



InforME February 2019

Welcome to your monthly update for 2019 from Girlguiding Middlesex East!

County Commissioner Unit Visits

Dates are now in the diary for the 6 visits this terms and next terms unit visits have been picked out at Exec on 11th February and the lucky winners for April - July are 4th Muswell Hill Brownies, 4th Kingsbury Guides, 19th Enfield Brownies, 4th Winchmore Hill Brownies, 1st Enfield Rangers and 7th Palmers Green Brownies.

As well as getting to know you better, we will be using some of the “Doing Our Best” checklists at each visit. Therefore, we will ask to see your unit’s termly programme, the risk assessment relating to your meeting place and planned activities for the term, and finally the last set of unit accounts.

Notice will be given prior to the visit so that you have plenty of time to prepare. I will also be checking the Units GO record prior to attending to ensure all volunteers have emergency contact information.

For more information regarding Doing Our Best, please follow this link

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/making-guiding-happen/how-were-being-our-best/doing-our-best/> or refer to the poster which was sent out with the most recent edition of Girlguiding.

County Rangers Overnight

Saturday 27-28 April 2019 at Northern Heights. It has been circulated to Division Commissioner for further circulation on to unit leaders.

This follows on from their first successful meeting but very snowy meeting on 2nd February. They completed Feel Good Stage 5 Skills Builder from the Be Well theme and “Tin Can Cook” UMA

County Training Day

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

Flyer attached to this email

Plus Old programme badge swap opportunity over lunch

Camp 2020

24th - 27th July 2020 at Gilwell Park. Cost TBC.

Plans are also now underway for a Rainbows overnight event

International Selection Weekend

This will take place over the weekend of 16th-17th March 2019 at Northern Heights.

Please see flyer attached.

Northern Heights Updates

Over the last few weeks Earth House has seen the redecoration of the main bunk rooms and the installation of a commercial dishwasher.

The site is now providing environmentally friendly cleaning products for all site users so if you are visiting you only need to bring toilet rolls, bin bags and cleaning cloths

As you look to plan your residentials and trips for 2019 check our website www.northernheights.org.uk for updates to our Site Risk Assessment and more information on our new activities'

Chigwell Task Force

10th March 2019 sees our second Chigwell Task Force to carry out some much needed work on our County Hut and surrounding foliage 10am - 4pm. Please don't wear your Sunday best as it could be messy.

Safe Space

Reminder every adult needs to have received Safe Space training by the end of 2020 appropriate to the role they hold.

HQ have given us targets they want 65% of those requiring Level 2 to be completed by the end of 2019 and 95% of those requiring Level 4.

At the moment there is a huge disparity been Divisions on the percentages that have already attended trainings or have completed the online e-learnings. Some Divisions are already close to these target where as others are below the National average, we still have a huge number of leaders who as yet have NO Safe Space training recorded.

As a County we can only provide so many trainings a year so please try and complete your training sooner rather than later especially the e-learning Level 1 and Level 2 which only then leaves a chat which can be completed by your DC or Safe Space trainers.

Division Commissioners have been given a list of Adults who don't have anything recorded so will be chasing you up very soon.

REN's

Please remember the process for submitting REN's changed in September 2018.

12 weeks notification is now required unless exceptional circumstances apply.

We are still seeing too many come in with only a couple of weeks notice.

If there is any adult on your REN that is out of County please supply what County they are from and who the contact for that county is to check GO records as we can only access Middx East on GO.

Unit Leader Responsibility

Please remember that at least one leader on the unit teams needs to hold a valid first response certificate

Awards

The awards committee will be meeting on the 8th May 2019 which will be your last chance to submit nominations prior to the awards evening which will be held on **Wednesday 3rd July 2019** so please send your nominations in ASAP to your Division reps or to the County Awards Chair. For more information on awards visit the Girlguiding website. <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/making-guiding-happen/running-your-unit/managing-your-team/awards-and-recognition/>

County Roles

Do you fancy joining our enthusiastic team of advisors ??? In that case we have a some opportunities for you.

Peer 4 Educator Advisor

Queens Guide Advisor (from June)

18-30 Section Advisor

Commissioners/Advisors Unavailability (Away for more than 2 weeks)

R&B Residential Advisor - Away - 11th February to 6th March 2019

Guide Advisor - Away - 17th May to 2nd June 2019

Badge Secretary - Away - 6th June to 18th June 2019

Outdoor Activities Advisor - Away - 10th August to 24th August 2019

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:

Facebook Girlguiding MiddlesexEast

Northern Heights Residential Activity Centre

Twitter @GirlguidingMdxE (Middlesex East County)

@GGMdxE_TSS (Middlesex East Rangers and Young Leaders)

Instagram @Nrthn_Heights (Northern Heights Residential Activity Centre)
middlesex_east_rangers (Middlesex East Rangers)

Upcoming Trainings

New Programme Training (overview)

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

09/03/2019 Full Course St Monica's Scout & Guide hall, N14 7HE

23/06/2019 Refresher Course County Day

Safe Space

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