camp will be open to all Guides and Senior Section members - as at the moment with County Camp. Details for Rainbows and Brownies will be announced nearer the time.

**Senior Section Go Ape!** - Go Ape!, Aberfoyle, date tbc

**Finale** - To allow as many of our younger members as possible to attend and to save money on transport, the Centenary Finale will be planned by and take place in Divisions.

More information regarding all these events, including confirmed dates and costs will be sent out over the following months.

We know that divisions/districts/units have plans to hold their own centenary events. SHQ have asked that we let them know of all events being planned in our County. Please email me details of your Centenary activities when they have been confirmed.

Remember that everyone is welcome to take part in the other activities organised by GGUK. More information on these is found in the 'Ways to Celebrate' catalogue and online at [www.girlguiding.org.uk/centenary](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/centenary). Please tell your Commissioner and myself if you are participating in any of these events as 2010 celebrations are a great way to promote Girlguiding!

**Fundraising** - As you know we are less than 5 months away from the start of the Girlguiding Centenary!

This exciting year will involve everyone in the County and the events can only take place if we have adequate funding so we need help with fundraising.

- We have been given 2 dates at the Thomas the Tank events, which will take place at Birkhill Clay Mine, Bo'ness on Saturday 16th May 2009 and Saturday 8th August 2009.
- We need at least 2 volunteers from each Division to make this work. Please consider helping so that we can give the girls a year to remember! If you can only make part of the day then we'd still be glad of your help - the more the merrier!
- Volunteers will assist with face painting (this is usually a circle of designated colour, depending on the tank requested, with a number placed on the cheek). As this is a funded Thomas the Tank event, we are unable to carry out any additional face painting.

In addition, the County Trefoil Guilds are being asked for assistance with the cake and candy stall. Donations on the day will be gratefully received for this stall. If you can help, please contact Lynne McLeod ([Lynne.McLeod@uk.bp.com](mailto:Lynne.McLeod@uk.bp.com)) and confirm which date suits you best.

*Remember - all proceeds will go towards the County Centenary Celebrations!*

**Changing the World** - all units from Rainbows to Senior Section should be working on their Changing the World Projects. Please send us news and photos of the projects you have chosen to take part in. And remember to tell Girlguiding of your activities at [http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/changingtheworld/tu\\_tell\\_us.html](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/changingtheworld/tu_tell_us.html).

**Branding** - A DVD providing information about using the Centenary logos, templates, etc was sent out in January's issue of Guiding magazine. However please note that these materials must not be released or distributed before the official launch date in September 2009, it can be used for internal purposes only until then.

## COMPETITIONS

### **Senior Section Competition 2009 -**

**Objective:** Teams to agree on a suitable venture, where they can raise money using their entrepreneurial skills

**How will this work:**

- Divisions can register any number to teams - maximum of 4 members per team aged 14-25yrs
- Each Team will be given £20 from County where over a 3 month period, teams have to use their initiative and devise an idea where they can increase the original amount given (taking pictures etc. during the challenge)

- Teams must will be required to break even during the venture in order that the starting budget is returned to County
- Teams should be registered before 13<sup>th</sup> May by returning the registration form to Lynne McLeod (Grange Division), [lynne.mcleod@uk.bp.com](mailto:lynne.mcleod@uk.bp.com) or 18a Chapelhill Street, Kincardine FK10 4QS.
- Once registration has been confirmed, a cheque will be made available for the Division to distribute the appropriate amount to the relevant nominated Leader and the team can begin working on their venture.
- Once complete, the details of the venture should be returned to Lynne McLeod no later than Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Returns will be reviewed and winners will be announced at the Annual Event on 27<sup>th</sup> May.
- Money returned to County will go towards the 2010 Centenary event fund

No Competitions will take place at County in 2009 - 2010 to allow everyone the chance to concentrate on and enjoy the Centenary.

## MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

The membership subscription for 2010 will remain at £25 per head and Units should take this into consideration when setting fees and planning fundraising.

## UNIFORM

This is a reminder that leaders should be setting an example to the girls and wearing uniform to Unit meetings. As this only means a top, leaders attending straight from work should have no difficulty in changing when they get to the meeting place.

## PUBLICITY

If your unit, district or division has had activities and events covered by local and national press please let me know, and if possible send a link to the article. This is ideal to promote on our website and for our archives.

## PLEASE!

If you received this newsletter by post but are online, help us save money - send me your email address and have future newsletters delivered electronically.

If you would like to help in the organisation of any of the County events please contact me.

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