



InforME December 2018

Welcome to your Update from Girlguiding Middlesex East!

Seasons Greetings

I wanted to take this opportunity to wish you Seasons Greetings and say "Thank You" for all the work you do on a daily basis to bring great Guiding and amazing opportunities to our young members. Hopefully in the next few days you will be breaking for the holiday period and have the chance to recharge those batteries and will come back refreshed and looking forward to what 2019 may bring us.

Unit Visits

As part of my getting to know Leaders in the County I plan to try and visit as many units in the County as possible. With 172 units that's a fairly big challenge, so Sarah Anderson my ACC is going to assist by taking on the Barnet visits as that my home Division as well as Edmonton. The units will be chosen randomly each term at County Exec with each unit assigned a number and around 10 numbers will be picked out of a hat. The first lucky units were chosen at Exec this week for next term - they are:-

7th Brondesbury Rainbows, 1st Whetstone Guides, 10th Mill Hill Brownies, 6th Enfield Guides, 1st Grange Park Rainbows, 4th Enfield Guides (Units have been emailed)

Hopefully you should all have received your Guiding magazine by now and seen the new "Doing Our Best" standards wall poster.

So we would like to combine the get to know you visits alongside "Doing Our Best" so will be asking to see the units term programme, Risk Assessment and the last set of unit accounts. Notice will be given prior to the visit.

Festive Fun

The rain did not dampen the enthusiasm of the girls or leaders who attended Festive Fun nor did it deter Santa from dropping in. They completed a variety of crafts, visited the Grotto as well as receiving a great badge as well as visiting The Elves Workshop (Craft Stall) which raised over £900 for Northern Heights.

Numbers attended Rainbows 51, Brownies 97, Guides 57, Guide helpers 5, Y/L 6, Children 3, Total 219. Leaders/adults - with units 43, Other adult helpers - Sat 21, Other adult helpers - Sun 20 Total 303

ME Time II

While Rainbows, Brownies and Guides were enjoying Festive Fun a large group of Rangers, Young Leaders and older Guides took over Earth House for ME Time 2. Participants enjoyed completing a whole Skills Builder badge, meeting new people and eating lots of food in a

chilled out atmosphere. All night movies, late night walks, breakfast in bed and a go on the zip line completed the experience.

ME Time forms part of the County Ranger programme which is open to all 14-18s whether members of a Ranger unit or not. The next meeting is on Saturday 2 February 2019 at Northern Heights. Booking information will be available soon.

Due to popular demand there will be another County Rangers overnight on 27-28 April 2019. ME Time will return in Autumn 2019.

Please share with any 14-18s in County and direct any questions to seniorsection@ggme.co.uk.

Going Away With (GAW) Training

19th January 2019 9am-1pm Blackthorn, Northern Heights. Cost £5.

Are you planning a residential event, or would you love to know more about how to take your girls away? Or perhaps you've not used your qualification in a while and have some questions or need an update. If any of this sounds like you, come and meet the members of the county team and let the adventure begin!

County Training Day

23rd June 2019 at Northern Heights. Cost £10.

We are already in the process of planning next year's County Training Day at Northern Heights, to be held on the 23rd of June 2019. The day costs only £10 which can be claimed back from unit funds. Sessions on offer will include A Safe Space, New Leaders drop in, First Response refresher, as well as New Programme training.

County 75th Birthday 2020

We are pleased to announce that the first event has been booked.

Dates for your diary 24th - 27th July 2020

Location Gilwell

A large scale residential for Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Y/L. Indoor and Camping. Further details will follow in the New Year.

Personal Responsibility

DBS / GO record

It is your personal responsibility to ensure your GO record is up to date, that includes email address, phone numbers, photo permission and next of kin details.

It is also your personal responsibility to ensure your DBS is current, it is not down to your Division Commissioner or DBS verifier to continually chase you up.

A high number of emails sent to adult using the email address that is registered on GO gets returned as address unknown.

Unit Leaders

Reminder that for the past year each term you should be submitting a copy of your units term programme and a copy of Unit Meeting Risk Assessment to your Division Commissioner, if you are struggling with the risk assessment aspect please take a look at the Region Website (link below) they have some great examples.

<https://www.girlguidinglaser.org.uk/resource/2017-Amended-Appendix-examples-of-risk-1st-RA.docx>

Awards

The awards committee will be meeting on 17th December please send your nominations in ASAP to your Division reps or to County Commissioner. For more information on available awards visit the link below.

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/making-guiding-happen/running-your-unit/managing-your-team/awards-and-recognition/>

Training Calendar

We will be trialling the use of Eventbrite to book some county training courses so be sure to look out for that! We are also looking to run a training week in 2019. Several Counties in the Region do this in the winter term as it is generally a longer term. So, at half-term all units close for an extra week and the County host training sessions Monday - Thursday in a different part of the County with each night having a range of training sessions available.

Watch this space!

New Programme Training

Overview

- 10/01/2019 Session is fully booked
- 06/02/2019 Enfield Baptist Church, Cecil Road, Enfield, EN2 6TG
- 07/03/2019 St Ignatius Church, 27 High Road, Stamford Hill, N15 6ND
- 23/06/2019 County day, Northern Heights

New Programme sectional training

- 13/10/2019 Finchley Methodist Church Hall, Ballards Lane, Finchley, N3 1NB

First Response training

- 04/02/2019 Refresher Course Friary Hall, N20 9AR
- 09/03/2019 Full Course St Monica's Scout & Guide hall, N14 7HE
- 23/06/2019 Refresher Course County Day

Safe Space training

- 26/01/2019 Safe Space 3 Enfield
- 03/02/2019 Safe Space 4 NH book via Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/safe-space-4-tickets-52059656835>

- 12/02/2019 Safe Space 2 St Ignatius Church, 27 High Road, Stamford Hill, N15 6ND
- 23/06/2019 Safe Space 2 County Day
- 07/07/2019 Safe Space 3 Union Street, EN5 4HZ
- 07/10/2019 Safe Space 2 Edmonton Baptist Church, N9 0LS

Communications

If you have any news items or County Calendar events you would like to be shared with the County please contact us at countycommissioner@ggme.co.uk

Check out the County website at: www.ggme.co.uk

Keep up to date with our County Campsite at: www.northernheights.org.uk

And don't forget our Social Media accounts:

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