

BC Ranger Ramble



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Community Connections

WORLD THINKING DAY #LETSGROW

World Thinking Day, February 22nd, is an important day for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world. From the WAGGGS website, "Celebrated since 1926, World Thinking Day is a day of international friendship, speaking out on issues that affect girls and young women, and fundraising for 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world." This year WAGGGS is encouraging youth members to help expand the Thinking Day Celebrations and make an impact in their guiding community. This can be done by planting a tree, planning your own World Thinking Day event or by helping to communicate the World Thinking Day message. #Letsgrow guiding together!

Find out more about the Grow challenge, find resources and how you can become involved at <https://www.wagggs.org/en/what-we-do/world-thinking-day/>

Canadians and Volunteering

Canadians are proud of their volunteerism and those who help in their community. Look at how volunteers help in your community and help organizations running. Learn about what they do and the qualifications they have.

Program Ideas:

Interview your Guider or another guider from your area. Ask her why she likes being a guider and what qualifications she needed to be a unit guider. What do you think your unit would be like without any guiders?

Show your appreciation to volunteers in your community. Brainstorm with your group what volunteers are in your life (firefighters, coaches, School volunteers, ect.) and what the impact would be if those people were not donating their time and skills. Think of a way to thank those volunteers that make a difference in your life. Invite them to your meeting, make them a card or a video, or do whatever you think will show your appreciation.

Raise Your Voice

As a Ranger, and a member of your community your voice and opinions are important and can make a big difference. Do you have something important to say to your federal Member of Parliament, your local councilors or provincial representatives? How about to someone in your school or Guiding environment?

Program Ideas:

As a group, brainstorm different things that you think could change in your community. This could be anything from an unsafe crosswalk near your school or supporting youth programs in the community. Work together with your group to think of a solution to the problem and an action plan towards it. Decide who this information should be sent to and send them a letter with your ideas.

SERVICE PROJECTS

How to plan and incorporate service into the Ranger program

Service is an important and crucial part of the Girl Guide program, however it is not always an easy task to start. With the four easy steps below you and your peers can start a service project that will leave a lasting legacy in your community. Check page 19 of your Ranger book to find the section titled "Service and Girl Guides" for more insight on why service is important to all branches of Guiding

Step One: Determine your communities needs

There are numerous ways that you can determine what would help your community. Brainstorm with your unit on what you think may be needed in your area. Look to the news or do some research on the Internet or in your local newspaper to see who in your community has been asking for help. Once your group has a few different ideas, you can discuss the pro's and con's of each and decide on a project.

Step Two: Start Planning

What do you need to do to have success with this service project? Is there an organization that you need to get in contact with to help coordinate? For example, if you were doing a can food drive, you will need to contact your local food bank to arrange a drop off time for the donations. With your group write out a plan of what needs to be done, when it should be done by, and who is going to be in charge of each section of your project.

Step Three: Do the Service Project

Your project can be small or large, either way it will make an impact in your community. You and your group have put in the work to plan this service, now is time to see it through. Don't forget, you are representing Girl Guides when you are out in the community helping others, so make sure that you present yourselves in a helpful way. Make sure to document your service so you can easily reflect on all of the work that you did.

Step Four: Reflect and Celebrate

Congratulations! You have successfully completed a service to your community. As a group reflect on the experience, speak of the things you would do again for your next project, and the things you would change or expand on. You may choose that you would like to do the same service project again and can adapt the plan you already have, or with your experience you can branch out and give service to another organization or group.

The Knox Mountain Ranger Group in Kelowna BC spent their holidays with friends, family and cookies! They spent the day together working on program and decorating some delicious gingerbread cookies.

Thank you to Charlotte Hardy for the photo submission.

If you and your group would like to be featured here, email in your photo and a note about how you are achieving program work!



Do you want to be featured in our next Ranger Ramble?

If you or any members of your unit would like to be featured in an upcoming newsletter email a photo and a small description of something you are doing that is helping you work toward your Ranger program! This could be an activity or challenge that you have done because of something you read in this newsletter, or one that you have developed on your own and would like to share with other Rangers from around the province. Contributors that are featured will receive a Ranger Ramble badge!

Email any submissions, along with any questions, feedback or comments to bc.Rangerprogram@gmail.com

We look forward from hearing from you!