

April 2011

From the State Olave Program Manager:

Welcome to Guiding in 2011! We have some great events planned for 2011 and beyond.

The Olave Program is for members of Guiding aged 18-30.

In this issue you will find

*Details of upcoming events

*Ways you can be

involved in Girl Guides SA and Girl Guides

Australia

*News of exciting

international adventures by people in the 18-29 age group.

Remember we are still recycling mobile phones. The bags for these are available at Guide House

or by contacting me.

For more information about anything in this newsletter, please contact me.

It would be very helpful if you could update Guide House with your current email address. Emailing the newsletter saves time and money.

I hope you have a great Guiding year.



Emma Gillett

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Breaking News:

AGP-OP Link Badge is for 17 year olds to link them to the Olave Program. There will be a prize for the first member from SA to earn this badge!

Girl Guides SA AGM is on Friday 6th May, 7pm at Lockleys Guide Hall. All adult members are entitled to vote, so please ask for a postal vote if you can't make it.

Upcoming Events:

Where's Wally? Mystery Event

- GGSA Members, 18-20
- Hunt activity at IKEA/ Glenelg (TBA)
- Sunday 3rd July
- RSVP to Emma by Friday 1st July

Scavenger Hunt

- GGSA Members, 18-29
- Supper and Scavenger Hunt from Guide House
- Wednesday 14th September

Please note: The 14-30 camp we were planning for October has been postponed until early 2012.

Ways to be INVOLVED!

There are many ways you can become involved and have your say in how Girl Guides SA and Girl Guides Australia operates now and in the future.

SA Centenary of Guiding in 2012!!

A range of events are in the pipeline, to get involved contact Jill Ribbons on:

centenarysa@girlguidessa.org.au

The Olave Program Committee is just for members aged 18-29 and helps plan events for this age group. Meetings are only every 2 months. Contact Emma on op@girlguidessa.org.au.

Remember participating in these events and planning committees can assist with your OBP Award! The OBP Award is just for our age group. It involves a presentation at Government House and a shiny badge.

Contact Emma for more info, or check the Girl Guides SA website-Forms and Stationery -Olave.

*GGSA Bush Bash Take 2
Save the Date- Saturday
26th November*

- All adult members.
- We are planning to organise another *Bush Bash*-celebration for the end of year
- We would love more people involved so if you think you could assist in the planning please contact Emma ASAP!

Peer Groups



Just to remind everyone about the importance and fun that a Peer Groups has to the Olave Program and your experience.

Peer groups are groups of members aged 18-29 who arrange their own meetings and events. Activities could be anything: games nights, scrap-booking, bingo, movies or mini golf.

It's a fantastic alternative for when a few of your friends have turned 18 and can't participate in a 14+ unit anymore.

For leaders who are of Olave age it's a great opportunity for you to relax and do something you want to do for a change, instead of catering to the girls!

Currently we have 3 peer groups in SA; one in Plympton/Kurralta Park, one in Fleurieu Region and one in Modbury.

You simply need a few friends in your District/Region and to fill out an Application for New Unit form. (Remember to specify it is an Olave Peer Group for Adults.)

Alternatively, you could help re-build the SA Lones Peer Group. For more information, contact Carol Bockman

possum@salones.org.au

If you are not sure who is in your age group in your District/Region, ask your District/Region leaders or email Emma.

And if you don't have anyone else in your area to create a Peer Group stay in touch with Olave by attending our State Events!

Centenary Bush Bash Report



The Centenary Bush Bash was held on Saturday 4th December 2010 to celebrate, SA style, the end of the Centenary!

Adult members and their partners attended, and despite the weather (who would have predicted rain and storms in December?) participated in networking, fellowship, quizzes and lots of eating!

A range of music was available, and thanks to our resident DJ!

Photos of the year in Guiding were also displayed. With lots of positive feedback received, we are planning a similar event later this year.

So, save the date **Saturday 26th November**, for an end of year celebration for Adults!

More details to follow.



AGP-OP Link Badge

This is an exciting brand new national badge! Its for youth members who are 17 years old and has been designed to help and encourage them link into OP when they turn 18 and move smoothly between the AGP and Olave.

The requirements of the link badge have been developed to reflect the skills and knowledge that members need, to gain an understanding of the Olave Program. The link badge is a participation badge, and recognises that involvement is the key to appreciating the opportunities that can be offered in the Olave Program. So tap into the 14+ groups in your area and encourage any 17 year olds to start this badge! Unfortunately the actual badge is not available yet, but on it's way!

Remember, the first person to complete the syllabus from SA will win a prize!

The syllabus is available from the Girl Guides Australia website

Facebook Pages

Just a reminder that we are on Facebook!

You can find us at Girl Guides SA Olave Program. This is the best way to stay up-to-date with the Olave world and will provide you with event information and reminders, upcoming news and other snippets from around Guiding.

Other Facebook pages you may want to join are: WAGGGS and Girl Guides Australia

International Wanderings of Olave Program Participants

Emma Sheard



On January the 1st myself and nine other Australian Girl Guides boarded a plane headed for India. We were on our way to realising a dream of visiting our region's World Centre, Sangam. We arrived in Mumbai airport and after a very lengthy wait were able to collect our luggage and head for Pune.

We arrived at Sangam on the 2nd of January in preparation for the event *Essence of India and Children's Camp* and spent time getting to know the local area and experienced some of the amazing Indian culture. The participants of the event came from Japan, Denmark, Canada, Argentina, the UK and Australia. It was a great opportunity to meet Guides from across the world.

The event itself was a fantastic experience. We learnt all about Indian culture and customs, toured the local neighbourhood and shared a meal with an Indian family in their home. This was one of the memorable experiences for me as I learnt some Bollywood dancing and heard about the education system in India.

The event was also filled with lots of new experiences such as the Pune Challenge where we had to navigate Pune to find locations and answer questions.

The most amazing part of the event was the Children's Camp; 3 days of fun with children from 3 different community partners. The participants visited one of the community partners before we held the

day camp. The organisations we worked with were mobile crèche (a facility for people under 18 to go to while their parents work on construction sites), doorstep school (an after school hours facility to help students with their studies) and Anand Gram (a public school that has a large boarding house for students who are from the country or very poor).

From my experience at Sangam I have also learnt more about the opportunities that are available to Olave aged members.

These include volunteering at a World Centre or becoming a Community Programme Participant and working with a local community group in India for 3 months. I have made some amazing friends and can't wait to see where my Guiding life takes me next!



Emma Gillett

I attended the WAGGGS Young Womens World Forum (YWWF) in October 2010, as one of 2 Australian delegates.

The forum had young women represented from 64 different WAGGGS countries. We had a range of inspirational speakers over the 5 day forum, focussing on the MDGs.

We worked towards a declaration of what we want WAGGGS, Member Organisations and individual countries to do to achieve the MDGs. We also participated in Girlguiding UKs 20:10 20/10/2010 renewal of the promise. We also had a visit from the UKs Prime Minister at our forum!

After the Forum, I did some travelling of my own. I visited Our Chalet in Switzerland, and also stayed in Geneva and visited the United Nations.

I went to Pax Lodge in London, and visited the Girlguiding UK Centenary Maze. I also visited the Girlguiding UK shop, and may have spent a few pounds!

Remember a range of international opportunities are available to all members of guiding. Particular opportunities are available just for the 18-30 age group. Funding is often available. Check the Girl Guides Australia website for details. or contact Wendy Davis, State International Adviser on: international@girlguidessa.org.au

