



April 2009: March updates received from CHQ

Changing the World

Don't forget to send in your evaluations to CHQ.

There is still 6 months to go. Why not try another project? You could share resources or swap with another Unit in your area that has done a different project to you?

Centenary Launch

All Launch Party Organizers need to register their Launch Parties on the CHQ website.

Remember you will need your Membership Number to do this.

Orders for centenary party ware should have been received by Trading Services 31 March 2009 to guarantee delivery for the first weekend in September. If you haven't ordered already then you need to do so ASAP.

Have a go at the Activate pull-out in March guiding magazine. The ideas from this activity will be used to become part of the national story to support the Centenary Launch. An online poll launched later this year to identify the top ten changes our young members would ask for. Ideas to be submitted to County PR Adviser Miss Sarah Hunt by Monday 20th April 2009.

Insurance

Confirmation that guests of all ages will be covered in the same way as members by Girlguiding Public Liability Insurance.

Girlguiding UK has agreed a provider for event cancellation insurance and full information will be available next month.

Adventures

Big Brownie Take Over partners PGL have already sold out at five Centres. They are now offering create your own Brownie Takeover weekends as an alternative.

Guides Get Away

Bookings now being taken for: Isle of Wight, Hameau les Ages, Switzerland and Ultimate Falklands and Big Apple.

There are lots of options available in the Ways to Celebrate catalogue even if you can't take the girls on an adventure yourself.

Bookings are also open for: Winter Wonderland, Autumn Woodland, ICANDO Fireworks, Get Away to Netherurd, Costa Rica, Ultimate Edinburgh, Breaking the Ice, Ultimate Lapland and Ultimate Morocco. All details can be found on the CHQ Centenary website or in your catalogue.

Story Gathering Project

Advance notice: This project will start in September 2009 and resources for Leaders and girls will be available in the autumn.

Photo Pinboard

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

Centenary Camp

Bookings open in April all information re the bookings will be on the web very soon and all Guiders will need to have their fingers on the button on the morning of the 25th April to have the best chance of getting places. As soon as the booking is confirmed about two weeks after the application, a deposit will be needed to confirm the places.

The deposit deadline must be met or places will move to the waiting list. Names of girls taking part are not needed at this stage all we need to know is which groups are coming and the leader who we will communicate with. There is a frequently asked questions section now on the web to help answer your queries but people are needed to ask rather than speculate in Counties about what is happening. Please Guiders do send in your queries: centenarycamppr@girlguiding.org.uk

There is a fantastic opportunity for Senior Section members to be involved with the PR and Media Team at the Centenary Camp Harewood House 31st July - 7th August 2010 if they are aged 16 - 25. Visit the Centenary Website for more information and download an application pack www.girlguiding.org.uk/centenary the closing date is April 30th 2009. If you have anyone in your Unit aged 16 - 25 please pass this on.

We are starting a job board on the web site which will have the current roles we hope to fill. Please look regularly as these opportunities they will change regularly. These jobs will still require a significant input of time, those which are for the week of the camp only will appear closer to the date of the camp.

Young Women's World Forum

Voting to decide which UN Millennium Development Goals the forum will focus on is soon to go live on the WAGGGS website and through postcards at each of the World Centres. This is the way for all Girlguiding UK and WAGGGS members to have their say and influence the forum programme.

Please note that the information in the February mailing "This event is to be known as "Forum 2010"." was incorrect. The name of the event is still Young Women's World Forum. (The logo for the event says Forum 2010 because it has the same meaning in all three official WAGGGS languages [English, French and Spanish] however, wherever appropriate the logo will be accompanied by the full name.)

Centenary Finale

Plans for the Centenary Finale are underway and more details on the Finale events and the 20:10 20/10 2010 moment will be released soon.

Centenary Promise Badge

We would like to confirm that members of the Trefoil Guild are also able to buy the Centenary Promise badge and wear it from October 2010.

Charity Challenges

There are currently some places available on all three Charity Challenges - please encourage members to visit the Centenary website for further information.

Centenary Website

The Girlguiding UK Centenary Website is fully up and running now and the site has had 11,651 visitors since we launched on 15th January 2009. The site has a wealth of information about every event in the Ways to Celebrate catalogue, as well as updates and news on all the Centenary projects and events. As the Centenary approaches, we'll be adding more information about the Centenary strands and more ways for members to take part in our year of celebration - check the 'Get Involved' pages for new volunteering opportunities.

Event Submission Form: We'd love to hear about your local Centenary plans! There is an event submission form on the Centenary website (click on Events Calendar>Tell us about your event).

Centenary Discussion Forum: Share ideas with other members and post your thoughts on our dedicated Centenary forum. We're already hearing ideas about what people are getting up to for their Centenary Launch Parties and mountain-top moments.

FAQs are added to the Centenary website all the time so please do keep checking them and you can refer to them when answering queries. In particular there is a question on 'Do we have to have our Launch party on 5th or 6th September?' and our Centenary Lead Volunteer has also answered a query about the number of events just for adults - you'll also see this question and answer in April's *guiding* magazine.