

Welcome Booklet - Information for Guiders

The *Welcome Booklet* is primarily for Sparks and Brownies, and their families, but it can be given to any girl new to Guiding.

We encourage you to print copies in black and white. We suggest you give it to the girls at your first meeting, but it can be given anytime.

The booklet contains information about Guiding. This includes our history, how to get involved, financial commitments, branches of Guiding and how cookie sales support our organization.

The idea behind the booklet is simple: the more parents understand Guiding, the more they will support their daughter and her Guiders. This can be used as a first step to understanding our organization and open the doors of communication.

Guiders, it's a good idea to fill in most of the information on the last *My Information* page before printing off the Unit copies.

Encourage the girls to colour the pictures and to complete their name on the back page entitled *My Information*. The girls are encouraged to take the booklet home to share with their families. It is meant to be a fun and informative exercise.

Please note page 4, under Financial Commitments, the following statement: "Financial assistance is available if required. Contact your Guider for more information."

We would like to promote that all girls and Guiders be able to fully participate in Guiding activities and that financial aid be given freely where necessary. It would be wonderful if all levels of Guiding would encourage Units and Districts to use their additional funds to support girls and adults in need of funds, to help with program materials, activities and basic uniform requirements. If you find you have a lot of girls in need, and not enough funding available, please contact your Commissioner for suggestions and assistance. The *Welcome Booklet* also advises girls are expected to participate in cookie sales.

Please print off and distribute the new *Welcome Booklet* and use it with your Unit.



Thank you
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