

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 me asap, thanks!
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COUNTY CAMP



Was a great success with over 300 girls and leaders taking part this year at Gartocharn in lovely sunny weather for a change!

WORKSHOP DATES

September 4th- Workshop on how to help your Guides gain the Baden Powell Challenge
September 14th- Come and discuss and plan what YOU would like to do to celebrate 100 years of Guiding.
October 4th- Day Workshop for all, Forth Valley College, Falkirk, 9.45am - 4pm
October 6th - **Come and learn more about Computing, Dunblane High School from 7.30pm till 9.15pm**
September 28th - First Response (full day)
January 22nd and 29th - First Response (2 evening sessions - both must be attended)
NEW!!! If you have completed a first aid course within the last 3 years and have the certificate then you can sign up for a *short* course for renewal (half a day or one evening) instead of the full day or two evenings.
Renewal dates: November 2nd and 13th, February 24 and 28th.
Craft Day in Glasgow on February 7th - Reserve your seat on the bus NOW, pay a £5 deposit to Sue asap. Bus leaves Stirling at approx 9am returns approx 4.30pm.
Contact Sue for more details on any of above
sbeck89@aol.com

Outdoor Trainings and Events

Walking Scheme Level 1 and Level 2 Training & Assessment will be held from 12th - 14th September at Helmsdale Hostel, Sutherland.
 Guiders Walking Weekend for adults only will be held from 19th - 21st September at Badaguish Lodge, Loch Morlich, Cairngorms
 Outdoor First Aid will be held from 7th - 9th November 2008 at Banchory Guide Lodge, Kincardineshire
 For more information on all the above please contact Anne Fielding, Outdoor Activities Adviser
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As a reminder of information already included in April's Newsletter, is your Unit ready to go 'live' on the Guiding Organiser in April 2009? Trainings are being arranged by each Division Commissioner so that all Guiders and their Key Workers know what is happening. The trainings will be local to your Division and will take place between January and March 2009.

The **Guiding Organiser** is the database being produced as a result of the Streamline Project. Each Unit should now be recording all the details as asked for on the 'Starting Brownies/Guides/Rainbows' leaflets. These are available from the Guide Shops.

DISCOUNT NIGHT

Summits of King Street Stirling are holding an Open Evening on Thursday 2nd October between 6.30pm and 9.30pm.
 This has been organised specially for members of Girlguiding Forth Valley!
 There is 20% off all non sale items and there are other special offers in outdoor clothing, ski wear, tents, sleeping bags, camping mats etc.
 Please pass this information on to girls in your Units.

INTERNATIONAL SELECTION

This year's County International Selections will take place on the weekend of 11th - 12th October.
 You will already have received from Becky the flier for distribution to all interested members aged between 14 years and 19 years on 30th June 2009. The girls should also be given a letter, passport form, Health and consent form.
 It is very important that all forms are completed in full, the general flier, permission form and health form need to be returned to Becky Evans by 1st October - 5 Woodlands Drive, Bo'ness, EH51 0NT.

The fully completed passport form and photo should be brought to the Selection Day, 11th October.

This year's selection is a residential event and as part of the process everyone participating is being asked to fundraise £20 to participate, please send this along with the other forms to Becky by 1st October.

Monday 31st December 2008 -
All Unit Accounts should be closed and audited in early January.
To avoid the Christmas & New Year festivities try to have accounts more or less completed in early December.

STIRLING GUIDE & SCOUT GANG SHOW

The next Stirling Gang Show will be held in the MacRobert Theatre in March 2009.

Ardoch and Stirling Divisions should have received flyers for distribution to Guides wishing to audition on Sunday 28th September at the Queen Street Hall from 2pm onwards. Brownie auditions will be later in the term.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS.

YOU can get involved in the County Centenary Planning if you come along to the meeting in Stirling Guide Hut on Sunday 14th September from 10am - 3pm.

We really need your input, if you don't help, please don't moan about what others organise in your absence! Please bring a packed lunch. It is going to be a very busy year as the Centenary launch is on 5/6th September 2009.

One of Girlguiding UK's objectives for the Centenary is to involve every member in a meaningful Community Action Project, creating a lasting legacy for the future.

'Changing the World' fulfils this objective and is the first Centenary project you can get started on. See the Catalogue of Opportunities in the September 2008 issue of 'Guiding'.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

We should all now be including our census as part of the subscription which we collect either annually, termly or monthly in our Units.

This year the census will be **£25 per member**. You will be required to collect this plus whatever you need to run and maintain your unit. Add the two amounts together and you will have your subscription for the year to be paid however it suits you as a unit.

With the imminent changes that are being implemented, it is essential that you start preparing now and have this money available for February 2009. This will be the last paper Census - thereafter it will be done using 'GO' and CHQ London will invoice your Unit directly for the money!

COMMISSIONERS

Please remember to send your Division and District reports (with some great photos as well) for the year January to December 2008 to Sheila Roger, County Commissioner. These should be in Sheila's hands by 31st December...



Taking part in this year's Brownie Toadstool Competition

LEADERSHIP NEWS

There are currently 123 leaders across our 8 Divisions working towards the LQ as shown below:

ARDOCH	26	AVON	16
CARRON	2	ENDRICK	12
FALKIRK	13	GRANGE	16
LARBERT	21	STIRLING	17

We were delighted to see 20 successfully completing between March and the end of last term.

It was also excellent to see 6 Guiders from Carron Division proudly presented with their certificates and badges at the last Guiders meeting.

Lynsey our Leadership Coordinator will be running a short "Leadership and Mentors" session at the County Training day on 4th October. Please encourage any new guiders to come along and find out more about the Leadership qualification.

COUNTY FIRST AID COMPETITION

The County Guide First Aid Competition is to be held on Saturday 22nd November from 10am onwards in Stirling HQ.

Entry forms will be sent to Guide Guiders separately. Please return these to Marie Muir, County Secretary by 10th November at the latest

PLEASE!

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