

Campfire Nights

Topstones County Campsite
Monday 5th June, Tuesday 6th June
and Wednesday 7th June 2017
6.30 - 8.30pm

The International team are holding Brownie Campfires at Topstones County Campsite.

All the girls will receive a 5* hot chocolate and badge on the night.

Bookings are open and places are limited so please complete the booking form which is available from the County website, www.leicestershireguides.org

Closing date: Monday 29th May 2017

Cost £5.00 per girl

For more information please contact Val Bills
valerie-bills@talktalk.net
or Tracey Ball, County International Adviser
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The closing date for the next eBulletin will be
Monday 15th May 2017

Please send any articles to office@leicestershireguides.org

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With the scent of Spring, outdoor adventure is in the air.

Leicestershire Leaders plan adventure-filled programmes with their girls all year long but Spring is often when thoughts turn to the outdoors. What do your young people want to do? Where do they want to go? Maybe they will choose some of the exciting destinations and activities suggested by Divisions from around the County in our Centenary Challenge? This new challenge is designed to give you different locations and new ideas to get out and about. Whether it's an evening or a day out, I hope you have a brilliant adventure. You could record it in words or photos and add it to our blog so everyone will be able to see the exciting adventures of girls and young women in Girlguiding Leicestershire.



June 12th to 25th will see units taking part in our joint effort to complete the Leicestershire Round. Don't forget to register on the website for the section you'd like to walk. It could be a mile of the route or you might want to walk further. Some units have already decided to get sponsored for their walk and support the "Mile for Macmillan" initiative being promoted by Midlands Region.

As her final challenge, Valerie Le Vaillant challenged us to build a den. Will yours be indoors or out? Branches and greenery lashed together with expert knots or saris pegged together? Will it be big enough for your unit teddy bear or your unit Leader? I'd love to see your photos.

And finally there is a little outdoor adventure for Leaders, Unit Helpers and Young Leaders in September. I hope you have found your invitation to join us for the afternoon and evening by the side of Rutland Water. Bring your camping chair and a picnic, decorate with copious amounts of bunting and enjoy time with your guiding family.

I'll see you outside somewhere!

Rachel Webb-Jenkins
County Commissioner



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After 12½ years working at the County Office, County Secretary Corinne Stant retired on Thursday 6th April. On the previous Tuesday, a coffee morning was held for people to come and say their goodbyes and she was presented with gifts from the County team and her work colleagues.

Corinne worked for four County Commissioners and countless Baden-Powell Challenge Coordinators so has seen many changes in guiding. She will be very much missed not only by the office staff but by all the people who rang daily with queries of varying degrees. Her knowledge of Girlguiding Leicestershire was immeasurable.

We wish Corinne all the best for her retirement and are sure that in the not too distant future we will see her again in a different volunteering role.

Louise Mynott
County Office Manager

Midlands Region Chief Commissioner's Awards 2017

Did you see the report in the January 2017 Bulletin about Girlguiding Leicestershire's recipients of the Chief Commissioner's Award in 2016?

Do you have anyone you'd like to nominate for the award in 2017?

The Midlands Region Chief Commissioner's Award may be given to any member of Girlguiding Midlands (which includes Leicestershire), who has given outstanding service to local guiding at unit level. Any other roles held by the nominee are not relevant to this award.

Recommendations for this award may be made by anyone within or outside guiding.

Please contact maggie.silver@outlook.com for advice and a copy of the nomination form including guidelines for completing the form, or contact your Commissioner.

Forms must be returned by email to maggie.silver@outlook.com or posted to Maggie Silver, Girlguiding Leicestershire County Office, 97 Princess Road East, Leicester LE1 7DW, no later than **Monday May 8th 2017**.

We will acknowledge receipt of all forms, so if you have sent a form and have not received an acknowledgement, please contact Maggie to check that it has been received.

Invitations to attend an Award Presentation will be sent to the successful nominees from Girlguiding Midlands, normally in September. The date for the presentation in 2017 will be confirmed shortly.

Maggie Silver, County Awards Adviser



Our centenary
charity is...



We need new pants and new or gently worn bras for distributing in Africa through S4A

We are collecting all year.

Please bring into the County Office.

Thank you.

Appointments

- ☆ Laura Rowe Brownie Commissioner Oadby & Wigston Division ☆
- ☆ Katie Rushton Woodbrook District Commissioner ☆
- ☆ Heather Smith Woodbrook District Commissioner ☆
- ☆ Denise Calladine Harborough District Commissioner ☆
- ☆ Laura Potter Braunstone District Commissioner ☆
- ☆ Christine Randall Beaumont District Commissioner ☆
- ☆ Ruth Barsby Assistant County International Adviser ☆

We wish them all the best in their new roles!

DIARY 2017

MAY

1	Shop and office closed for May Day		
6	Saturdays @97	10.00 am	County Office
12-14	Water Weekend		LOPC
15	eBulletin deadline		
26	Shop closes for half term	3.00 pm	County office

JUNE

1	Shop reopens after half term	12.00 pm	County Office
3	Saturdays @97	10.00 am	County Office
5	Safe Space Training	6.30 pm	Thornton
5,6,7	Brownie Campfires	6.30 pm	Topstones
9-11	Baden Powell Adventure weekend		
12-25	Leicestershire Round		
14	County Exec	7.30 pm	County Office
22	Presentation Evening	7.15 pm	Sue Townsend Theatre

JULY

1	Saturdays @97	10.00 am	County Office
1	County Centenary Big Night Out		
8	Shop closes for summer	1.30 pm	County Office
8-9	DofE Bronze Qualifying Expedition		
14	Bulletin deadline		

AUGUST

5	Saturdays @97	10.00 am	County Office
17-20	Le Grand Voyage (PGL)		Paris
26-28	DofE Silver Qualifying Expedition		
31	Shop reopens after summer	12 noon	County Office

SEPTEMBER

11	County Exec	7.30 pm	County Office
30	New to Leadership Training		County Office

OCTOBER

1	New to Leadership Training		County Office
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NOVEMBER

3-5	County Training Weekend		Broneirion
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Guiding Essentials Leicestershire

May Day: closed Monday 1st May

Late May Half Term: close 3 pm Friday 26th May
and reopen noon Thursday 1st June

For up to date information check the [shop page](http://www.leicestershireguides.org) at
www.leicestershireguides.org

or contact 0116 204 4902 / equipstore@leicestershireguides.org

Escape to Girlguiding Leicestershire's County Camp



5th - 11th August 2018
at Topstones

Bookings open 1st September 2017

£145 for Guides

£120 for The Senior Section

£30 for Leaders

More information coming soon on
the County website

www.leicestershireguides.org



Interested in joining the team? Drop in to County Office
Saturday 3rd June, 11am - 1pm and find out more.



Celebrating a Centenary History Book

A celebration in words and pictures of guiding in Leicestershire from 1912 when the first Guide company was formed and 1917 when Leicestershire first became a guiding County. Available from the shop in mid June costing under £10.

Pre-order forms (to give us an idea of how many copies to have printed) are available in the shop or on the website, www.leicestershireguides.org



**THE DUKE OF
EDINBURGH'S AWARD**

Nine girls attended the DofE Basic Training Weekend at Thurnby in March. During the weekend they learnt the skills they would need to complete their expedition: everything from reading a map to packing a rucksack and cooking on a Trangia.

They put their newly acquired navigation skills into practice with a walk on Sunday morning and are now looking forward to completing their practice expedition in the Market Bosworth area late April, and will complete their qualifying expeditions in July in east Leicestershire.

The Gold canoeing teams have completed several training sessions, including capsize and rescue skills. They completed a 16km paddle along the Nottingham canal and the River Trent in April, and are currently preparing for their practice expedition from 29 April to 1 May on the River Trent before their qualifying expedition on the River Wye in August.

We still have spaces available on this summer's Silver walking expeditions in the Peak District.

Forthcoming DofE dates:

27-29 May	Silver practice expedition
8-9 July	Bronze qualifying expedition
26-28 August	Silver qualifying expedition

Registration forms are available on the Girlguiding Leicestershire website, www.leicestershireguides.org for anyone aged 14-25 who wishes to participate in DofE.

Help from interested adults is always appreciated - there's more to DofE than the expedition!

Contact Lucy Faulds on lucy.guiding@gmail.com
for further information.

Girlguiding Leicestershire Centenary Challenge

Are you up for the challenge? There will be lots of activities for all sections. Units will have to complete 4 clauses including one outside of the unit meeting place.

All details will be on the website soon, www.leicestershireguides.org so you will only have to download what you need. The badges have arrived and look great!



Leicestershire Round 100 miles around the county

We would like to invite units to walk as much or as little of the Leicestershire Round as they wish, but a minimum of 1 mile must be walked to gain the specially designed badge (cost £1 each).

You can walk at any time - during the day, replacing an evening meeting or during the weekend - between the 12th to 25th June.

We are hoping to have a couple of led walks across some of the more challenging areas which will be advertised closer to the event.

Decide which leg you want to walk - you can complete as many sections as you wish.

For more information, to download the booking form and order badges go to the website, www.leicestershireguides.org

Sam Harrold, Assistant County Commissioner

Could you be a Young Leader Champion?

Are you passionate about encouraging the next generation of Leaders? If so we need you...

Anyone can be a Young Leader Champion. All you need is enthusiasm and the ability to work alongside our Young Leaders and be their voice in your area.

What does it involve:

- Attending an occasional meeting with the County Young Leader Adviser
- Supporting Young Leaders in your area by speaking up for them at a District and/or Division level and helping to create opportunities for them to develop as Leaders and become more involved in their guiding community.
- Visiting or arranging a catch up with the Young Leaders in your area.
- Passing on information circulated by the County Young Leader Adviser.

Why do we need Young Leader Champions?

Young Leaders can often be overlooked and sometimes forgotten about, particularly if they don't attend a Senior Section unit.

They are the Leaders of the future and we want to keep them engaged with guiding.

If you think this is something you might be interested in and want to find more contact Rachel Smith, County Young Leader Adviser at rachelsmith701@hotmail.com



International Activity Day

Topstones County Campsite
Saturday 16th September 2017
10 am - 3 pm

We are holding an international themed activity day for all Brownies and Rainbows in Leicestershire.

The girls will be able to try new and different international games and activities, while they travel around the world throughout the day.

Bookings are open and places are limited so please complete the booking form which is available from the County website, www.leicestershireguides.org

Please reply before the closing date:
Friday 14th July 2017

Cost £10.00 per girl which will include a badge and drinks.

**For more information please contact Tracey Ball,
County International Adviser: Traceysim64@hotmail.co.uk**

Going Away on a Brownie Residential?

If you are thinking about completing a residential licence then please complete the form we enclose with the *Going Away With Scheme* book purchased from our shop and return as soon as possible. We can then assign you a Mentor who can help support you with your planning and working out what evidence you need for your folder.

It's a good idea to visit or help out on other holidays prior to your own as a way of sharing good practice and to help you with running your own holiday or sleepover.

If you have started your licence and have not heard from us or your Mentor, then please contact us. We are happy to help when emails aren't finding the right people.

Emma, Emma.parr@yahoo.co.uk and Marika, Marikavwatts@gmail.com
County Brownie Residential Advisers



Football Fun Day

Sunday 11th June, 10am - 4pm

Brockington College,
Blaby Road, Enderby, LE19 4AQ

Come and join in a day of fun,
football and friendship!

There will be a chance to learn some football skills and also take part in some guiding activities before finishing with a mini tournament.

It is being organised in conjunction with Leicestershire and Rutland FA and will be a great way to show guiding and football at their best.

Everyone welcome, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and members of The Senior Section – You don't need to have taken part in the project already to join in.



Cost £5 per girl
Keep an eye on the website
www.leicestershireguides.org
for more information and
booking details.



Annual Census and Subscriptions

Congratulations to all who paid their Annual Subscriptions on time. Please remember to print off your 'Paid in Full' receipt by the end of May - you will need it for your accounts.

At the census date we had 8176 members in the County!

TRAININGS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Safe Space (16+ only)

Monday 5th June 2017

6.30 pm - 9.30 pm

Thornton Community Centre, 175 Main St,
Thornton, Coalville, LE67 1AH



Please book a place on the trainings of your choice by completing the on-line booking form via our website

- Bookings will be *provisional* until you have received an email from County Office nearer the date confirming your place and the details of the course.
- Please do not just turn up - courses could be full.
- Full First Response will start at 9.30 am and finish at 4.30 pm (unless otherwise stated). Packed lunch and comfy uniform needed. (Notebook and pen optional.)
- Please check with County Office if the shop will be open.
- Uniform is worn at all trainings.
- There is no charge for the training sessions. However, for First Response only, if you fail to let County Office know that you are unable to attend, then your Division will be charged £5 per place.
- Materials are free except the First Response book which will cost £3.
- There is often a waiting list so PLEASE tell us if for any reason, you have to cancel.
- Food Hygiene has a fee to cover the cost of exam papers and certificates. After completing the booking form, please send a cheque for £20 (made payable to 'The Guide Association - Leicestershire'). Your place will only be reserved after payment has been received. You will also need to bring a current photo ID on the actual day - without this you will not be able to do the course.

TRAININGS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Full First Response

It is a mandatory requirement for each unit to have *at least* one Leader who holds a valid 1st Response certificate, or an equivalent first aid qualification, in attendance at any meetings, trips or events, to ensure the safety of all members. If your 1st Response is out of date, you cannot be the named First Aider for the Unit or activities. All Leaders In Training are required to attend a 6 hour Full First Response, unless they have an accepted external qualification. Commissioners or Mentors should be able to verify this.

Sunday 14th May 2017

9.30 am - 4.30 pm

Mountsorrel Scout Hut, 34 The Green,
Mountsorrel, Leicester, LE12 7AF



Saturday 10th June 2017

9.30 am - 4.30 pm

Venue to be confirmed



New to Leadership

Trainings and workshops to give new Leaders and Young Leaders skills and knowledge to assist in their role in Guiding.

New Leaders keep these dates free

Saturday 30th September 2017

Sunday 1st October 2017

at County Office, 97 Princess Road East,
Leicester, LE1 7DW