



Celebration Challenge - 95 Years of Great Guiding

Celebrate 95 years of Guiding in Canada by completing the Celebration Challenge. The challenge includes 95 different activities that you can do with your Unit. To earn this challenge, Sparks and Brownies will complete 5 activities, while Guides, Pathfinders, Senior Branches and Guiders will complete 9 activities.

BC Provincial Council recognizes the time, energy and effort of the Unit Guider.

Girls of any age may work on any of these ideas. Some of these tasks are more age-appropriate than others. The section following this shows how this challenge fits every branch's program. Remember, these 95 activities are just to get you started, use your imagination to adapt these or develop your own.

While you are working on your challenge, take pictures. When you are finished, submit your photos, a copy of your photo release forms, along with a description of what you did to celebrate to your Area PR Advisor or Council. They will give you your special 95th Birthday Crest.



1. Do a good deed to earn 95 pennies and donate the total collection to CWFF.
2. Spend a meeting in long skirts and jackets like they did 95 years ago.
3. Tie 95 trefoils around your community – in trees, on fences, doorknobs, sign posts etc. (tracing pattern included in unit kit, remember it is your responsibility to take them down).
4. Make up “Good Turn” booklets in which each member will write down the good turns she does (large and small). How long will it take your Unit to do 95 good turns?
5. Make something interesting with 95 popsicle sticks.
6. Spend a day at camp in long skirts and jackets like they did 95 years ago.
7. Decorate a fire hydrant to look like a Girl Guide or a birthday candle with a trefoil on it (make sure to ask your local government first).
8. Organize and participate in a community candlelight walk about; invite the public to join you for a cup of hot chocolate at the end.
9. Ask your local museum, library, bank or mall if you can set up a display of Guiding over the past 95 years and have the girls host it so they can talk about Guiding today (see your Area PR Adviser or Area Commissioner for a sample letter - included in Birthday Booklet CD).
10. Organize a campfire in a seniors' care facility and sing old and new Guiding songs. You will be amazed how many seniors' will remember the songs!
11. Have the girls organize a birthday party at a local daycare or out-of-school-care place. Be sure to make enough hats for everyone!
12. Wash at least 95 dishes at a food bank, seniors or community hot meal service.
13. Find someone who was born in 1910 and send them a birthday card from your unit.
14. Find out what fashions were popular in 1910.



15. What songs were popular in 1910?
16. Who was Prime Minister in 1910?
17. Find a song written in 1910.
18. Find out how many countries had Girl Guides or Girl Scouts in 1910.
19. In 1957, Canada's Guiding and Scouting community celebrated the 100th anniversary of Lord Baden-Powell's birth by having an international camp at Doe Lake in Ontario. As a Unit, hold a 1950s-style "Sock Hop" camp. Wear fifties style clothes, listen to fifties music and dance in fifties styles. Invite parents and members of the community to participate by asking them to bring any Guiding or Scouting memorabilia (especially old uniforms) they have and lay out those items so everyone can look at them. See how Guiding—and styles—have changed over the years.
20. In 1972, Girl Guides of Canada hosted the 21st World Conference, and in 1996, Canada hosted the 29th World Conference. As a Unit, hold an International Guiding Night. Invite parents and adult and senior citizen members of your community to attend. Incorporate into your night's theme (food, decorations and music) the diversity of Canada's citizenship - and Guiding through the years. Ask parents and other adults to bring memorabilia, old uniforms, books and pictures of Guiding or Scouting through the years, in Canada and in different parts of the world. Ask parents and any other guests if they would speak about their experiences in Guiding or Scouting when they were young. Check with your Area Program and Membership Advisors and your Trefoil Guild for more ideas on how to make this night special! Remember international events don't need to just be planned around World Thinking Day.
21. Have a "95s" auction. Ask everyone in your Unit to bring 95 cents (or nickels and dimes) and donate the number of items that would make a total of 95. Auction them at your meeting and donate the money to the Canadian World Friendship Fund.
22. Make up a wide game based on Guiding history.
23. Collect 95 dessert recipes and have a baking spree to test some of them out!
24. Using "*All About Us*" divide up into groups (designated a decade per group) and have each group present something from the book to your Unit.
25. Pretend the small group of "Girl Scouts" who gate crashed the Crystal Palace Rally have returned to visit your Unit. Demonstrate what you would do to show what Guides are like 95 years later.
26. In small groups make "then and now" collages and showing Guiding in 1910 and today.
27. Name 95 WAGGGS Member Countries.
28. Make a timeline of important events in Canadian Guiding.
29. Learn a song (Guiding or popular), from every decade since 1910.
30. Find out when and where Guiding began in your community, and if any of the original members still live there. A letter to your community newspaper might help.
31. Hold a 95-hour camp. (4 days)
32. Bake and decorate a birthday cake (or 95 cupcakes) and serve at a tea in a care facility.
33. Hold an inspection night at a meeting for shoes, uniforms, insignia, nails, hair and behind the ears! Don't forget to have prizes.
34. Plant 95 bulbs in a significant community plot, seniors' home, cemetery, hospital, etc.



35. Decorate your meeting place with pictures of Guiding 95 years ago.
36. Make a quilt from blocks created by the girls – use embroidery, fabric paints, appliqué etc.
37. Send out birthday cards to former Guiding members who live in your community. Thank them for their contribution in keeping Guiding alive in Canada.
38. Hold a community birthday party for Guiding and invite other organizations.
39. Make a poster showing Guiding through the ages and display it in businesses or community halls.
40. Take the girls to senior care facility to interview past Guiders. Record what they learned.
41. Decorate a float like a birthday cake with 95 candles on it and enter it in a parade. Cardboard tubes from Christmas wrap make great candles!
42. Invite a past Guider to your meeting to tell you about Guiding when she was a girl.
43. Write 95 postcards to International pen-pals within the Guiding World. Check out the WAGGGS website for ideas.
44. Collect 95 cans or dry good items for your local food bank.
45. Pick up at least 95 pieces of trash at a local park, boardwalk, library or school in your community.
46. Plant 95 plants in a community garden.
47. Hold a birthday party in the park. Bring a friend.
48. In 1910, Guiding began in Canada, and in 1919, Lord and Lady Baden-Powell visited Canada. In those days, afternoon tea was served in many Canadian and Great Britain homes as well as in ceremonies. As a Unit, host a tea party for elderly men and women in your community. This can be done in your regular meeting place or in a Senior Citizens' home. The Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, Knights of Columbus, the seniors' centre in your community and the Trefoil Guild might be great places to approach when you're planning your party. Serve tea, crumpets, biscuits and finger sandwiches. Girls, especially Sparks and Brownies, might like to wear their prettiest dresses and hats. Don't forget to ask the women if they were in Guiding when they were girls, and the men if they were in Scouting; they might have wonderful memories to share with you!
49. In 1935, the Sarcee First Nation named Lady Baden-Powell Otter Woman. As a Unit, research First Nations history in your community. Visit a museum, First Nations Band office or find websites of local First Nations communities. Do a First Nation craft or make a dish using traditional, indigenous foods. Invite a Band member to come to your Unit meeting and speak about their history.
50. In 1945, the Canadian World Friendship Fund was started. As a Unit or District, host a "95 Challenge" as a way to raise funds for the CWFF. Research the CWFF and find out what they do; then commit to collecting \$95 in 95 days—it's just a dollar a day! Just think of how much that will be if every District in our Province collected \$95 for the CWFF that would be nearly \$20,000 - wow!
51. In 1960, Canada celebrated The Golden Jubilee of Guiding in Canada. To acknowledge this occasion, Guides all over Canada planted golden tulips so that in the spring of 1960 there was a "river of gold" from coast to coast. As a Unit or District, plan a community service project where you enrich and beautify the environment or landscape where you live: plant tulips or perennial flowers in the colours of the Branches of Guiding: pink, orange, blue, green and red. Wherever you do this project, be sure to ask permission



first. When the flowers bloom, you might want to take a group photo with the girls sitting in front of the flowers.

52. In 1970, the Canadian Guiding community celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of Guiding (60 years). As a craft, create a hanging ornament by threading plastic crystals and blue and white beads on a silver thread. Hang this craft in a sunny spot to remind you of the spirit of Guiding through the years.
53. Participate in your local Santa Claus parade by marching or creating a float.
54. Decorate a tree for a Christmas tree in a Guiding theme, and put it on display at a Christmas tree event in your community.
55. Donate a Guiding book to your public library in tribute to Canadian Guiding's 95th birthday.
56. Plant a tree. Plant nine trees (one for each decade of Guiding). Or plant 95 trees.
57. Look on a map to find an interesting place 95 kilometers away from your community; visit it.
58. Hold a 95s "Olympics," including a 95-meter dash, skipping rope to 95, climbing 95 steps, bouncing a ball 95 times, and so on.
59. Collect and display 95 pins, crest, stickers, or other things from across Canada.
60. Make a mural, collage or series of posters showing 95 things that are great about Guiding.
61. Make a list of things that you are thankful for in Guiding.
62. Pretend it's 2100. Plan an interplanetary Guide trip.
63. Invite girls and women who have left Guiding, either recently or long ago, to a birthday event that will re-introduce them to Guiding today.
64. Begin a "Guiding and Me" scrapbook.
65. Send an anniversary announcement to your mayor, MLA, MP and your local community newspaper(s), telling them about the value of Guiding in Canada over the past 95 years and what Guiding means to girls and women.
66. During the year, say or write "Thank You" to 95 people for the help they give to Guiding.
67. Have the girls make a Unit time capsule of Guiding memorabilia from decades past, to be opened in the year 2005; then have them make a present-day time capsule of Guiding items to be opened in another 95 years. (They can make these using pieces of paper with the items they chosen written or drawn on them to represent actual things.)
68. Hold a birthday picnic for your District, Division, or Area; invite members of the community to join you.
69. Hold a birthday cake-decorating contest, depicting some part of the Guiding program or history. Invite a local celebrity or owner of a bakeshop to help judge the contest.
70. Have a multi-generational party, inviting all Members, from Trefoil Guild to Sparks. Include non-Members as well.
71. Go on a hike for at least 95 minutes.
72. Braid a friendship rope 95 centimeters long.
73. Build as tall a tower as you can, using 95 toothpicks and miniature marshmallows.



74. Start a Unit guest book for visitors to sign, and try to collect 95 signatures over the course of the year.
75. Swim 95 laps in a three-month period.
76. Run or walk 95 kilometers during the year. Design a special logbook to record your progress.
77. Paint 95 storm drain markings in your community and write a letter to your local paper explaining what they mean and why they were painted.
78. Sell 95 boxes of Girl Guide cookies over and above your annual target.
79. Challenge other Units to help you knit 95 teddy bears for hospitals or family shelters.
80. Design a crest for your Unit for the 95th anniversary.
81. Make a paper chain with 95 links. Write a name of a WAGGGS country on each link.
82. Have a themed camp where you play games and do crafts from 1910.
83. Ask your local municipal councils if Guiding can cover a “graffiti-covered” wall or bench with a “Guiding” theme.
84. Create a 95 second commercial for radio or TV that promotes Guiding in your community.
85. Have the girls decorate plain t-shirts showing the detail of a past uniform in their branch of Guiding.
86. Collect at least 95 used stamps, Campbell’s soup labels, Heinz baby food labels or pull-tabs and donate to charity. (see Nov '04 Pipeline).
87. Write a 250 word story about a girl who was in Guiding in 1910. Make it as real as possible.
88. Identify 95 nature items that exist near your meeting place or camp. You may have to use a magnifying glass to find some of them!
89. At your school, church or another organization outside of Guiding, give a 3 minute speech on “Why I am in Guiding” or “The Changes in Guiding since 1910”.
90. In your Unit add all your ages together. How many girls were needed to reach 95?
91. In your Unit add up the ‘years in Guiding’. Can you reach 95 years?
92. In the early days of Guiding, the semaphore was used to send signals. Spell your name using semaphore.
93. Lanyards were always worn on the uniform. As a craft, make a lanyard to carry a whistle.
94. Write a song or a poem about our 95th Birthday of Guiding in BC.
95. Memorize our 1–800-565-8111 number so you can give it to a friend if they express interest in Guiding.