



SVI NEWS

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The SVI News is sent to every adult member and Ranger in SVI Area. All upcoming events and programming material are in the SVI News. If you have information that you want included in SVI News, please contact the SVI Webmaster at sviareawebmaster@gmail.com.

All issues of the SVI News can be found on our website (www.svirlguides.bc.ca) under GUIDING IN SVI).

FROM THE AREA COMMISSIONERS' DESK

After these past unprecedented years, it is bittersweet as we bid you all farewell as your Area Co-Commissioner team.

We've witnessed firsthand how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted girls and leaders alike. We are in awe of the resiliency and creativity of our members as they've risen to the challenge at hand to ensure the program was delivered in new and exciting ways, and to see that so many of the girls were continuing to participate.

Although SVI didn't get to host SOAR, or the Trefoil Rendezvous, we did develop the Guide House Legacy Committee, and are happy to see that the ideas being submitted will best utilize the proceeds from the sale of Guide House, and benefit the girls in our Area.

We are so pleased to see things are starting to open up, and the girls are getting opportunities to go camping once again! We have great confidence that our membership will grow, and even exceed our pre-COVID numbers.

We want to thank our Area Council members for all their dedication, hard work, assistance and support during our tenure.

It has truly been an honour to work with you all.

Sharon & Deb

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AREA VACANCIES

- Area Commissioner(s)
- International Adviser
- Training Adviser
- Properties Committee Chair
- PR (Public Relations) Adviser

Please consider stepping up to fill one of these important positions. There are lots of Guiders who can mentor you in a new position.

News from AREA COMMITTEES

AREA COUNCIL

The newest Area Procedures are now on the SVI website:

<https://www.svgirlguides.bc.ca/area-administrative-documents>

The SVI Area **AGM** will be virtual again this year, near the end of May. Maybe next year we can have an **Annual Gathering of Members**, once again.

AWARDS

Remember there are two Area scholarships (youth and adult) which are listed on the SVI website:

<https://www.svgirlguides.bc.ca/awards>

Area scholarship deadline is **May 31**.

Please ensure that you contact Awards with the names of the recipients of the Canada Cord and Gold Trailblazer awards.

Please contact either Shannon Wills or Ebony Bilawka, for information/questions about awards and recognition: sviareaawards@gmail.com

INTERNATIONAL

sviareainternational@gmail.com

TRAINING

Questions? svitraining@gmail.com

Speak to your District Commissioner about the SVI arranged **First Aid courses** (May 29 and June 11). Emergency & Standard courses will be offered.

PROGRAM

sviprogram@gmail.com

PROPERTIES

Kingswood Camp - after two years of work, new **Orienteering maps & courses** are now available for Kingswood, with the kind help of Linda Hildebrandt from Vic Orienteering. Email Sheilagh Finnigan at ggckingswood@gmail.com for information. Laminated copies of six orienteering courses and eight compasses are available at Kingswood.



New Geocaches have been installed at Kingswood Camp by the 1st Victoria Trefoil Guild. Email ggckingswood@gmail.com for information. The Area GPS units are available to use.

Canoeing: Guiders interested in learning canoeing or practicing canoe skills at Kingswood Camp, so that they can take the girls in their units out canoeing should contact Susan Zedel at sviareaproperties@gmail.com

FINANCIAL - UNIFIED BANKING

Unit and District Treasurers are reminded to keep on top of transaction as the year-end reconciliation is completed in June.

Let the sviub2020@gmail.com email know if you have any questions as you use Unified Banking.

Copies of the training PowerPoint sheets are available on the SVI website, if you need a refresher:
<https://www.svgirlguides.bc.ca/financial>

CLASSIC COOKIES 2022

Payment date for units for Spring cookies is **May 26**. Units will be invoiced on May 12.



SVI AREA GUIDE HOUSE LEGACY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Committee is happy to report that several proposals have been approved by Area Council and we will hopefully be able to implement some of them as soon as this camping season! This is GREAT news! Here is what has been approved and what projects are beginning:

- A major project at Milnes Lower Cabin will upgrade the accessibility and entryway to the washroom from the cabin doors. This will include a roof extension and paving.
- Installation of a Reflection Zone by Bay-to-Bay Rangers – hopefully this summer.
- Canoe fund for Kingswood Camp – three used Clipper Canoes and some new PFDs have been purchased.
- Purchase of Stand-Up Paddleboards (SUP), PFD's and an inflator.
- Tent platforms to be installed at Kingswood Camp.
- Bunkies (small cabins) may be installed at Jubilee in the future. Improvements to the two Pan abodes will be considered to see if doors can be installed that would allow them to be used as sleeping accommodation.



All camps are receiving improvements, but we need assistance from the membership.

This committee is facilitating the ideas and proposal process, but it is not in the mandate of the Legacy Committee to necessarily put the projects into action. No amount of involvement is too small, be it help with planning, labour, professional expertise, or any other contribution.

Please contact sviarealegacy@gmail.com for questions, feedback, ideas for the sports boxes or offers to assist. Use the link to our google doc to suggest a new proposal: <https://forms.gle/tVvk33sraWrLJ9vRy6>.