

## **Girl Guides of Canada, Canmore**

Girl Guides of Canada, Canmore fonds. -- 1954-1991. -- 4 cm of textual records. -- 43 photographs and prints.

The Girl Guides began Canadian operations in 1910 in St. Catharines, Ontario following the movement's foundation in England by Lord Baden-Powell in 1909. In 1912 Canadian headquarters were established in Toronto and in 1917 a Canadian Council was incorporated. In 1961 the organization became known as Girl Guides of Canada. The Guide movement in Alberta began in 1912 forming first in Edmonton. There has been Guiding in Canmore and Banff since the 1920's. Guiding has changed structure several times over the years and Canmore, Banff and Exshaw were all part of a Division called Banff Coach since 1968. Calgary became their own Guiding Area in 1947 and Banff Coach was one of the divisions of the Calgary Area. The three mountain communities became their own District in 1978 called Three Sisters. During the late 90's and early 2000's attendance was small, but in the early 2000's Marion Whitworth, who lives in Canmore, worked to get it active again. By 2012 in both Canmore and Banff there were 2 Brownie Units, a Spark Unit, a Guide unit, and a Pathfinder Unit. At this time the Canmore Unit was meeting at the Guide Scout Hall.

The fonds consists of company records, divisional reports, teaching aids, photographs, prints, published handbooks, pamphlets, song sheets, and newspaper articles related to the Girl Guides of Canada, Canmore division. The fonds consists of 4 series: I. Canmore Company Administration Documents. II. Association paperwork. III. Teaching and Instructional Aids. IV. Photographs and Newspaper Articles.

Related Artifacts: belt, tie, badges, bag, beret, blouses, whistle, association instructional books, photo album, scrap books.

Title based on the contents of the fonds.

## SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

**Canmore Company Administration Documents.** -- 1952–1960. 1 folder of textual records.

Series consists of: company annual reports (1953 – 1954), letter head sample (1954), order forms to head office (1953 – 1954), enrollments (1954 – 1955), and divisional reports (1952 – 1956), company registration forms (1952), company census (1952), correspondence letters pertaining to the Canmore company (1960 – n.d.).

Title based on the contents of the series.

**Association Paperwork.** – n.d. – 1954. 1 folder of textual records.

Series consists of: cookie day memos (n.d., 1954), 1 page from The Canadian Guider magazine (1954), Notes for Badge Examiners (n.d.), Hints on District Organization (n.d.), Maple Leaf Course Guide (n.d.), training booklet (n.d.)

Title based on the contents of the series.

**Teaching and Instructional Aids.** – n.d - 1954. 1 folder of textual records.

Series consists of: song sheets (n.d. – 1953), game instructions, The Girl Guide Signaling Card, The Holger Nielson Method of Artificial Respiration, campfire program (1954), orienteering sheets, flags information, instructions for the Contents of a Patrol Box.

Title based on the contents of the series.

**Photographs and Newspaper Articles.** – 1949 - n.d. 1 folder of textual and photographic records.

Series consists of: a collection of photo reproductions Guiding In Pictures in the Commonwealth & Empire and other Countries (1949), poster Guiding In Pictures - Personalities (1953), collection of photo reproductions Guiding In Pictures – A survey of Guiding in Great Britain with French and English Captions (1951), 3 pages from a scrap book with newspaper items and photographs of the Canmore Brownie Pack (1985 – 1986), photocopy of magazine article on Alberta guiding history from Alive! magazine (1970), newspaper article from The Albertan (1954)

Title based on the contents of the series.

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Series: I. Canmore Company Administration Documents.

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