

Girl Guides of Canada, Northwestern Ontario collection

Originals and photocopies, 320.65 cm of textual records, 1910-2006.

Scope and Content: The Girl Guides of Canada, Northwestern Ontario collection is made up of forty-seven series which contain a variety of topics surrounding Girl Guides.

Series E 55/1/1-27: Administrative Files - 37 cm - 1975-1989 (originals).

- 1) Administrative Files - 1975-1980.
- 2) Camperships - 1979-1981, 1985.
- 3) Camping Events.
- 4) Camping (Little Jackfish River - Polly Lake Camp).
- 5) Camping (Camp Caribou).
- 6) Correspondence.
- 7) Cookies (Correspondence, Publicity, Sales).
- 8) Correspondence - December 1980-June 1983.
- 9) Correspondence - July 1983-October 1984.
- 10) Grants - Wintario - Polly Lake-1981.
- 11) Lists of Leaders.
- 12) Loans.
- 13) Miscellaneous .
- 14) Special Events.
- 15) Programme - Badge Proposals.
- 16) Programme - Correspondence .
- 17) Provincial Annual Meeting - 1982.
- 18) Provincial Annual Meetings.
- 19) Public Relations .
- 20) Remote Units.
- 21) Travel Reports.
- 22) Special Events.
- 23) Training.
- 24) International.
- 25) Area Commissioner.
- 26) Financial Records.
- 27) Letters of Recommendation for the Medal of Merit

Series E 55/2/1-9: Annual Meeting Records - 4.5 cm - 1968-2001 (originals).

- 1) Programmes and events - 1977-1995 (except 1984, 1985, 1988, 1992, 1993 and 2000).
- 2) Area Annual Reports - 1968, 1983, 1985-1990, 1995-1996.
- 3) List of Area Days - 1972-1997.
- 4) Agenda - 1992-1993 and 1999.
- 5) Minutes - 1996-1997.
- 6) Arts Coordinators Reports - June 1984.
- 7) Minutes - September 15, 2001.

- 8) Programme and Sessions - 2000.
- 9) Voyageur Area Training Reports - 1991.
- Series E 55/3/1-4:** Census Forms - 24 cm - 1978-1984 (originals).
 - 1) Algoma Division - 3 files - 1987-1984.
 - 2) Laverendrye Division (includes Northern Units - 1980) - 2 files - 1978-1984.
 - 3) Superior Division - 2 files - 1987-1984.
 - 4) Thunder Bay - 4 files - 1978-1984.
- Series E 55/4/1-11:** Minutes (area) Council - 11 cm - 1981-2001(originals).
 - 1) October 22, 1981- December 31, 1983.
 - 2) January 1, 1984-December 31, 1985.
 - 3) January 1, 1986-November 1986; November 1988-December 1989.
 - 4) February 1, 1990-December 1991.
 - 5) February 1, 1992-November 28, 1992.
 - 6) October 4, 1996-November 1997; February 7, 1998-November 21, 1998.
 - 7) September 24, 1999; November 20, 1999; February 2000; September 22, 2000; November 25, 2000.
 - 8) Budget 2001.
 - 9) February 3, 2001.
 - 10) October 18, 1975.
 - 11) Agenda, Training Report (December 1, 2001)
- Series E 55/5/1-8:** Division Records - 15.5 cm - 1960-2000 (originals).
 - 1) Algoma - 1984-1986.
 - 2) La Verendrye - 1982-1986.
 - 3) Northern Lights - 1984-1987.
 - 4) Superior - 1980-1986.
 - 5) Public Relations Advisor Records - 1984-1997.
 - 6) Cookie Advisor Records - 1982-1984.
 - 7) Division Commissioner's Notebook (Kaministiquia Division) - 1960-1981.
 - 8) Thunder Bay Council - 1976-2000.
- Series E 55/6/1-5:** Minutes - 12 cm - 1948-1965 (originals).
 - 1) East Fort William L.A. Minutes - 1948-1965.
 - 2) West Fort William L.A. Minutes - 1953-1958.
 - 3) Port Arthur L.A. Minutes - 1949-1962.
 - 4) Port Arthur L.A. Minutes - 1962-1965.
 - 5) Red Rock L.A. Minutes - 1949-1963.
- Series E 55/7/1-3:**Magazines - 48 cm - 1932-2006 (originals).
 - 1) Girl Guides of Canada: A Resource for Leaders-The Canadian Guider (1932-2006).
 - 2) Girl Guides of Canada: A Resource for Guides-The Canadian Guide (1951-1966).
 - 3) Alive! A Magazine for Guides (1967-1972).
- Series E 55/8/1-10:** Newsletters - 11 cm - 1963-2004 (originals).
 - 1) "Karma", Senior Branch - 1982-1984.
 - 2) "Guiding Lights", La Verendrye Division - 1980-1991.
 - 3) "Aurora Borealis", Northern Lights Division - September 1986.

- 4) "Paddle", Superior Division - 1981-1984.
- 5) "Cope Kit", Area resources - 1977-1978.
- 6) Voyageur Area - 1977-1979.
- 7) "Paddle", Voyageur Area - 1990-2004.
- 8) Sparks, Thunder Bay Division - 1981-1995.
- 9) Lakehead Area Links - 1963-1966.
- 10) "Newslink", Algoma Division - 1978-1996.

Series E 55/9/1: Calendars - 4 cm - 1974-1996 (originals).

Calendars published each year by Girl Guides of Canada. The following years are missing: 1975, 1977, 1978, 1983, 1997-2001

Series E 55/10/1: Catalogues - 3 cm - 1958-1999 (originals).

Catalogues of uniforms, equipment, etc. available at National headquarters.

Series E 55/11/1: Books - 45 cm - 1910-2000 (originals) .

Includes 104 books all relating to the Girl Guides of Canada.

Series E 55/12/1: Pamphlets - 5 cm - c. 1970-2002 (originals).

Includes pamphlets from the World Association, Great Britain, and Canada.

Series E 55/13/1-2: Reports and Clippings - 0.5 cm - 1958-1960 (originals).

1) Reports to CWL on Guiding activities.

2) Clippings.

Series E 55/14/1: Notebook - 4 cm - 1939-1948 (original).

A notebook containing programme ideas, songs and clippings.

Series E 55/15/1-2: Commissioners Packet and Newspaper Clippings - 0.5 cm - c. 1930-1957 (originals and photocopies).

1) Commissioners Packet. Contains historical data, the Commissioner's Information, census forms and the Polly Lake account for 1957.

2) Newspaper Clippings. Includes newspaper clippings c. 1930-1940, programmes for King George V Silver Jubilee, memorial service for King George V, the Canadian Girl for March 7, 1936, Coronation celebration for King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, and a visit from King George and Queen Elizabeth in 1939.

Series E 55/16/1: Miscellaneous - 3 cm - 1970s-1980s (originals and photocopies).

Includes a Brownie magazine, Girl Scout bidge bok, two newsletters, photocopies of books, programme notes, Census forms, etc.

Series E 55/17/1-3: Logbooks and Scrapbooks, Letters/Diary/Clippings and a Packet - 18 cm - 1946-1975 (originals).

1) Logbooks and Scrapbooks. Included are four logbooks (the First Slate River Guide Company, the First Slate River Rangers, a trip of Rangers to Eastern Ontario 1970 and the Rangers trip to the Maritimes 1972) and three scrapbooks (National Camp 1952, Patrol Leaders Camp 1953, and Good Neighbour Camp 1954).

2) Letters/Diary/Clippings. Includes a letter to Lady Baden Powell, test cards, warrant cards, two pocket note books, two clippings, a diary, and a Guide record sheet.

3) Packet from the World Camp 1957.

Series E 55/18/1-3: Clippings - 3.5 cm - (originals).

- 1) Scrapbook containing clippings and some artifacts from the Area and Provincial Annual meetings, 1982-Doreen Martin.
 - 2) Two scrapbooks compiled by Sheila Baker.
 - 3) Duotang compiled by Maureen Ahokas, Thunder Bay Division PR coordinator, 1976-1979.
- Series E 55/19/1:** Correspondence - 0.5 cm - 1935-1960 (originals and photocopies).
Includes letters from Lady Baden Powell, and correspondence regarding the Medal of Merit and Life Membership.
- Series E 55/20/1:** Newspaper Clippings - 2 cm - 1939-1995 (originals and photocopies).
Includes a file folder from the later 1980s covering events from the entire area. Also included are various clippings and an annual report from 1991.
- Series E 55/21/1:** Miscellaneous - 4 cm - 1943-1975 (originals).
Includes pictures, posters, a map, "The Guide," annual meetings, etc.
- Series E 55/22/1-:** Correspondence and Newsletters - 2.5 cm - 1979-1980 (originals).
Includes correspondence regarding the Northern Units, financial statements for "Voyageur North", the Keewatin (newsletter), and three scribblers from Sachigo, Weagamow, and Bearskin.
- Series E 55/23/1-:** Minutes - 2.5 cm - 1955-1963 (originals).
Includes a two ring binder containing minutes of the meetings of the Guides in the West Fort William District, Kaministiquia (Fort William) Divisions. Some are missing as the ladies met every month but not all records are here.
- Series E 55/24/1-:** Minutes - 1 mm - January 1983-April 1988 (originals).
Includes the minutes of meetings pertaining to Polly Lake. Also includes a list of licensed campers from 1987-1988.
- Series E 55/25/1-:** Handbook - 1 mm - 1989 (photocopies).
Includes Guidelines: A brief overview of the Guide Movement which also includes biographies of Lord Baden Powell, a history in Canada, World Centres and information on the World Association Bibliography.
- Series E 55/26/1-2:** Minutes - 10 cm - 1982-May 11, 1995 (originals and photocopies).
1) Minutes of Manitou District Council.
2) Lists of Guiders and units, as well as council minutes.
- Series E 55/27/1-7:** File missing.
- Series E 55/28/1-:** Clippings and Songbook - 2 cm (originals and photocopies).
Includes various clippings collected by Anne Roseveer (nee McKague) while she was involved in Guiding in Fort William. There is also a songbook which was compiled by Anne Roseveer.
- Series E 55/29/1-3:** Planning Records - 5 cm - 1991-1992 (originals).
1) Brown manilla envelope containing material relating Aggie 1991 held in Georgetown, Ontario. Senior branch members from Voyageur Area attended.
2) Blue binder containing all information including planning committee minutes and programme agenda for Aggie 1992.
3) Manilla folder containing more planning information for Aggie 1992.
- Series E 55/30/1-:** Minutes - 1 mm - 1997-1998 (originals).
Includes minutes of several meetings and a financial statement.
- Series E 55/31/1-:** Lists of Guides - 3 cm - 1966-2003 (originals and photocopies).

Includes lists of Guides from various divisions between 1966 and 2003.

Series E 55/32/1-: Various - 1.5 cm - 1910-1999 (originals).

Includes lists of Guiders who have been involved with the movement since its inception, reports, newsletters, songs, handbooks etc.

Series E 55/33/1-3: Lodge Registry - 2.5 cm - 1961-1975 (originals).

1) A brown three ring binder containing records kept by the lodge secretary of badges earned in the East Fort William District.

2) A black three ring zippered binder containing records kept by Elsie Dean, badge secretary for East Fort William, later Parkview, District.

3) Two black two ring binders containing badge records of 4th, 14th, 22nd and 31st Guide Companies and 1st Air Rangers from c. 1963-1977.

Series E 55/34/1-3: Personal Records - 5 cm - 1930-2000 (originals).

1) A black minute book from Lakeview District Guiders meetings from 1960-1971.

2) A black spiral ring notebook containing clippings compiled by Ivy Cooper from her appointment as District Commissioner of West Port Arthur from 1953 to 2000.

3) A blue folder containing some of Ivy Copper's badges and her years as District and Division Commissioner.

Series E 55/35/1-: Program Notes - 1.3 cm - 1980s (originals and photocopies).

An accumulation of mostly hand-written notes on various aspects of the Guide programme. One Scouts Canada catalogue from 1987-1988 is also included.

Series E 55/36/1-: Minutes and Census Forms - 1.25 cm - 1993-2001 (originals and photocopies).

Includes minutes, census forms, financial statements, year end reports, a handbook, etc.

Series E 55/37/1-: Information Sheets - 1.3 cm (originals).

One manilla folder containing information sheets about the history and various aspects of Guiding.

Series E 55/38/1-3: File missing.

Series E 55/39/1-3: Various - 15 cm - 1977-1996 (originals).

1) "Guiding Lites!" Newsletters for the La Verendrye Division for Fall 1992, Winter 1992, Spring 1993, Winter 1993, Spring 1994, Fall 1994, Winter 1994, Spring 1995, and Spring 1996.

2) Cope Kit for the fall of 1977, Winter 1977-1978, Summer 1978; La Verendrye Division Council Minutes, May 11, 1991; "What About Your District?" pamphlet; leading and learning; training in Guiding; Basic Training for Brownie Guiders; Basic Training for Guide Guiders; and Basic Training Correspondence Course for Guide Guiders.

3) Land and Sea Emergencies, Hobbies and Handcrafts for Girl Guides, Day Hikes, The Brownie Ring, Fun Around the World, and a Division Annual Report from September 18, 1980.

Series E 55/40/1-: File not used

Series E 55/41/1-: Individual Record Sheets - 5 cm - 1965-1969 (originals).

Includes a green three ring binder containing mostly record sheets for the girls in

the 11th Fort William Company. Also includes some Brownie record sheets from the 11th Brown Pack c. 1967-1968 and also some programme notes.

Series E 55/42/1-: Minutes - 0.5 cm - 1985-1987 (originals).

Includes one cash book from 1986-1987 and two duotangs containing minutes and activity reports.

Series E 55/43/1-: Committee Reports - 2 cm - 1989-2002 (originals).

Includes reports to Area Council on training activities.

Series E 55/44/1-: File missing.

Series E 55/45/1-: Administrative Files - 1 cm - 1990-2000 (originals).

Includes a policy and procedures manual from February 1999 and 2000, as well as trainers resumes from 1990 and 1994.

Series E 55/46/1-: Minutes - 2 cm - 1984-1997 (photocopies).

Includes minutes from the district meetings (May 1984-June 1987 and January 1993-October 1997) and an annual report (February-June 1979).

Series E 55/47/1-: International Packet - 1 cm.

Includes newspaper clippings, records, articles, programmes, personal records, etc.

Organizational Sketch: Girl Guides first began in 1909 in London when a Scouting rally was held for boys who were practising Lord Baden-Powell's *Scouting for Boys*. The rally was intended only for boys but many girls decided to go as they had also been following Lord Baden-Powell's Scouting exercises. These young women fought their way into the rally and Lord Baden-Powell decided that a program should be developed for them. His sister, Agnes Baden-Powell created the program and Guiding had begun. Besides Agnes, Lord Baden-Powell's wife, Olave, or Lady Baden-Powell, also helped greatly with the Guiding Movement.

Guides had reached Canada by 1910 and by 1912 there were units spread across each province. A group of talented Canadian women congregated together and created the Canadian Girl Guides Association. Lady Mary Pellatt was the first Chief Commissioner in Canada. In 1917, the Canadian Girl Guides Association was passed as an Act of Parliament and its constitution was approved.

Girl Guides helps to prepare girls of all ages to face any challenges they may meet in their lives. Today, all across Canada girls enrolled in the Guiding program are taking part in different activities from camping, baking, babysitting, horseback riding, to self defence and much more. It still remains an all girl program with young girls and women of all ages.

(<http://www.girlguides.ca/default1.asp?ID=1183>)

Additional Information:

Related Material: Regarding Series E 55/22/1 see photos 999.54.56-65 and artifacts 999.54.66-67. Regarding Series E 55/29/3 see 999.54.203. Regarding Series E 55/35/1 see 999.54.256 (a Scout's uniform). Regarding Series E 55/39/1-3 see 999.54.272. Regarding Series E 55/47/1 see 999.54.323-325.