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Training News—Time Goes By

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Do you remember the things you did as a Brownie or Guide? I remember being a dismal failure at semaphore in Brownies and undertaking a six mile hike as a Guide in full uniform which included a navy skirt and white socks.

How things have changed! Fortunately today's girls have more relevant challenges.

Change is something we have come to accept. In the few years that I have lived in Canada and been involved in Guiding here, I have seen: *Safe Guide* come and change; uniforms altered to suit today's girls and the programs for Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders updated to mention but a few things.

So how do we cope with all this change?

Well, we could pretend it's not happening — perhaps not! Hiking in the Rockies in skirts might not be too good an idea these days.

It's more likely that we embrace change.

Some people can take on new ideas, skills and concepts by just reading, others need to have a go and try them out. Many people learn better when there is someone to encourage or help them. That's where the training team can help. Whenever a change occurs, special training sessions will be put on to help with the transition.

What is your part in all of this? It's quite simple: you just need to phone Brenda at the Guide Center to book a place, then turn up on the day and have fun while you learn.

If we haven't got the session you want planned, drop us a line and tell us what you need. You never know, you may not be the only one interested in that topic.

So when the next Guiding year starts and you see alterations coming, remember: change is essential if we are not to stagnate. It doesn't have to be frightening and there are lots of people out there to help. You only have to ask!



Thank you, Commissioners!

Membership Committee

Commissioners play important parts when it comes to growing Guiding. Throughout Calgary Area, District and Division Commissioners are doing an amazing job.

In each issue of the *Brownsea Bulletin*, Membership Support tries to acknowledge the outstanding contributions Commissioners are making to Guiding in our Area.

This month we recognize two Commissioners who use their wonderful organizational skills to ensure that Guiding continues to grow in their area of the city: **Amber Lapp** and **Bonny Pratt**.

These Commissioners are always one step ahead of what is happening and keep up-to-date with all aspects of administration and Guider support. They ensure that their paperwork and information is into the Area office and taken care of in their area. They recognize that communication at all levels of the organization is vitally important for growing Guiding. They do everything they can to ensure that Guiders are provided with the information they need.

Thank you, Amber and Bonny for your dedication to Guiding.