



Girlguiding

Greater London West

girls in the lead



NEWSLETTER



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Letter from our County Commissioner

Dear Greater London West,

Well it is August so things should be quiet, but there has still been quite a lot going on! Hopefully everyone has received their passwords and has been passing the time entering girl data on GO!

I hope that all units have received their copies of the County Review Planners - we decided to produce enough of these so that every member of GLW could have their own copy during our centenary year. They were given to Division Commissioners based on census figures, with a few spares so that they could be passed on to Districts and units according to their census figures too. These were also available at the Review and Heyswood Diamond Jubilee party so there should be plenty around.

We are now also using the same system to distribute the Greatest Adventure booklets which have been produced for every member of Girlguiding as a souvenir of our centenary year. Those attending the launch party will receive them in their goody bags and the remainder will be passed down through Divisions, Districts and Units, again based on census figures.

It seems that some people are not receiving emails sent out e.g. Raspberry Ripple and other info - sometimes this is because your spam filter is set to block emails sent on multiple mailings but if you want to know what is going on, please check your spam filter settings and add my address to your safe senders list!

Finally we are expecting to receive a large number of enquiries for girls and adults to join us which we would like to deal with easily and efficiently - so please publicise our County email address for girls and adult enquiries 'joinus@girlguiding-glw.org.uk'. Janet will be able to redirect messages to the appropriate person so please publicise this address and the national 'join us' number 0800 1 69 59 01.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at our Launch Party as we start our Centenary Celebrations - here's to a memorable year.

Best wishes,

Christine

COUNTY DIARY

SEPTEMBER

- 4/6 Centenary Launch Party, Heyswood
- 14th County Exec, Cheam, 7.30 pm
- 16th Centenary Finale planning meeting
- 24th Centenary Capers meeting, Heyswood, 7.30 pm
- 30th Glow10 deposits deadline

OCTOBER

- 3rd Gaining training, Cheshunt, 8.30am-5 pm
- 10/11 Brownie Holiday Licence Training, Heyswood
Booking deadline extended to 30th September
- 26/31 GANG SHOW, Secombe Theatre, Sutton

NOVEMBER

- 12th Adult Leadership Qualification Trainings, Good Shepherd Church, Carshalton, 7.30 p.m.



We are "GO"!

We successfully tested the GLW GO site on August 4th and went "live". By now we hope you have received your passwords and have been able to enter girl data. Please to let us know if you need any further help. Please let your Commissioner know when you have completed the details for your unit so we know when our County is completely on line.

Anne Reeves and Janet Hill will be attending a further training in September to allow us to take over the County records in the near future.

Adult Leadership Qualification Trainings

Good Shepherd Church, Carshalton
Beeches, SM5 4NP
7.30-9.30 p.m.

Training sessions for leaders working towards the adult leadership qualification. There will be sessions for leaders for all sections. To book a place or for more details:

Joan Pearson
training@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

TRADING & BADGES

I will be away on the following dates:

- October 23rd to 26th (Capital Jig)
- October 29th to November 12th.

As usual my daughter Merilea will be coming home to do Badge orders (only) at least once during that time. Please mark envelopes "badge order".

Madelaine Reid
trading@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

GLW "GO" Team
go@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Lots of items and news this month—including recommendations and advice for taking girls away during the swine flu pandemic—which has been put on the web site.

If you require copies of any documents please let Janet Hill or Sarah Penneck know.



Centenary Stampede

27th July—10th August 2010

Great news!

We have now got over 20 Senior Section Teams registered for the Centenary Stampede Event .

We have extended the booking registration to end of September and we would be grateful if you could check on any groups you know may be entering and re-advertise the event with the amended flyer (available on our website or from Sarah Penneck or Janet Hill).

This is for groups of 4-8 with appropriate Adult/ qualified, or working towards qualification, person. They can plan their own adventure across Europe with a launch party in Paris and a finale in the Midlands.

Registration fee £75 each.

Rosemary Jameson
Administrator
Girlguiding Midlands

Jack Petchey Achievement Awards



The September successful nominations will be published next month. Please keep sending in your nominations.

Jpawards@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

World Scout Jamboree 2011

LASER are sending two groups of Guides to this event, who will join up with Kent Scouts. Our county has been offered **1 place** for a participant (age 14 - 18 at the time of the camp).

LASER are also looking for **2 leaders** to take charge of the two groups. It is planned that leaders interested attend the LaSERiO in November where they will be assessed.

You will need to be a competent camper as the theme of the camp is "Simply Scouting", so it will be basic camping.

Date: July 27th. - August 7th. 2011

<http://www.worldscoutjamboree.se/>

Japan trip

The Girl Scouts of Japan have invited 90 girls and leaders as participants to their International Camp to celebrate their 90th Anniversary in 2010 at Togakushi Girl Scout Centre at Nagano from Thursday 5 August to Monday 9th August 2010.

The closing date for returning the 'Accept in Principle' form is *Thursday 15th October 2009*.

There will be information on the Girlguiding UK International Camps webpage shortly.

I have an information pack if you are interested- Sarah

World Scout Moot

Do you fancy spending part of your Centenary in the land where Scouting and Guiding was first thought of?

The World Scout Moot is an event for young people aged between 18 and 25 and it is being held in Kenya in the summer of 2010 (If you are over 25 you can apply to join the service crew). It is the first ever world event for young people to be held in Africa and promises to be an amazing experience for all those involved. Over 3000 participants are expected from more than 100 countries. This is your chance to join them!

Who – Participants - anyone aged 18-25, Service Crew - 25 and over

What – A life changing experience in the heart of Africa

When – **27th July to 7th August 2010**

Where – **Kenya**

How – visit <http://www.scouts.org.uk/wsm2010> to register and for more information.

Find us on facebook - 13th World Scout Moot, Kenya 2010 - Join UK.

Follow us on twitter - <https://twitter.com/ukwsm2010>

Fancy a challenge? Get involved!

*All items for the October Newsletter should be with me by 22nd September please.
Janet Hill
Newsletter@girlguiding-glw.org.uk*

100 Greater London West Centenary Celebrations

CENTENARY 100 LOGO

Don't forget that from September you can start using the Centenary 100 logo externally. This includes websites, promotional material and any communication you do to an external audience.

LAUNCH PARTY BADGE

If you are not attending the GLW Centenary Launch party at Heyswood and have chosen to celebrate within your District or Division, there are still some launch party badges available which you can order if you would like your girls to have one. The badge was designed by Katie Miller - 3rd Sutton Common Rainbows and costs 40p plus P+P. Please complete the attached form. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Pink. Centenary@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

FUSION



On Wednesday 4 August 2010, Fusion - The spectacular way to celebrate the Centenary will take place. It is a unique opportunity for 30,000 Girlguiding UK members from across all sections to take part in the biggest event ever organised by Girlguiding UK, and enjoy a festival celebrating the best in performing arts in the beautiful outdoor surroundings of Harewood House, North Yorkshire.

Fusion will feature over a thousand of the best outdoor performers from across Europe, with everything from music and dance to circus acts, buskers and theatre performers... and you can perform too! The festival fun will start from the moment you arrive, with lots to discover all around the site.

And that's not all - there will be some top secret surprises during the day that everyone will be able to participate in and share very special moments together.

Harewood House will be closed to the public on the day so will offer a secure space for girls to explore in small groups and enjoy the entertainment and activities on offer.

Fusion is open to Rainbows, Brownies and Guides with their Leaders and Senior Section members with or without their Leaders and tickets cost £25.

If you are interested in attending, please let me know numbers by 24th Oct. If there is enough interest, I will enquire about booking a coach for GLW members. A £10 non returnable deposit will be required by GGUK when the booking is made.

Sarah Pink - GLW Centenary Champion
Centenary@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

GLOW 10

GLW Centenary Camp—Walton Firs 24th—31st July 2010



Come and join us for a spectacular centenary celebration. Many exciting activities have been planned. Applications and deposits should be sent to Janet Hill by 30th September 2009.

Attached sheet should hopefully help with any questions you may have about this event or contact us at glow10@girlguiding-glw.org.uk.

Volunteers needed

...to help with the Centenary Finale! 20-10-2010

If you are interested in helping to plan and organise the GLW Centenary Finale at Wimbledon Common please contact Michelle Forde at centenary@girlguiding-glw.org.uk
There will be a planning meeting for the Finale on the 16th September.

GLOW '10 - Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

Can girls apply as individuals?

No, the camp is designed for girls to attend with their unit, accompanied by one of their unit leaders. However, local arrangements may be made whereby one leader brings girls from several units, as long as adult:girl ratios are maintained throughout the event.

Do I need a camp licence in order to bring my unit?

No, each sub-camp will be co-ordinated by a leader who holds a camp licence, therefore individual leaders need not hold a camp licence.

Who will distribute permission forms and health forms?

Each sub-camp leader will be responsible for ensuring that the units within their sub camp have distributed and collected in all relevant forms.

How does the sub-camp system work?

The camp will be split into 5 sub-camps, each of whom will have an overall leader. Within the sub-camp, several units may run their own camps independently if they wish, or they may make arrangements with each other to share certain facilities. The sub-camp system exists in order to make the organisation of activities easier.

I always go to camp with another unit, can we be in the same sub-camp?

Certainly. You can either make one joint application, so that your two units form one unit for the purpose of the camp, or, you can each submit separate applications, noting your request to be placed together on each of your application forms.

What First Aid arrangements will be in place?

Each sub-camp, or individual units within a sub-camp, will have their own First Aider, as per a normal camp. There will be additional central First Aid facilities for emergencies or times when girls can not locate their own First Aider.

What is included in the £195?

The camp fee includes the hire of the whole of the Walton Firs site and buildings, so that we have exclusive use of the site. It also includes a full programme for the girls including a day at Chessington World of Adventures, a watersports day, a creative and performing arts day, a day spent using all the site facilities (archery, climbing, crate-stacking etc), a festival day (hired in activities - segways, bouncy slide, funfair rides etc) as well as a full evening programme including campfires, disco, live band, wide games, film nights etc. The fee also includes the hire of additional facilities required for a large-scale event such as marquees and additional tables and chairs. The budget has been carefully prepared to ensure maximum value for money.

Some units may wish to consider fundraising to help towards the cost of the camp.

The amount does not include food, as each unit will want to organise their own arrangements and budget for this.

Do adults have to pay their fees themselves?

It is up to each unit attending to decide whether the adults in their leader team will pay their own fees, or whether this amount will be added to the girls fees or funded from some other source.

There will be a full adult programme available so that leaders will have the chance to socialise with each other, at times when they are not involved in sub camp activities.

What about girls who will be joining my unit after the deadline has passed, can they still apply later?

In order to avoid disappointment, it is advisable to distribute the information about the camp to girls on your waiting list now, so that they have the option of signing up for it within the given time-scale.

Why do we need to apply so early?

Because of the large-scale nature of the camp, many of our bookings for coaches and off-site activities need to be confirmed well in advance.