



Girl Guides
of Canada
Guides
du Canada

BRITISH COLUMBIA COUNCIL

We Are The Girl Guides Fact Sheet

What is Guiding?

Guiding is a worldwide Movement for girls, led by women who are young at heart. It's a place where girls and women can be themselves, have fun, make new friends and participate in new adventures. Guiding is bold, fun, energetic and real. It empowers girls and women to face challenges with confidence.

Guiding is an activity that 10 million girls and women in 145 countries around the world share through membership in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS).

Who We Are

Girl Guides of Canada—Guides du Canada is the largest organization for girls and women in Canada, with almost 135,000 Members: 108,000 girls and 26,000 adults. Girl Guides of Canada welcomes girls 5–18 years old and women 19+ to be part of the following groups:

- Sparks: 5 and 6
- Brownies: 7 and 8
- Guides: 9 to 11
- Pathfinders: 12 to 15
- Rangers: 15 to 18
- Adults as leaders, mentors, alumni, team members and more.

Today's women and girls are busy and selective in choosing their activities because of the many options available to them. Our program through the various age groups is well-rounded, flexible and diverse.

There are lots of ways to join in the fun, just contact us!

What We Do

Guiding provides opportunities for fun, friendship and adventures. Through our different imaginative and innovative activity choices, girls are encouraged to reach their potential, be independent, confident and caring. We empower them to give leadership and develop their decision-making and life skills. Guiding helps them connect with their community and with the wider world.

What We Offer

To Girls

- A place to have fun, learn new things and make new friends
- Rolling membership intake—can join any time of year
- Adventurous, activity-based programs where girls can challenge themselves in a safe environment
- An accepting and nurturing all-girl atmosphere
- Scholarships and opportunities for international travel
- Mentorship and role models

To Women

- A place to laugh and have fun with new and old friends
- Rolling membership intake—can join any time of year
- Not just for moms! You don't have to have a daughter to be a Member
- A chance to make a difference in the lives of girls and young women—feel the reward of helping a girl or a young woman develop her potential
- Opportunities for personal growth, peer support and travel
- Access to organized training, activity ideas, program resources, pre-planned events for women and girls and other women who are delighted to help girls develop their skills
- Adult development opportunities to help women volunteers do their best



Benefits of Membership in Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada

Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada has had an impact on the lives of girls and women since its inception in 1910. As Canada's largest organization for girls and women, Guiding has long contributed to success among girls and women by providing opportunities for fun, friendship, adventures, personal and leadership development, role models for girls and community involvement.

Today, there are almost 135,000 Guiding Members—108,000 girl Members and over 26,000 adult Members.

While Guiding remains true to its ideals as a dynamic organization, it is changing with the times to reflect the needs and interests of today's girls and women. Guiding is fun, bold, energetic, popular and real. It empowers girls and women to face challenges with confidence. Through Guiding's various imaginative and innovative activity choices, girls are empowered to reach their potential and be independent, confident and caring as they learn to develop decision-making and life skills. Guiding helps them connect with their community and with the wider world.

What Guiding Offers

To Girls (ages 5 to 18)

- A place to laugh and have fun, learn new things and make new friends
- Rolling membership intake—can join any time of year
- Adventurous, activity-based programs where girls can challenge themselves in a safe environment
- An accepting and nurturing all-girl atmosphere
- Scholarships and opportunities for international travel
- Mentorship and role models
- Membership in a worldwide organization for girls and women from 145 countries with 10 million members

To Women (19+)

- A place to laugh and have fun with new and old friends
- Rolling membership intake—can join any time of year
- Not just for moms! You don't have to have a daughter to be a Member
- A chance to make a difference in the lives of girls and young women. Feel the reward of helping a girl or a young woman develop her potential
- Opportunities for personal growth, peer support and travel
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We value all kinds of different time commitments from our Member volunteers. Contribute what you can, when you can. We will help you find the volunteer role that best meets your wishes and skills. Volunteer to work directly with girls, or bring in your corporate skills in human resources, organizational development, finance, PR/marketing, fund development, training, community networking and other related fields to support the organization's ability to offer excellent Guiding to all girls in Canada.

There are lots of ways to join in the fun, just contact us!

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