



InforME January 2019

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

Hopefully you have all enjoyed a Guiding rest over the holiday and are ready for 2019.

County Commissioner Unit Visits

Dates are now in the diary for the 6 visits this term, next term's unit visits will be picked out at Exec on 11th February so keep an eye out for an email from me to see if you're one of the lucky units.

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 Ranger Meet-up

Saturday 2nd February 2019 at Northern Heights. Flyers have been sent out direct to Young Leaders.

County Rangers Overnight

Saturday 27-28 April 2019. Booking information available soon.

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.

Camp 2020

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

We are so excited to announce that the first event for the County 75th celebrations has been booked! Camp 2020 (name likely to change!) will be a large scale residential for Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Y/L's. A mixture of indoor and camping will be available. Adventurous activities and fully catered! Further details on booking and cost will follow in the New Year.

Camp 2020 Organising Committee Roles

To make Camp 2020 happen Nicola and Sarah (Lead Volunteers for Camp 2020) are going to need YOUR help! We need lots of volunteers and we are recruiting for the first roles right now! There will be roles to suit all skills and time restrictions so don't worry if you don't see your ideal role here:

- **Branding Officer** - design our logo and badge, choose a colour scheme, develop Camp Clothing
- **Communications Officer** - ensure a strong social media presence, promote the event, create regular newsletters.
- **Activities Officer** - work with the lead volunteers to create the non-adventurous activity programme
- **Booking secretary/assistant** - work with the Finance Officer to ensure that the booking process runs smoothly and the correct information is collected from the outset.

All roles can be shared and these roles will form parts of larger teams as time progresses. Nervous? Not sure whether to apply? Don't worry, full support and mentoring is available for all roles. Applications from 14-18's encouraged.

This is your chance to help shape a key event in our 75th birthday year.

More roles will be released soon.

Please email Sarah Anderson at accprogramme@ggme.co.uk if you're interested.

Personal Responsibility

GO

There is still a very high percentage of Volunteer that have not accessed their GO records. This means that there are no emergency contacts for you are on the system. Please do log in and update your record as soon as possible, we obviously hope nothing ever happens at a meeting but it is vital we are able to contact someone if there is an emergency.

First Response

Refresh your 1st Response training every three years to keep your skills current

Your 1st Response training is valid for three years from the date that you complete the course. After this time, you can attend our 1st Response Refresher course to ensure your knowledge is up to date.

Unit Leader Responsibility

Please be reminded that you should be submitting termly a copy of your unit's programme and a copy of the unit meeting risk assessment to your Division Commissioner and annually a copy of your units accounts.

If you are struggling with the risk assessment aspect please do take a look at the Region website, they have some great examples.

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

There are also a large number of Y/L and Rangers that have no email address on the system so we are unable to contact them direct with offers of exciting County events. This may well be they have been on the system since Rainbows when they didn't have their own email address. Can you check the records of any 14-18 year olds attached to your unit and update them please.

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/>

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

R&B Residential Advisor	- Away -	11 th February to 6 th March 2019
Guide Advisor	- Away -	17 th May to 2 nd June 2019
Outdoor Activities Advisor	- Away -	10 th August to 24 th 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) @Nrthn_Heights (Northern Heights Residential Activity Centre)
Instagram	middlesex_east_rangers (Middlesex East Rangers)

Upcoming Trainings

New Programme Training (overview)

06/02/2019 Session is FULLY booked

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

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

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