



**Girl Guides  
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### **Girl Guides Singapore Carnival 2009**

SINGAPORE, 25 June 2009 - Girl Guides Singapore (GGS) Carnival 2009 is a biennial event that is a significant part of GGS's efforts in fund-raising. The carnival, which is opened to public, will be graced by Ms Grace Fu, Senior Minister of State for National Development and Education, and will be held on Saturday, 27 June, at the Guide House (GGS headquarters) at 9 Bishan Street 14 from 10am to 4pm.

The theme of this year's carnival is "Together we can change our world", in line with the Global Action Theme of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). This is not only a fund-raising event but a platform where our girls and young women are encouraged to hone in their entrepreneurial skills and business acumen through planning, organising and promoting of items to be sold at their stalls.

GGS also continues to "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle" through the usage of biodegradable utensils by all food stalls as well as a 'White Elephant' stall where second-hand goods will be repackaged and resold, bringing new economic value to pre-owned objects. Schools will also be selling items related to the theme, such as tree- and flower-shaped cookies and balloon-sculpting. This year also sees the inaugural participation of Ahmad Ibrahim Secondary and Northlight School.

In addition, this is the first time a GGS event of such magnitude has involved the Young Adults (YAs) - aged 17 to 25 - in its planning and organisation, in which all the committee heads are young adults. GGS emphasises youth empowerment and leadership by encouraging its members to step up and participate in the conception and execution of its activities. This provides an avenue for youth to develop their character and abilities, allowing them to better contribute to the community.

The carnival, which has up to 95 stalls of food, games and crafts, is a concerted collaboration of all women young and old - the Brownies, Guides, Young Adults as well as the Trefoil members. One of the highlights of this year's carnival includes a Buffet Café, set up by Project 5G (Girl Guides Garner Granny Generation) ladies, which provides a cosy setting for relaxation after shopping.

Members of the public who visit will surely experience not just a day of fun and good buys but a meaningful get-together suitable for all generations, young and old.

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### **More About Girl Guiding in Singapore**

Started in 1917, Girl Guides Singapore (GGS) is a non-profit Uniform Youth Organisation (UYO). It has over 12,000 members in Singapore and is the largest and choice Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) group for girls. It is also part of a worldwide movement consisting of more than 10 million members in 145 countries.

GGS teaches leadership, promotes resourcefulness and supports cultural diversity in today's world, for today's girls. We offer opportunities and challenges that shape each girl into a leader of courage, confidence and character. And as she takes her place and makes her mark in the world, the Girl Guides experience is something a girl will carry with her for life.

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