

OUTDOOR LIVING

To all--**thank-you for incorporating Safe Guide into your camps and outdoor activities.** It is obvious that everyone is using the information. When it originally came out, we did have leaders reluctant to pursue some activities, even though it was not meant to be a roadblock.

The Safe Guide was and remains a handbook for us to use when planning our activities. It has drawn our attention to things we might have forgotten or did not know. For new guiders, it offers a road of instruction when they sit down to plan their camp(s).

These days, we're very pleased to see guiders encouraging interesting activities. Burnaby Royal area girl members are horseback riding, skiing, tubing, hiking, biking, swimming, boating and camping. Our area guiders are great at sourcing out the means to offering the girls these activities. The Safe Guide is being used—we thank all of you for helping us to secure our safety within our organization, to ensure that Guiding continues to be viable.

As we approach our busiest camp time, we'd like to remind you of a few items when applying for your camp authorizations:



Your Camp Advisors are supporting you; please provide a copy of your forms and first-aid certificate, along with a budget, menu and itinerary. The camp advisor will review your information, and she may offer a suggestion or a reminder.



The order of who signs your paperwork--the first signature or email request is from the responsible guider. The second signature should be the camp advisor who will review all the paperwork. The camp advisor forwards the approved C2a onto the appropriate commissioner for the final signature. This only varies, when a water activity is involved. In these cases, the responsible guider forwards her paperwork directly to the waterfront advisor for approval. Once approved, the paperwork is ready to go to the camp advisor then onto the commissioner.



There is a **recommended time for submitting your forms:** Water Activities – you **must** allow 30 days for your WA.1 form to be approved. The balance of your forms, we recommend 30 days as well. If there is a variance, please work with your camp advisor as soon as you know of your intent to camp.

“Be Prepared - For What? Well, for any old thing!” Lord Baden-Powell's more famous quotes.

I look forward to hearing about your adventures...

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Camp Tips:

- **Enjoy the Moment:** One of the best parts of being a leader is when we're given the privilege to experience a girls 'moment'. When we have these-- take time to enjoy them. Let your itinerary rest for the moment (*unless time is of the essence*). Observe these times do not miss them. They might come as a new experience or discovery, perhaps a peaceful pause or a bought of laughter, sometimes it's the magic of nature that has awed the girls. These moments are the unspoken thank-you you'll receive from the girls, enjoy them...