GIRL GUIDES SA FRIDAY FRENZY

Friday 6 November 2026

FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER & STATE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Better Guiding Together – A Message from the State Commissioner and State Executive Officer

Last Sunday, we had the pleasure of catching up with our wonderful Riverland Region leaders. A big thank you to everyone who made the time to join us and contribute to such an open, honest and constructive conversation.

We genuinely appreciate the commitment and passion our volunteers bring to Guiding, and particularly the willingness to share both what's working well and where we can do better. It was fantastic to workshop ideas together about how we can continue to make Guiding easier, more enjoyable and more rewarding for our leaders and volunteers. These conversations are so valuable, and we're grateful for the positive, solutions-focused approach everyone brought to the table.

We're looking forward to more opportunities to catch up with Regions and leaders across the state over the coming months. Hearing directly from our volunteers, sharing ideas and working together on practical solutions is such an important part of building a stronger GGSA, and we're excited to keep these conversations going.

Calling for young voices – Friends of SA Parliament, 25 November

We're looking forward to showcasing Girl Guides SA at the upcoming Friends of SA Parliament event on **Wednesday 25 Novembe**r, alongside Scouts SA.

We are still seeking confident and enthusiastic youth members who would enjoy representing Guiding at our expo-style stands, chatting with Members of Parliament and sharing what being a Girl Guide means to them. They'll be supported by adult leaders throughout the event, and there may still be a few opportunities for leaders to be involved too.

If you know a young Guide who would be a fantastic ambassador for our organisation, please reach out! It's a wonderful opportunity for our young people to have their voices heard and showcase the difference Guiding makes.

A little reminder about kindness and respect...

Finally, we'd like to leave everyone with a small reminder that applies to all of us.

Volunteering, like life, isn't always straightforward. There will be frustrations, challenges and times when we don't agree. That's perfectly normal, and honest conversations are important if we're going to keep improving.

But how we communicate matters just as much as what we communicate.

Kindness and respect sit at the heart of our Guide Law, and they're especially important when things get difficult. We can raise concerns, challenge decisions and have robust conversations while still treating one another with care and consideration.

At the end of the day, people may not remember every word we said, but they will remember how we made them feel.

Let's continue to look out for one another, assume positive intent and remember that we're all here because we believe in the difference Guiding makes.

Thank you for everything you do to make that difference.

Bev + Mel



Hi Everyone,

We have a fantastic opportunity to showcase Girl Guides SA!

Together with Scouts SA, we are planning an event on **Wednesday, 25 November in the late afternoon at Parliament House** that will give us the opportunity to connect directly with State Government Ministers and demonstrate the incredible impact of Guiding in South Australia. More information will follow once we have all the details.

To make the event a success, **we need your help**.

Do you know a State Government Minister?

We know many of our Regions, Districts, Units and members have strong connections within their local communities. If you have an existing connection with a State Minister, please let us know. We want to make sure we don't miss the opportunity to build on the relationships our members already have.

Would you or your Youth Members like to be involved?

We are seeking Expressions of Interest for Youth Members, as well as Leaders and other Adult Members who are confident talking about Girl Guides.

Most importantly, we want our **Youth Members** to have the opportunity to tell their own Guiding stories. Adults participating in the event will support a small group of girls, helping them engage with Ministers and confidently share what Girl Guides means to them.

We want our guests to see firsthand what makes Girl Guides SA such an amazing organisation and the difference we make in the lives of young people and communities across South Australia.

Please let us know if you have a Minister connection or would like to be involved.

We'd love to have you join us! Please email sc@girlguidessa.org.au with your interest

Regards, Bev

GGSA BANKING SOLUTIONS

Important information about Unit and Region Bank Accounts

Is your Unit or Region Bank account at risk of being frozen?

BankSA is asking some account signatories to **reconfirm their identity** as part of its banking requirements.

If you receive a request from BankSA, **please action it by the due date** to avoid your Unit or Region account being frozen.

What do you need to know?

- **Not everyone will receive a request.** BankSA is only contacting certain signatories.

- **If you receive a request, you must respond.** Follow the instructions provided by BankSA to verify your identity.

- **If you don't respond by the due date, your account may be frozen.** This means you won't be able to make payments, withdraw money or use the account's card. Deposits can still be received.

- **If your account is already frozen**, the signatory who has been asked to verify their identity needs to complete the process before BankSA can restore access.

BankSA may contact you by letter or email. An example is shown below.

Example of BankSA letter/email please click HERE.

BankSA's explantion :

The request to re-identify certain signatories is part of the bank's regulatory obligations to ensure customer and signatory information remains current and meets our identification requirements. Not all signatories are selected at the same time, as the requirement is based on the information currently held on record and whether any updates or verification are required.

As a result, some signatories may be contacted to complete the re-identification process while others are not.

Important: If you're unsure whether a request is genuine, contact BankSA directly using its official contact details rather than clicking links in an unexpected message.

GGSA Finance Committee

Do you have an interest in finance, budgeting or helping shape the future of Girl Guides SA?

We're inviting expressions of interest from adult members or volunteers who would like to join the **Girl Guides SA Finance Committee.**

The Committee (reporting to the GGSA Board) plays an important role in supporting the Board with financial oversight, budgeting, financial sustainability and informed decision-making to ensure Girl Guides SA continues to thrive.

You don't need to be a financial expert! While experience in finance, accounting or business is welcomed, we're also keen to hear from members who bring fresh perspectives, sound judgement and a willingness to contribute.

This is a great opportunity to share your skills, gain governance experience and help make a positive difference to the future of Guiding in South Australia.

Interested in getting involved?



Please email chair@girlguidessa.org.au BY **MON 16 NOVEMBER** with a brief outline of your interest and any relevant experience.

We'd love to hear from you!





Congratulations to Bonnie Slee from Belair Tawny Guides, who won first place in the R–2 Programming Apps and Robotics category at the Oliphant Science Awards!

Bonnie learned to code, created a game and entered it in the awards as part of earning her Create a Challenge Technology badge. She also learned to make a QR code to share her game with the girls in her Unit and made a video explaining how to play. Sharing the game, explaining the rules and answering the Guides' questions helped her prepare for her interview with the Oliphant Science Awards judges.

Being a Girl Guide helped Bonnie embrace the challenge of learning to code and creating a game — even though she had hardly used a computer before she started.

Bonnie is now looking forward to completeing her Achieve-A-Challenge Technology.

Check out Bonnie's game, please click HERE

LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT NEWS



UPCOMING TRAININGS

Leadership Qualification

face-to-face Saturday, November 7th (full day) – registrations open on the GGSA website

Management Qualification

online Saturday November 21st (full day) - register via Girl Guides Learning

If you or other Leaders you work with have a special request for a particular type of training, please let the L & D Manager Charlotte Firth know by emailing learning@girlguidessa.org.au or talk to your Region or District Manager



ACTIVITY DAY!

Get ready to spark your curiosity with a lineup of hands-on, interactive challenges that bring creativity to life for Guides aged 8+.



Where? Douglas Scrub Campsite

When? Saturday 28 November 2026 - 10:00am-5:00pm

Registration? Closes 13 November - be quick limited spots available.



Cost? $35.00

Click **HERE** to register



Additional Leader welcome - please email **willunga@girlguidessa.org.au**

On the October long weekend, Beekeeper Nathan from Handy Hobs Honey volunteered for ten hours removing nest boxes containing feral bees at Douglas Scrub.

Sincere thanks to Nathan, Simon and his Dad, and Kenny for all their work and support for Douglas Scrub.

Please support the Handy Hobs Honey market stall if you see it at events. Products include honey, honeycomb, skincare products and candles.

To order click **HERE** or via Facebook or Instagram for local delivery or pickup at selected businesses in Mt Barker.

2027
MEMBERSHIP FEES

ADULT - $175

TREFOIL GUILD - $110

NEW YOUTH - Full fees $260

(Or pro-rata fees throughout the year)

RENEWING YOUTH - $240

2027
SPORTS VOUCHERS

2 X $100 SPORTS VOUCHERS NOW AVAILABLE TO ALL 5-18 YEAR OLDS







Looking for some new ideas for your Unit Program?

Some of our Create Guide Badges allow us to be just that – Creative.

I was quite surprised when a Guide told me she wanted to do her Tree badge and when we chatted, I discovered she wanted to do her Family Tree nothing to do with nature at all!

Providing you consider the safety and age of the participants you can find some good ideas for exciting activities. Take the Fire badge encourage your Guides to do more than just light a fire. Really young Guides may need to learn how to use a gas lighter, how to hold it, which bit gets hot and how long it is hot. An older group may learn how to light a match; some may find it easier to use a longer match or even a very long BBQ match. They can learn that if you hold it the wrong way up it goes out or if you hold it the other way up you can get burnt. I guess you have tried the old activity of seeing how many times you can light a candle (in a candle holder), blow it out and relight it with the same match. Here are a few more ideas and we haven't even gathered any firewood yet – let's step outside the square



Fire Science & Experiments

Candle Extinguisher: Place tea light candles on a plate, light them, and then have girls pour a mixture of baking soda and vinegar into the plate. The gas released will extinguish the flames.



Jumping Flames: Light a candle, then blow it out. Quickly bring a flame to the trail of smoke, and the fire will travel back down the smoke to relight the candle.



Candle Seesaw: Balance a candle on a needle between two glasses, lighting both ends to watch it rock back and forth, demonstrating convection and gravity.

Why Fire Needs Air: Light a tea light and place a glass jar over it to show how it uses up oxygen and goes out, teaching the necessity of air for combustion.



Fire Safety & Games



Escape Plan Practice: Create a mock evacuation plan and turn it into a scavenger hunt, having kids find all exits and a safe meeting spot.



Stop, Drop, and Roll: Act out a role-playing game where girls practice what to do if their clothes catch fire.



Smoke, Smoke, FIRE!: A spin on "Duck, Duck, Goose" designed to teach fire safety steps.

Thank you to West Met for this contribution.



BLUE G'S TREFOIL GUILD IN ACTION!





The Blue G's Trefoil Guild has been very busy collecting for Share the Dignity, knee rugs for Vollie Care at Flinders and knitting a few Trauma Teddies and beanies.





"In Our Element" Camp Information

Camp Dates

Monday 12th - Friday 16th April 2027

Location

Douglas Scrub Campsite
216 Douglas Gully Road
Blewitt Springs

Contact and Registration

Douglas Scrub Campsite
Phone : (08) 8418 0900
Email : office@girlguidessa.org.au
To register for camp please click HERE

Registration Close

Friday 12th Feburary 2027



Payment & Cancellation Information

A simple guide for families for Girl Guides SA – In Our Element Camp 2027.

5-DAY CAMP

Total camp fee **$475**

Deposit: $200
Balance: $275

3-DAY CAMP

Total camp fee **$260**

Deposit: $120
Balance: $140

How Payment Works

1 Deposit due 4 December 2026

$200 for the **5-day camp** and **$120 for the 3-day camp**.
Girl Guides SA will send this invoice within 1 week of receiving your registration form. The invoice will be sent to the email address of the registering parent/caregiver listed on the registration form.

2 Balance invoice

The invoice for the remaining balance ($275 for the 5-day camp and $140 for the 3-day camp) will be issued on **1 March 2027** and payment will be due by **12 March 2027**.

3 Unit contributions

If your child's Unit is contributing towards camp costs (for example from fundraising), that amount will be received by Girl Guides SA and deducted from your child's balance before the final invoice is issued.

Cancellation Policy

- If GGSA cancels the event, a full refund will be given.
- If the applicant notifies GGSA before the closing date, a full refund will be given.
- If the applicant notifies GGSA between the closing date and 7 days prior to the event, a refund of 50% will be considered upon written application to the CEO, unless there is a waiting list and the place can be filled by a full-paying attendee, in which case a full refund will be given.
- If the applicant notifies GGSA in the 7 days prior to the event, no refund will be made, unless there is a waiting list and the place can be filled by a full-paying attendee, in which case a full refund will be given.

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE



This year's theme for World Thinking Day is 'Our People'. 

There are so many incredible people who are part of our global community, from our members to Leaders to the incredible changemakers who have left a long-lasting impact on the world around them. 

It is a chance for you to celebrate and reflect on the people who have shaped our Movement both locally and globally and recognise ourselves in that legacy. Alongside helping you to grow as a globally connected citizen, building a sense of belonging beyond borders and exploring how your community can shape you to become a better person. 

After completing different activities, you will create a collective flame or campfire. This flame represents the changemakers and incredible people who shape our Movement, highlighting the importance of working together to create a brighter future! 

Click HERE to download the Activity Pack.

To download the latest "Sangam In Action" click HERE.

International Adventure

Unity 2026

Hi, my name is Emily, and at the end of July 2026, I had the incredible opportunity to travel to the UK for Unity 2026 in Staffordshire, England. This was a big challenge for me! I was part of the Program Team, which allowed me to contribute to the Camp Program and connect with Guides and Leaders from around the world.

The week at Unity 2026 was non-stop fun, filled with new experiences, strengthening friendships, laughter and so many memories. I'm definitely thankful I packed my hiking boots, as there was a lot of walking around camp in the UK heatwave!



I WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE A CHAT WITH SALLY KETTLE, THE UK DEPUTY CHIEF GUIDE
SHE WAS WEARING THE BEST ELECTRIC BLUE EYELINER

The four South Aussie Young Leaders took part in facilitating Treat Traders, an entrepreneurial activity where Guides and Rangers created, marketed and sold their own sweet businesses, competing to make the most profit. It was wonderful to see everyone get creative, work together and put their business ideas into action.



I enjoyed learning from different Guiding perspectives, from both younger and older members. I'm incredibly grateful for the warm welcome we Aussies! received and the connections I personally made. ... I couldn't stop smiling everywhere I went!



Unity 2026 was a wonderful reminder of how Guiding brings people together across different counties, regions, cultures and countries .

I'll treasure the friendships, memories, my personal growth and ALLLLL the SWAP badge from this incredible adventure!





UNITY2026 WAS STAFFORDSHIRE'S 10TH INTERNATIONAL CAMP AND WAS HELD AT STATFOLD COUNTRY PARK IN TAMWORT.

OVER 1,000 GIRLGUIDING MEMBERS, LEADERS, AND INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS.

Girlguiding
Staffordshire county

31 July - 7 August 2027
Be part of the International Contingent

Adults 18+ International Staff

Apply direct for Staff position HERE
AND email
international@girlguides.org.au
to seek GGA approval

Essex International Jamboree 2028
A Celebration of Girlguiding and Scouting

Essex International Jamboree - 29 July - 5 August 2028
GGA Contingent approved
Contingent: 20 adults + 30-50 girls (14-17yo)
Additional adults: International Support Team
To express interest email international@girlguides.org.au

ROVERWAY 2028
SWITZERLAND

ROVERWAY
Switzerland | July-August 2028
Pre/post option at Our Chalet
GGA Contingent approved
Contingent: 10-20 young women participants (18-22yrs) + 2-5 adults (23-30yrs)

To express interest email
international@girlguides.org.au



Did you miss out on a hike this year?
It's not to late to be involved as the warmer weather steadily approaches…

Plan for 2027!
Trail Jam stands for Trail Jamboree, and it is an international event initiated by Scouting that happens the second Saturday in May every year. Of course, in the northern hemisphere that is the beginning of spring.

Discussion points you may like to have with your Unit:


Reflect on how you challenge yourselves outdoors.


Plan to collaborate with other Units or Districts.


Think of the context in which this could be a part of your program.


Be creative in the place you choose to walk and what you choose to do.


How can you be mindful of the impacts you leave behind?


Make your challenge empowering for everyone and inclusive for all your members.



At this years National Olave camp, we were privileged to witness the awarding of the Olave Award from this years WAGGGS World Conference to the Olave who began the It's in the Bag campaign for Share the Dignity within Girl Guides Australia. This award is given in recognition of outstanding service to the community and was awarded in response to the monumental growth that has been achieved in the five years it has been going. From 30 bags to over 1,200 last year it has been incredible to be part of.

And this year, we are doing it all over again.

This year the Olave Program is wanting to build upon this success with a goal of 1,500 bags as part of the It's in the Bag campaign for Share the Dignity, their annual Christmas appeal. Share the Dignity is an Australian charity that aims to eliminate period poverty throughout the country to support women and girls to reach their fullest potential. In the bags are period and hygiene essentials that women and girls experiencing homelessness and family violence may need over the holiday season.

This drive may be run by an Olave (an 18-29 year old Guide) within your local Guiding community, involving their Unit or District, and collaborating with your local Trefoil Guild.

There are three types of bags which can be donated: adult bags, teen bags and mum and bub bags. The items which need to be included in each bag are detailed in the resource and information pack. Once collected, they can be dropped off to collection points at any Bunnings Warehouse from November 6th to 22nd.

Please log all the bags donated via the online form to ensure we are tracking collections. If you have any issues, please reach out to op@girlguidessa.org.au for help. Thank you so much for supporting this fantastic cause this holiday season.

Kind regards,
Sarah Brodie



Calling all past Olaves, Rangers, and Olave Baden-Powell Award recipients!

You are all duly invited to an afternoon of friends and fun at GTS Dolphin on November 14th to celebrate 30 years of the Olave Program!
Join us as we look back at what Rangers and Olaves have accomplished, and see what we hope to build for our future Olaves.

Email op@girlguidessa.org.au to register with the subject line 'Olaves 30th anniversary' and please inform us of your dietary requirements.



It's the end of the year so let's celebrate with a bang!

It's been a year of camps, friendship, catch-ups and our anniversary!

Come down to GTS Dolphin on November 14th from 6.30pm until late (or November 15th if you'd like!) and play party games, dance to songs you haven't heard in years, and celebrate our birthday!

RSVP to op@girlguidessa.org.au, on the Facebook page, or message Sarah Brodie by November 7th and let us know if you are going to be staying overnight, and your dietary requirements.

See you on the dance floor!



PLEASE PROMOTE TO YOUR 13-17 YR OLD GUIDES

Do you have what it takes to win the Race with Olaves?

Coming this November is the race of the year! Tell your 13-17 year old Guides to come along for a race across the city where they will challenge themselves, face fears, laugh lots, and run riot (riot gear not included)! Together with other Guides and Olave friends, they will earn points as they find and complete challenges hidden around the city. Guides are encouraged to sign up by themselves and will be placed into groups for the day but if they would like to be in a group with friends, please register and send the list of guides to op@girlguidessa.org.au with the subject line 'Race with Olaves'. Groups will have up to 6 participants with 2 Olaves in each group.

Registrations close November 15th. See you at the starting line!



EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST HERE

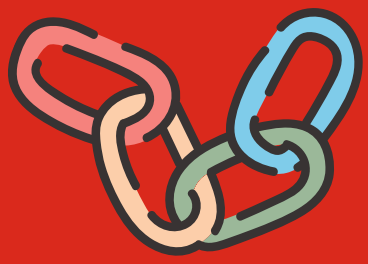


GUIDE HOUSE AND GUIDE SHOP STOCKTAKE & CHRISTMAS DATES

Guide Shop will be closed for Stocktake **14-16 December**

Guide House will be closed for Christmas **18 Dec - 11 Jan**

QUICK LINKS



Here are some quick links to forms, instructions and other paperwork ...

MEMBERSHIP

New Member Process

New Youth Expression of Interest Form

New Youth Online Form

Adult Membership Registration

Adult Volunteer Form

Trefoil Membership Registration

Sports Voucher Application Form

ADM.27 Form

AWARDS

Peak Achievement Awards Form

Years of Membership Form

Good Service Awards Nomination Form

Good Service Awards Non-Member Nomination Form

Asia Pacific Nomination Form

Good Service Award - Bravery

GUIDING

Certificate of Currency

Incidents Form

Complaint Form

Out 1 Forms

Child Safe Child Friendly Online Module Instructions

Unit Formation/Reopening

FUNDS & RESOURCES

Tuckerway Travel Fund

Guide Development Fund

Trefoil Outreach Fund

SharePoint Resources

Account : resources@girlguidessa.org.au

Password : Members21

2026 Calendar (Full)

2026 Youth Calendar (can share with families)

PEAK ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS FORM

Please use the Peak Achievement Form to apply for Junior BP, BP, Endeavour, Queens Guide, Achieve Trefoil 3 and Focus Certificates and Badges.

Access form **HERE**

When ordering badges and certificates please use password : **PeakAwards**

YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please use the Years of Membership form when applying for years of service badges and certificate.

Access form **HERE**

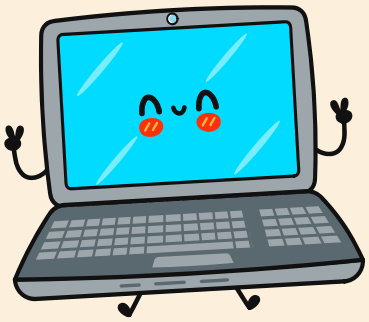
When ordering badges and certificates please use password : **Years**

ACCESSING AND REGISTERING FOR EVENTS

Events can be seen on the **What's On Page**. The Adult and Youth Calendar, Noticeboard, and Quick Links are also located on this page.

To register for GGSA Events you go to **My GGSA** page, log into the Member website, add your Membership Number and Password before proceeding to the What's On Page. All Events, Activities and Trainings will be available for registration.

If you require any assistance, please contact:
Guide House on **8418 0900** or **office@girlguidessa.org.au** and we will endeavour to help in anyway that we can.





GIRL GUIDES AUSTRALIA
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

2026 ACCOMMODATION RATES

Units & Regions





1 January - 31 December 2026





DOUGLAS SCRUB - INDOOR

includes use of eastern half of Forrest Reserve & campfire circle (seasonal)

$20 pp/night

sleeps 72 (across both houses)
minimum charge $400/night
minimum duration may apply



DOUGLAS SCRUB - OUTDOOR

PINE FLAT | KEN MAGUIRE RESERVE | | FORREST RESERVE

$10 pp/night
no minimum $$ spend
or nights apply

Extras:
Pine Flat Cookshed $25
Trefoil Shelter $50 (incl day visitors)
City in the Trees $20/platform



GTS DOLPHIN

includes use of water activities equipment*

$20 pp/night

sleeps 44
Oct-March: min. $400/night (min. 2-night stay)
April/May/Sept: $400/night (min. 1-night stay)
June-Aug: $300/night (min. 1-night stay)



TUCKERWAY

$20 pp/night

sleeps 53
Oct-March: min. $400/night (min. 2-night stay)
April/May/Sept: $400/night (min. 1-night stay)
June-Aug: $300/night (min. 1-night stay)



DAY USE

FREE use of Douglas Scrub grounds during Guide meeting times
TREFOIL SHELTER at Douglas Scrub: $50/day (incl all day visitors)
GTS Dolphin for water activities: $10pp (incl equipment)

all day use is subject to availlability

Failure to follow cleaning checklist may result in a cleaning fee.
These fees also apply to Scouts SA bookings.



HOW TO BOOK

(08) 8418 0900 (M-F)

properties@girlguidessa.org.au

2027 pricing will be published by 1 December 2026