



Classic Girl Guide Cookies are on the way!



Save a couple of boxes for your year end celebration and make the following cake!

Girl Guide Cookie Birthday Cake

Ingredients:

- 2 boxes Girl Guide Classic Cookies, crushed
 - ¼ cup melted butter or margarine
 - 2 litres vanilla ice cream, softened
 - 9 inch spring form pan
 - decorating candies, candles

Mix 1.5 cup Girl Guide Cookie crumbs with the softened vanilla ice cream. Mix the remaining Girl Guide Cookie crumbs with the butter. Put ½ the crumb and butter mixture in the bottom of the pan. Add the soft ice cream and Girl Guide Cookie crumb mixture to the pan and top with the remainder of the crumb and butter mixture.

Sprinkle with Guiding colors.

Freeze.

Add birthday candles or tinted Cool Whip, using Guiding colours to represent each level in

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Option: great idea for camp – have the girls make their own cupcake for dessert the next day! Use muffin tins with a foil cupcake liner.



Brownies Memories

Found on the website:

<http://guidingjewels.ca/brownies/meeting-plans/465-b230-brownie-memories>

Fun idea for a year end event or camp!

Program Connections:

Key to Girl Guides

1. Girl Guides Through Time
2. Brownie Memories
3. Being a Guide
4. Moving Up
5. Staying Friends

Key to the Arts

1. Best of Brownies

Here's the plan:

In your Circle.....

Part one – allow 15 minutes

#1 Why has Guiding been popular for almost 100 years?

*see ['Guiding Through Time' story](#)

*see [history of Brownie uniform pictures](#)

Part 2 – Allow 10 minutes

Talk with the Brownies about:

#1 What activities do you like doing as a Brownie?



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#2 What are the best activities, celebrations or trips you've had with Brownies?

#3 Tell what you think it will feel like to go from Brownies to Guide.

#4 What new things will you be able to do as a Guide?

#5 What badges will you earn as a Guide?

#6 How can you stay in touch with your Brownie friends, even if they move or don't go on to Guides?

#7 Look at your Brownie outfit. How much have you grown?

Break for a song

Part 3 – time for activity – allow 35 minutes

#1. Make a memory book about things you enjoy about being a Brownie.

#2. Look in the Guide catalogue to pick out an outfit.

#3. Draw a picture of yourself in a Guide uniform.

#4. Get the e-mail addresses and phone numbers of the girls in your unit.

#5. Make an address book containing all the information

Part 4 – time to get up and move

Ask the Brownies for their most favourite active game or relay

Check out the website for ideas of the resources you may need - see beginning of article and, this can be adapted to all the Branches!

Earth Day - April 22, 2016

Celebrated every April 22, Earth Day is the largest, most celebrated environmental event worldwide. On this day, more than 6 million Canadians join 1 billion people in over 170

countries in staging events and projects to address local and global environmental issues.

Try these challenges:

[Tree Planting Program](#)

[Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up](#)

[Girls for a Safer Community Challenge](#)

[WAGGGS Climate Change Badge](#)

See the core program connections below that you could do with your unit to celebrate Earth Day and help girls be confident, resourceful and courageous and make a difference in the world.

[http://www.girlguides.ca/WEB/GGC/Programs/Specialized Programming/Special Days/Articles/Earth Day.aspx](http://www.girlguides.ca/WEB/GGC/Programs/Specialized%20Programming/Special%20Days/Articles/Earth%20Day.aspx)

Program connections:

Sparks:

- Going Outside Keeper
- In My Community Keeper
- Going Camping Keeper

Brownies:

- Key to the Living World #2, 3, 4, 5
- Terrific Trash interest Badge
- Saving Our Plants and Animals Interest Badge
- Help Our Planet Interest Badge
- Water, Water, Everywhere
- Taking Part Interest Badge
- Saving Water Interest Badge

Guides:

- You in Guiding Program Area – Be Involved In Your Community Module #4



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- You in Guiding – Community Service: Green Connection
- Beyond You Program Area – Learn About Our Environment #2, 3, 4
- Conservation Interest Badge
- Endangered Species Interest Badge
- Forestry Interest Badge
- Recycling Interest Badge
- Water Interest Badge
- Wildflower Interest Badge

Pathfinders:

- Creating Your Future Program Area – Be a Model Citizen Module: Doing a Service Project section
- Let's Take It Outside Program Area – Up Close and Personal with Nature Module
- Exploring a Theme Program Area – Creating a Garden Module
- Exploring a Theme Program Area – Our Environment Module

Rangers:

- Celebrate Guiding Program Area #23, 27
- Community Connections Program Area #19, 22, 23
- Environment, Outdoors and Camping #1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 23, 26
- Global Awareness #15, 27, 29
- Healthy Living #16

Link to 101 things you can do with Waste from

MetroVancouver:

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/solid-waste/SolidWastePublications/101Things.pdf#search=%22Girl%20guides%22>



Don't forget the other April celebration you can have fun with – April fool's Day!

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/aprilfool/>

MetroVancouver offer many activities that can be fit into your Program and Challenge work. Upcoming events in our Area include:

Salmon Send off
Saturday May 7, 2016
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Tynehead Regional Park

Release salmon fry, tour the hatchery, eat at the concession and do children's crafts.
Presented by the Serpentine Enhancement Society.
All ages
Free; Drop-in
<http://www.metrovancouver.org/events/calendar/surrey/348/salmon-send-off>

Breakfast with the Birds

Saturday May 7, 2016
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Campbell Valley Regional Park Ages 8+

Early bird gets the worm! Enjoy a muffin and coffee while watching a slideshow about our



common birds. Use these new skills to ID and count birds on a walk with a naturalist.

Free, Registration required; barcode 6489

Presented with Langley Field Naturalists

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/events/calendar/langley/352/breakfast-with-the-birds>



The Memory Project

[The Memory Project](#) is an organization that connects active serving Canadian Forces members and veterans with speaking engagements in their community. You can read more about us on our website [here](#). All of the programming is free of charge.

While Remembrance Day is their busiest time, **they operate all year round**. Please consider booking for one of these upcoming dates.

Feb 15th – Flag Day

Mar. 8th – International Women's Day

Apr. 9th – Vimy Ridge Day

May. 8th – Victory in Europe Day

May. 29th – International Day of UN Peacekeepers

June 6th – Anniversary of D-Day Landings

Sept. 7th – Merchant Navy Veterans Day of Remembrance

Nov. 11th – Remembrance Day

They also offer a variety of [free learning materials](#), including a [FREE DVD](#).

New Challenge from Quebec



Quebec Tech and Nature Challenge

The province of Québec is known for its science and innovation. Companies such as Bombardier and Ubisoft have put them on the map. The Canadian Space Agency's headquarters in St-Hubert provided equipment for astronauts to land on the moon and for robots to land on Mars. Their provincial parks provide grounds for all types of nature exploration. The challenge is set up to encourage visits to one or more of the scientific institutions throughout Québec however, we are aware that this isn't always possible or ideal, so each museum or science centre has one or more related activities that you can use instead or to complement a visit.

Download:

[Québec Tech & Nature Challenge](#) This document includes the Program Connections as well

Order your [Québec Tech & Nature Challenge Crests](#)



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**Hot off the press!
New BC Challenge!**



Upcoming meetings



Program Committee (DPA and/or delegate)
7 – 830 at FSA Center:
Thu Apr 21
Thu May 19

**WOWZA!
Science Event Crest**



Sponsored by the Area Program/Events Committee

New from the BC Program Committee: What could be more wonderful than having a room full of Sparks and Brownies totally excited about doing Science? Absolutely nothing! With the new WOWZA! toolkit you can plan an exciting event that ignites the interests of both Sparks and Brownies for the world of science. <http://bc-girlguides.org/WEB/Documents/BC/program/WOWZA.pdf>

2016:

March 9 – 7-9pm – Guider Challenge Event (GUIDERS)

May 11 – 7-9pm – Guider Challenge Event (GUIDERS)

August 12-14 – Area Program MaD Camp

Don't forget to check out all the resources that can be found on the National and Provincial Girl Guide Websites. Also check with your District Program Advisor if you have not had a chance to download the files from the Program Flash drive!

Please send me ideas of what you would like to see in this newsletter as it relates to Program and again, share your ideas for other Guiders to see.
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