



Rivers North Area Community Challenge
“50 Ways to Connect”
Remember Be Visible – Wear your uniform

Purpose/Objective:

Province wide all members of Guiding have been asked to be more visible in our communities. Our challenge is to increase Guiding’s visibility in our communities; to interact with the public and to help with our membership growth goals. Many of us already do service and activities, but the goal of this challenge is to try something new, or take what you are already doing to a new level of engagement.

Completing the Challenge

To complete this challenge you must do at least 10 activities during the Guiding year. Don’t forget to take pictures of the girls and write articles for your local papers!

To order Crests

Once you have completed the challenge, fill out the crest order form and send it to the Area Contact

Challenge Sections:

Show Guiding, Grow Guiding:

1. Create a poster/collage that shows something about guiding , ask permission to post in a public spot
2. Create a chant and present it as a flash mob in a public place
3. Create a 60 second commercial , speech or presentation and deliver it at your school, church, service club or another organisation outside of Guiding (local TV station or in front of your city council)
4. Write an article for our Rivers North Area website, your local paper or?? about something your unit has done, include pictures!
5. Ask public figures to participate in a cookie debate (Chocolate vs vanilla vs mint?)
6. Come up with a way to advertise cookies and Guiding in your community – ask car dealerships to see how many cookie cases fit into a car etc.
7. Sell Cookies door to door, participate in a blitz night
8. Have a bring a friend night in your unit
9. Develop a future Girl Guide package for your hospital with a “Save the Year” notecard for baby girls
10. Set up and man an information table for Guiding at the local farmer’s market, fair or community event
11. Tour your local newspaper (maybe you’ll be in it!)
12. Hold a regular meeting in another location, park, restaurant, outside your meeting spot
13. Have a travelling meeting – visit several different locations
14. PR, PR, PR! What is your idea?

Community Events

1. Participate in a local celebration, parade or event (Remembrance Day, Fall fair Parades, Canada Day, Rivers Day)
2. Arrange a Unit Meeting at a public space such as the mall, city hall, park
3. Wear your uniform to school

Community – Service:

1. Participate in Hike for Hunger or a food drive, Cancer society Daffodil Sales or Remembrance Day poppy sales etc.
2. Build hygiene kits or birthday party kits for transition homes/shelters,
3. Collect and donate items useful to others in your community –socks, mitts or?

4. Do a book drive, build care packages for SPCA
5. Hold a meeting, activity or visit a Seniors Centre
6. Participate in community events
7. Blankets for Canada
8. Habitat for Humanity Women Build
9. Perform service to others at a local event,
10. Make cards for Seniors/Veterans/our military forces to thank them, or Christmas cards, birthday cards or?
11. Participate in community clean-up days
12. Plant trees or flowers at your meeting place, a seniors centre/care home
13. Adopt a kilometer of highway
14. Or? What else can you think of

Nature, the Environment and Animals:

15. Be Bear Aware – ask a speaker to come in and talk to your unit
16. Take Your Unit on a hike on local trails (for clean-up, geo-caching, plant learning, etc..)
17. Visit the local Ski hills or X country ski or snowshoe trails
18. Build snowmen in the city park
19. Visit a local animal shelter , or rescue center and learn about what they do
20. Do a camping skills meeting at the park
21. Learn about local plants, composting, water wise gardens or?
22. Do a nature scavenger hunt, using cameras to take pictures of the items

Science:

23. Speak with a local college or school to see if your Unit can be shown a science experiment on campus
24. Plan an evening under the stars and learn more about astronomy
25. Using cookie cartons and boxes, measure local landmarks!
26. Learn about environmentally friendly cleaning products/ makeup

Arts :

27. Visit a local art gallery or museum , or place of interest
28. Sit on the local art gallery steps and sketch the view across the street
29. Visit a local theatre, or create a skit and perform it in the community
30. Contact a local musician and see if they can give the girls a “lesson” or teach them about their instrument

31. Contact a local artist/artisan to see if they can give the girls a lesson
32. Visit a park or and build sculptures using found objects, draw a picture or?

Health and Safety:

33. Visit your local police, fire hall or hospital
34. Do a safety audit of your meeting place
35. Go door to door and hand out emergency preparedness pamphlets (from fire department or other acceptable group)
36. Invite a dietician to come and talk to you about healthy eating
37. Have a dinner meeting , come up with a healthy menu and cook it at the meeting
38. Do a nutrition tour of a local supermarket, learn what can be produced within our Area
39. Plan and carry out a Physically active event

Active Living:

40. Plan and carry our an outside active event (hiking, snowshoeing, winter sports day etc)
41. Plan and carry out an indoor active event (play basketball, dodge ball, swimming etc)
42. Have a party at the gymnastics club
43. Have a fitness trainer or dance instructor do a class at the local park or mall

International:

44. Discover Hostelling in your community – meet people from all over the world!
45. Go to a local field or park and play sports/games from other countries
46. Meet on the steps of City Hall, Museum or Art Gallery and discuss “Peace”
47. Explore diversity in your community
48. Have an international event, invite members of other cultures to come and visit you
49. Have an international dinner

Other:

50. Come up with your own challenge and complete it. Let us know what you did!