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BC Council

# Guidelines for Girls and Guiders

APPLYING  
FOR

**PROVINCIAL**

&

**INTERPROVINCIAL**

**CAMPS**



***IT'S EASY AS 1 • 2 • 3***

- 1... Complete your Application
- 2... Arrange for your References
- 3... Submit to Province by the Deadline



## BEFORE YOU START...

- ◆ Type or use **black pen** on the application forms.
- ◆ **Read** application forms over **first**.
- ◆ Complete **every** section.
- ◆ Get all necessary **signatures**.

### 1...Completing the Application

The complete application consists of:

- **Application** – both sides  
Follow the directions step by step
- **Camp record sheet**  
Complete thoroughly - ask your Guider for help.
- **Unit Guider Reference**  
Someone who knows you well in the Unit setting.
- **Camping Guider Reference**  
Someone who has camped with you lots and knows your skills and experience.
- **Personal Health Form**  
Complete every line and have your parent/guardian sign.
- **Handwritten Letter**  
Sell yourself and explain what benefits you will gain and then share with others. Explain why you want to go to that particular camp.



**IMPORTANT!!** Allow plenty of time to get all your paperwork done. A Guider who is rushed writing you a reference may not have the time to give a thorough and thoughtful perspective.

## 2...Guider References

**Unit Guider references** should be written by someone who knows you well. If you are in a new Unit, then ask your previous Guider for her support. She would be delighted to assist you.

**Camping Guider references** should be written by someone who has camped with you recently and who knows your skills and abilities in the outdoors.

**Choose your references carefully** ~ the people who write about you carry a great amount of influence on your application. Share the "Tips for Reference Writers" section with them.

## 3...Submission to Province

Ensure your **reference writers are aware of the deadline** and submit to the Unit Guider *at least* a week in advance.

Province must receive the application *on or before* the deadline so make sure that your **method of mailing** allows enough time.

**Do not fax** references or applications.

### **For Guider Applications....**

There is less paperwork involved with a Guider application but all the same criteria are in place.

- ❑ Application Form
- ❑ Adult Letter of Reference
- ❑ Personal Health Form
- ❑ Handwritten Letter

Follow the directions as stated and good luck!

## Tips for reference writers:

**Know about the event** and qualifications, and comment on the applicant in relation to the camp.

**Be descriptive** – use a Thesaurus to find good alternative wording.

**Be specific** - give examples if possible.

**Complete honesty** is necessary by Guiders in their evaluations of girls. References are confidential.

**Write a rough copy** first – edit and add over several days.

**Type the reference** – this allows more information to be included on the form. Use only the lines provided, no additional paper.

**Use phrases and bullets** instead of sentences to save space.

**Avoid stating the applicant's name** in the body of the reference.

**Relatives** may not write a reference.

## Forms You Will Need.....

### ***For Girls:***

[BCC 306](#) – Girl Application

[BCC 307](#) – Camp Record Sheet

[BCC 308](#) – Unit Guider Reference

[BCC 309](#) – Camping Guider Reference

[H.1](#) – Personal Health Form

### ***For Guiders:***

[BCC 311](#) – Adult Application

[BCC 312](#) – Adult Letter of Reference

[H.1](#) – Personal Health For

***Don't forget your handwritten letter – make it neat and complete!***

Ask your **Guider, Camp Adviser or Commissioner** for any of these forms, and for information about camp opportunities.

## If You Are Selected..... ***Congratulations!!!***

You are soon going to represent B.C. Guiding at a fantastic event. The experiences you enjoy will be among the most memorable and exciting of your life. You were chosen because of your maturity, abilities and confidence, and because you are one of the best representatives of girls and Guiders in the Province!

Your **travel arrangements** will be made by Provincial Camping Committee and you will be notified of the details just as soon as they are available. Do not become concerned if the information about your trip seems slow in arriving – often finalizing bookings and costs for group travel is unavoidably delayed.



**After your return**, remember to write to Province and tell us of your experiences.... we love to hear from our travelers. Also plan to share with Units at home – you may just be the inspiration other girls and Guiders need to apply next year.

***HAVE A WONDERFUL TRIP!!***

