



May 2009: Updates received from CHQ

Changing the World

To date 70,290 members have taken part.

Based on a membership of 550 000 this is only 13% of our membership.

We have pledged donations of over £170 000 to date.

- 5,107 girls have learnt skills to deal with an asthma attack with Asthma UK
- 2131 members have learnt more about homelessness with Crisis
- Almost 10,000 girls have made pledges to be better friends with Kidscape and The Mental Health Foundation.
- 2,555 members have learnt about the importance of their local hospice with Help the Hospices
- Over 4,536 girls have attended a friendship pledge party for Kidscape.
- 3,680 girls have learnt to sign their promise with NDCS.
- 6166 members have reduced their consumption as part of the One Planet Challenge with WWF.
- 5,131 members have been involved in a Sing For Change event and taken almost 2000 people in Nepal out of water poverty for WaterAid.
- Over 12 120 trees have been planted for the Woodland Trust.
- 1459 members have helped make over a campsite with the Woodland Trust

CHQ are pleased with the increase in the number of people who have evaluated their projects at the end of the Spring term and over Easter.

We are reminded of the importance of evaluating our projects even if we do not wish to claim the badges again.

Centenary Launch

Please note that the maze in Crystal Palace Park is in the area to be cordoned off for the Local Counties' Centenary Launch Party on Saturday 5th September. It will not be open to other visitors on that day, but visitors are very welcome from Sunday 6th September.

Adventures

The Big Brownie Takeover

Two International opportunities for Brownies - Belgium (23) OPEN NOW and Ardres (31) OPENS 1ST JUNE are only just across the Channel so do not involve long journeys once you get off the ferry. These are fantastic opportunities to introduce travelling abroad to the Brownie age group

Guides Get Away to Switzerland: Venture Abroad have been able to secure one further Youth Centre in Lenk and so we are able to extend the bookings for a short time. If you are still considering bringing a group or putting a District/Division or County group together please contact Venture Abroad NOW. Flexible group numbers can be considered

The Leaders Adventure to Switzerland is SOLD OUT

Guides Get Away to the Isle of Wight: There are still places available on this Island Adventure, bookings will remain open until the end of the summer term

Guides Get Away to Italy

We have received a lot of enquiries about this Adventure so please be ready to book on 1st

June to avoid disappointment. Details of how to book will be posted on the website soon, a deposit will not be required until 28 days after making a provisional booking

There are a number of exciting opportunities for Guides to take part in Adventures without their Leaders. These adventures are led by a team of qualified and experienced Leaders prepared to ensure all Guides have a magical Centenary Adventure. These opportunities are ideal for units unable to get away together.

Bookings for Brownsea Island, Stockholm and Rock on 100 open on 1st June

The Ultimate Adventure EDINBURGH and LONDON -The Ultimate City break for Senior Section members with or without their Leaders. The Ultimate Adventure closer to home without lots of planning - just Book and Go!

BOOKINGS OPEN

We occasionally need to change the bookings opening dates for events for a variety of reasons so please subscribe to the page that interests you so that you are kept up to date with these changes.

Please note a table has been added to the Adventure landing page on the website which lists all licences required for different adventures and also the forms required by the unit where applicable and individuals.

Brownies Take Over the Tracks

Please be aware that an error was made on the event page for Brownies Take Over the Tracks which has since been rectified. Bookings for the London Victoria to Windsor and Eton Riverside event are due to open in September. Bookings for the Stratford-upon-Avon to Birmingham event are open and places are still available for the Stratford - Birmingham leg of the event.

Adventure 100

The Greatest Adventure and Adventure 100 challenge is a special programme for Girlguiding UK's Centenary year, for all members, starting in September 2009 until October 2010. The *Greatest Adventure* booklet, which will be FREE to all members and distributed by County Commissioners, contains a brief history of guiding's adventure so far and includes pages to record your special Centenary year and your own personal Adventure 100 achievements. There are ten Adventure 100 themes and members can complete one activity from each theme to gain the Adventure 100 badge. Look out for more information on the Centenary website.

Heritage - Story-gathering Story gatherers (oral history training)

Applications for story gatherers to be trained in oral history are going well and more information about what is involved can be found on the heritage pages of the Centenary website including how to apply. We are asking people to complete the standard application forms to allow us to gather a bit of information about whether they are suitable for this role but we do not require them to obtain references.

Training for story gatherers will be taking place on:
Saturday 23 May or Sunday 24 May, in London
Saturday 4 July or Sunday 5 July, in London
Saturday 12 September, in Scotland
Saturday 14 November, in Midlands

We are hoping to offer some more dates into 2010 as well. We would like to encourage Senior Section members to apply and would like to make them aware that this is something that they can use towards their Queen's Guide or Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Story gathering resources

These are currently being tested by units across the country and will be available in *guiding magazine* in the Autumn.

Heritage Exhibition

A new guide entitled 'How to...put on a Centenary exhibition' is available to download from the Exhibition pages of the Centenary website.

This fantastic new guide provides practical support and guidance for all those wishing to celebrate the Centenary by holding an exhibition.

Written by museum professionals, it's full of guidance on how to present your exhibition along with where to find support and advice along the way. You can download the guide from the Exhibitions page where you will also find a template press release and an object loan form to assist your plans.

For advice and queries concerning holding an exhibition, or to simply tell us what you have planned, please email exhibitions@girlguiding.org.uk.

Look out for your free set of Heritage resource posters in the autumn issues of *guiding magazine*!

One World One Beat

Bookings for One World One Beat open on Monday 1st June. Details of the venues are now on the Centenary website and details of the online booking process will be released on the event webpage in the coming weeks prior to bookings opening. Each individual event will host approximately 1,000 Girlguiding UK members from all sections, who will be able to participate in an exciting programme of workshops exploring dance, drama and music from around the world.

Photography Projects

Photo Pinboard

The first of the two photography projects is now live and can be viewed on the CHQ Centenary website.

Girls are being invited to take photos of other girls in their units and post them on our pin board. The aim is to create a visual representation of our membership in our centenary year. We hope to receive enough photos to create a large scale mosaic. Photos submitted will have the chance of appearing in Girlguiding UK's centenary promotional material such as the launch DVD and future publication, publicity material and website.

Leaders, helpers and members over 18 can post the photos to the Flickr Group. Confirming that they have permission for photos of the girls to be used by Girlguiding UK.

Photos can also be sent in on a CD with the photo submission form found on the website. We are unable to accept non-digital photos and CD's cannot be returned.

The criteria to follow when taking the photos are:

- Keep the shot of the head and shoulders only.
- The photos need to be of girls taken by girls (members age 4 - 26).
- The member can be in or out of their guiding uniform.
- Keep the original file size to at least 1MB to ensure a high enough quality image to be used.

We are happy to receive photos of any members including adults. We are asking for girls photos as the focus is on girls taking the photos of each other.

Centenary Camp

Applications now open:

Have your Guide groups applied for their places yet? We have limited numbers for the camp and applications are being taken now online, via the Centenary Camp website. We had 175

units book in during the first hour we were open! The booking line is open 24 hours a day and information is given as to how to apply - it's really easy and there is a "how to" video showing you what you need to do. People who don't have internet access can get someone else to input the details for them, but they will need to provide the leader's membership number and a live email address to which correspondence and information can be sent. You don't have to pay any money until June 20, 2009 and you'll be told before then if you have definitely got places.

This is the biggest Guide camp ever held by The Guide Association, with up to 10,000 members and visitors from overseas. There will be nine different activity zones to choose from during the week so Guides could be relaxing at the camp spa, diving in the scuba tank, mountain boarding or taking part in a performing arts activities - the list is endless! Plus all camp participants will be able to attend *Fusion, the spectacular way to celebrate the centenary*. Camp groups will also receive a special Centenary Camp tent to take away with them, as well as other Centenary items. The event is fully catered, you only have to arrange your own transport.

It's a great opportunity for leaders too - either as a group leader of four girls, or as member of our CAST (Camp Adult Support Team). Senior Section members are encouraged to apply either for the STAR team (Camp Senior Section Support) or the Senior Section media and PR team. Applications are open NOW for the SS media team and CAST and STAR applications will be taken online from July 31. See website for further details.

Fusion - the spectacular way to celebrate our Centenary

We're already hearing from quite a number of Counties and large camps that want to make large group bookings when these open on 2 November 2009.

Booking forms and accompanying information will be available in the following ways:

- 1 Emailed to County Commissioners and Centenary Champions in July 09.
- 2 On the Centenary website in September 09
- 3 In Hotline in October Guiding with an accompanying feature in the magazine

Key dates:

2 November 2009 - Bookings for groups over 300 open - these must be accompanied by a non-returnable deposit of £10 per ticket.

4 January 2010 - Bookings for smaller groups and individuals open - an allocation of tickets will be held back for this date. These bookings must be accompanied by the full £25 per ticket.

1 March 2010 - Large group bookings must pay the balance of £15 per ticket by this date, after which any remaining tickets will be advertised and sold.

All bookings will be acknowledged by email and further information sent out to groups in June 2010.

Look out for the Fusion logo and more information on the Centenary website at <http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/centenary>

Centenary Displays

Any member wishing to order Centenary displays for their County, Division or District can do so by contacting MJ Impressions with a request: call 020 7253 3366. Displays will be available throughout 2009 and there is no closing date for orders. For more information, see pages 6-7 of the Centenary Event Organiser's Catalogue.

Centenary Photographers

We're on the look out for photographers to help with the Centenary. With September's launch fast approaching it would be ideal to have professional photographers across the UK, unfortunately the CHQ staff photographer can't be everywhere at once so teams of three or

four volunteer photographers per Country/Region will be set up to help cover as many Centenary events as possible.

If you would like to help document the Centenary launch, the finale and various camps and adventures taking place across the UK, or you know someone with the necessary skills, please register your interest with Abi Latter, Girlguiding UK's Picture Editor (Abigail.Latter@girlguiding.org.uk). Applicants don't need to be photographers by profession, but they will need to provide a selection of their work in order to be considered.