

## Senior Branches News!

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Hello Calgary Area! I'm here to raise Senior Branches awareness, as well as, hopefully, make some opportunities for Senior Branches in the area to connect, make new friends, and work together, because being Senior Branches can be very lonely sometimes, as there are so few of you around.

A few things you may not know about Senior Branches:

- In September 2008, Canadian Senior Branches will get a new, exciting program that I and other Senior Branches across the country helped to develop.
- In most provinces, the Senior Branches completion award (currently called the Chief Commissioner's Gold Award), counts for high school graduation credits.
- There are many opportunities for international and inter-provincial travel for Senior Branches.
- Senior Branches in their graduating year are eligible to apply for the National Girl Guides Scholarship as well as the Alberta Council Scholarship.

Senior Branches has more big news! In September, they will have a new name. Senior Branches will be called "Rangers". I know this may be disappointing for the Junior Leaders and Cadets, but it is really to create less confusion. You will still be able to complete your program with a group of your peers (a Ranger unit), a group of younger girls (e.g. a Brownie unit), or a combination of the two.

Finally, I would like to let you all know that I am looking at creating a Senior Branches (Ranger) weekend conference in the fall. This would be an opportunity for Rangers from throughout the area to get to know each other and gain some new tools for working with the new program, as well as working with a unit of younger girls. If you would like to be involved in planning and/or executing this event, please e-mail me ([vferguso@ucalgary.ca](mailto:vferguso@ucalgary.ca)). This goes for Senior Branches Members, Link Members looking for something fun to do in the fall, and Guiders alike.

If you ever have any Senior Branches related questions, e-mail me! I promise to get back to you, and if I don't know the answer, I'll pass you on to someone who does!



## Girls' Newsletter

Youth Membership

Coming in May! A newsletter sent directly to Guides, Pathfinders and Senior Branches Members.

Look for it and find out about:

- events and activities over the summer
- things that will be coming up in the fall
- summer camp opportunities
- international information

- games and fun things to do
- web resources
- ways to connect with youth Members across the city

If you have questions regarding the newsletter or information you would like to submit to it, please contact Sommer Dahlseide, Youth Membership Coordinator at 283-8348 ext 27 or [youth@calgareaguides.com](mailto:youth@calgareaguides.com).

