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Singapore

Annual Report 2012
World Centenary



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OUR MISSION

To enable girls and young women to develop to their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world.

OUR MOTTO

Be Prepared

THE PROMISE

I promise to do my best. To do my duty to God, To serve my country and help other people, and to keep the Guide Law.

GIRL GUIDES

A January Trefoil Guild Car Boot Sale

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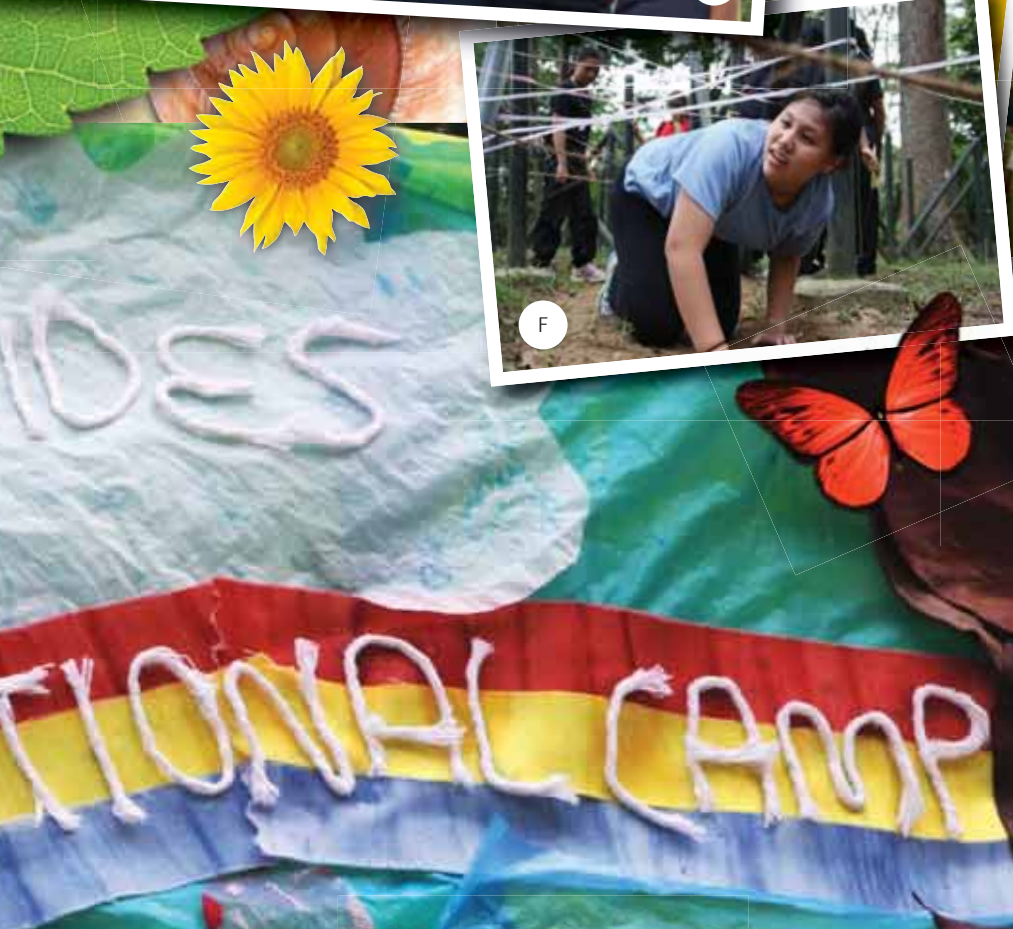
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THE GUIDE LAW

1. A Guide is loyal and can be trusted.
2. A Guide is useful and helps others.
3. A Guide is polite, considerate and respects her elders.
4. A Guide is friendly and a sister to all Guides.
5. A Guide is kind to all living things.
6. A Guide is obedient.
7. A Guide has courage and is cheerful in all difficulties.
8. A Guide takes care of her own possessions and those of other people.
9. A Guide is thrifty and diligent.
10. A Guide is self-disciplined in what she thinks, says and does.

D March Training for JBCG Green Ambassadors **E March** Spring Volunteer at Our Chalet **F June** International Camp **G July** Ayrwaves 2012
September Guiders' Conference **L November** Greenie Beanie Day **M November** National Brownie Revel **N December** Children's Camp



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2012 marked the final year of our 3-year celebration of the World Centenary and in line with WAAGGS our focus was on environmental sustainability.

We kicked off the year with a seminar on the environment for our Guiders. Professor Leo Tan from the National University of Singapore kept us in rapt attention as he spoke passionately about living in harmony with the environment and inspired us the step up to the cause. Through our partner, the National Environment Agency, we were able to provide relevant materials and develop an ongoing partnership to continue to support Green issues.

The highlight of the year had to be the International Camp in June 2012 which saw more than 1000 participants and guests from 10 countries. This was held at our very own Camp Christine which had undergone 6 months of essential refurbishment and retrofitting to be ready for the campers. For this we must thank our very generous donors, in particular, the Khoo Foundation.

We were honoured to have our Patron, Mrs Mary Tan; the then Minister of State for Education, Mr Lawrence Wong and then Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Education, Ms Sim Ann joined us at the International Camp.

It has been a gradual process but some key changes have taken place at GGS. Today, we have a balanced combination of corporate professionals as well as professional educators on the National Council and the Executive Committee. They bring with them a wide range of skills to GGS. I am happy to say the majority of them were Girl Guides. We also have more young women serving in all our committees.

We are now in a stronger financial position with sustainable cash flow streams from cookies sales, support from various government agencies, other fund-raising events and generous donors. This is only possible because of professional leadership and commitment from council members in particular, Mrs Chew Soon Gek, Ms Eleanor Lee, Mrs Deborah Ong and Ms Caroline Lim.

Over the last 3 years our GGS Annual Report has evolved into an impressive document that carries amazing stories of Girl Guiding in Singapore. Guiding in Singapore has a voice and we are regularly featured in the local media for our good work. For this great effort, Ms Kim Lay Eng, our Communications Commissioner and her team must be credited.

GGS has continued to forge new partnerships, most recently with Gardens by the Bay. Guides and Brownies are trained to lead members of the public through the gardens and to facilitate learning about our flora and fauna and its impact on the environment. This collaboration has enabled our Guides to develop skills outside their comfort zone and to stay relevant in the 21st century. Our other partners include UBS, NEA and NTUC.

The Green Effort does not end here and the work has just begun. Together with our network of 10 million Girl Guides worldwide, the impact we can make on green issues will be significant. Every little bit counts and our Guides and Brownies will continue to make a difference to the world today.



President's Message

Mrs Joy Balakrishnan
President

More than 5,000 members of Girl Guides Singapore (GGS) were at *SCAPE on 18 February to celebrate World Thinking Day. The theme for World Thinking Day 2012 is "We Can Save Our Planet". This is aligned to the Millennium Development Goal 7 : "Ensuring Environmental Sustainability". With this, much effort in GGS was put together to raise awareness for the environment and the consequences of our lifestyles so that we can, as one Movement, speak out, take action and influence people to save our planet.

Another feather was added to the cap for GGS as a finale to the World Centenary Celebration. True to the spirit of Guiding, Yvonne Lim, our former Chief Commissioner, led a team of volunteers and girls to install the International Camp 2012 at Camp Christine and various sites. It was a proud moment for us to be able to welcome friends and sisters in Guiding from countries near and far. When we interacted with the girls, many shared that it was their first international camp. It was magical to see Guides from different countries and cultures coming together to do something for Mother Earth. It is also very heartening to have participants ranging from age 9 to 78! Indeed, there is always something for everyone - "Once a Guide, always a Guide".

The green themes were echoed throughout the Movement – Brownies, Guides and Young Adults. In particular, Tan Pau Cheng, Brownie Commissioner was one of the 19 recipients in the National Award given by National Environment Agency. Efforts made in teaching and inculcating values in "Saving Our Planet Earth" will certainly go a long way with our girls. We encourage our girls to commit to a small act that she will do for the year to save the environment. With the year's commitment, such acts will be internalised to be a way of life.

We also celebrate some of the outstanding girls who were exemplary Guides and leaders in their own school. Joanna Lee, a PGA recipient, received a perfect score in the IB programme while Ng Shin Mun who is also a PGA recipient received the PSC scholarship. Both girls shared how Guiding has developed them to be young women of character. It is a great source of encouragement to us because it is not just about their achievements but who they have become. Well done, Guides!

We ended the year with affirmation from the Asia Pacific Region after the Partnership Review in October. There were 6 core areas in observations: Educational Programme, Training, Membership, Structure and Management, Relationship to Society and Finance. This is indeed recognition for all the good work put in by all of you. Some of the commendations included the Young Adults Programme, the Baden Powell Award for aspiring Guides, the open dialogue on succession planning, our external partnerships with both public and private sectors and efforts made in fund-raising.

Many would agree with me that the Guiding journey has transformed us and it is truly about touching lives.



Chief Commissioner's Report

Mrs Chua Yen Ching
Chief Commissioner

National Council & Executive Committee

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Deputy Chief Commissioner	Mrs Maznahbi Mindi Peter
Deputy Chief Commissioner	Ms Kim Lay Eng
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West Division Commissioner	Mrs Esther Fong
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World Thinking Day

World Thinking Day (WTD) was celebrated this year with a few firsts. Based on the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) 7 and theme for 2012 “We Can Save Our Planet”, it was the first time that WTD celebration was held at *SCAPE in the heart of Orchard Road to raise the visibility of Girl Guides Singapore. Social media was also used for the very first time to reinforce our commitment to the MDG 7. A Young Leader, Azriana Abdul Aziz, also created a new initiative called the “WTD 2012 Green Pledge”, which encouraged girls to pledge a small act that she can do for the whole year to save the environment, such as reducing the use of plastic bags and electricity.



To further drive home the message, public transport was utilised to reach and leave the event venue, especially by the Guide units. Other new and exciting aspects of the celebrations include a competitive “Wide Game” for mixed teams of Brownies and Guides along Orchard Road as well as hands-on activities that taught the girls to recycle daily waste. They learnt how to use cardboards to make photo frames, tea bags wrappers to make cards, CDs to make decorative signage and fabric to make bookmarks.

These activities may seem ordinary, but when everyone put their efforts together, the impact can be tremendous. As the girls and leaders become more conscious of the environment, they will continue to make a difference to the world and make it a more pleasant place to live in. These activities will ideally be internalised and with time become a way of life for every member of GGS.

During the WTD celebration, GGS leveraged on its new partnership with United Parcel Service (UPS), which provided route marshals to ensure the safety and well-being of our Brownies and Guides.

Finally, it was certainly an honour to have a former President’s Guide and a Cultural Medallion winner, Ms Jennifer Tham, produced a CD of Evergreen Girl Guides songs, which was launched during the WTD celebration.

Each year, as World Thinking Day is celebrated, may each member of the Guiding Movement be reminded to keep the Guiding light shining brightly so that together, Girl Guides can be a circle of influence to build a better world for all.



World Centenary Celebration - International Camp







International Camp 2012 was the culmination of all the exciting activities and programmes organised in conjunction with the WAGGGS Centenary of the World Guiding and Scouting over the last 3 years. The theme of the Camp, “We Can Save Our Planet”, was selected to educate and encourage the girls to focus on environmental conservation. It was held from 4 to 8 June at 3 campsites; Sarimbun Scout Camp, Camp Christine and Ministry of Education (MOE) Jalan Bahtera Adventure Centre.

The event attracted campers from age 9 to 78, including 98 international delegates from Australia, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Thailand, UK and USA.

The International Camp celebrated the rich diversity of global cultures and arts through international displays, crafts, food, bazaars and performances. At the camp, activities centered on conservation of the environment and included cooking with natural wraps, crafts with recycled materials, learning journeys to Waterways Singapore and Ground-Up Initiative and capturing nature on film. Fashion shows with costumes made of recycled items were also organised. The Brownies learned pottery from professional potters and made sand castles at the East Coast Park. At the craft booths, clocks made from discarded CDs, purses out of fruit juice cartons and drink tabs bracelets and brooches were some of the more popular craft items every camper wanted to bring home as souvenirs.


Many campers commented that there were many activities in-camp and outside of camp and they had difficulty deciding which to take part in!





The Opening Ceremony of the Camp on 5 June, was graced by Mrs Mary Tan, Patron, Girl Guides Singapore. Mr Lawrence Wong, then Minister of State for Education, was present to deliver a thoughtful message to the girls to learn more about different cultures from the international friends, as well as to play a part in saving the environment. The vibrancy of the event prompted Roberta, Girl Scout of USA to comment that "it was very touching to hear all the greetings from the different countries".

On 6 June, the campers prepared for the Visitors Day and Green Bazaar where their families came to camp for a visit and the Guides and Brownies showcased their efforts in recycling and conservation. Ms Sim Ann, then Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry Of Education, was captivated by the amazing handicrafts made by the Guides from Thailand who created fragrant roses out of pandan leaves and the display of hand-made jewellery from sea shells from Philippines. The day came to a close with the International Night which saw a parade of national costumes in vibrant colours, skits, songs and dances. The campers were enthusiastic and sang along to all the songs.







During the 5 days at the campsites, the in-camp newsletter team rolled out 5 issues of The Green Bites to keep campers updated on daily activities, provided green tips on the 3Rs and shared feedback from the campers.

The Closing Ceremony was a campfire where Miss Low Lih Jeng, Chairperson of WAGGGS Asia Pacific Region, gave a yarn. It was a memorable evening of songs and dances,

and it continued into the night with the new friends singing and dancing together. It marked, with much grandiosity, the end of a wonderfully dynamic and exciting five days of fun and learning that provided excellent opportunities for the girls and leaders to broaden their exposure, develop international mindsets and promote global causes.





Guiders' Seminar

In conjunction with the Centenary theme of "Plant, Grow, Share", a seminar on the environment was held on 10 April at YMCA for the Guiders. The objective was to increase Guiders' knowledge on biodiversity and appreciation for environmental sustainability so they can better support and empower Guides and Brownies to play their part in protecting the environment.



The seminar was well attended by 180 Guiders committed to saving the environment. The keynote speaker, the distinguished environmentalist Professor Leo Tan, shared his stories and encounters with nature. His message was to encourage Guiders to continue to work with Guides and Brownies on nature projects. This is in the hope that they can understand the natural world better and become part of a community that lives responsibly towards the environment. "One of the uniqueness of Singapore is that we can develop an urban ecology. We can't develop the natural rural ecology - there are no hectares for that. But we can have micro-systems within this urban sprawling jungle. This is the beauty and the challenge to all of us," said Professor Leo Tan.

In addition, there was an overview of proficiency and interest badges, new and existing ones, from Girl Guides Singapore, WAGGGS and the National Environment Agency (NEA). The Guiders were urged to challenge their girls to earn the badges by embarking on environmental projects and visiting natural habitats.

Truly, the lives of Guides and Brownies can be changed and enriched by this learning journey. Together, these girls can certainly be the voice that advocates for a cleaner and better environment.





Asia Pacific Partnership Visit



October 2012 was a busy month for many in GGS HQ as preparations were made to welcome visitors from our WAGGGS Asia Pacific Office. This is a once in three years meeting known commonly as Partnership Visit. This time, it was represented by members of Asia Pacific Regional (APR) Committee, Ruchira Jayasinghe and Melanie Bennett. The previous visit by the Regional Committee Member and Staff was in December 2009.

The Purpose of Partnership Visit is for the regional organisation to understand the strategy of the Member Organisation (MO) and her progress and plans in six core areas of work, namely Educational Programme, Training, Membership, Structure and Management, Relationships to Society and Finance. It is also to ensure open communication and involvement remains between MOs and APR Committee. The opportunity also allows MOs get up-to-date progress of the directions and projects of WAGGGS and APR.

Besides spending time to discuss internal progress and measures, Ruchira and Melanie also visited many of the external partners of GGS such as National Environment Agency (NEA) and Character & Citizenship Education Branch, Student Development Curriculum Division of Ministry of Education (MOE). The occasion also called for visits to schools hosted by Mr Danny Poh, Principal of River Valley Primary School and Mr Martin Tan, Principal of Northlight School.

At the end of the visit, GGS was given a comprehensive assessment based on the findings of the team. GGS was commended as a strong forward thinking MO within Asia Pacific Region with strong leadership with diverse skills who believe in the mission. GGS could continue to grow by taking a more active role within the Asia Pacific Region by sharing and learning with other Member Organisations.





International Report



2012 marked the end of the centenary celebrations of International Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting. In Singapore, the International Committee continued to support and align with the initiatives of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). To this end, the International Committee had been working to help achieve the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) 7 and theme for 2012 “We Can Save Our Planet” through innovative projects and non-formal education programmes and activities.



During World Thinking Day celebration held at *SCAPE on 18 February, Girl Guides Singapore (GGS) launched the theme with Brownies, Guides and Young Adults participating in on-site activities. These involved thousands of girls making creative and useful items from recycling common items like paper, fabric, CDs as well as participating in an urban Green Wide Game.

The committee members also contributed actively during the International Camp held from 3 to 10 June 2012 at Camp Christine. They played significant roles in the camp and organised the hospitality programmes, running of “Kopi Tiam”, Green Bazaar, International Night, as well as the International Display and related learning activities. A total of 98 International campers from 10 countries (Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Hong Kong, Malaysia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Thailand, United Kingdom and United States of America) were hosted after the camp. They were provided learning opportunities through unit visits, heritage trails, local cuisines as well as trips to Universal Studios Singapore at Resorts World Sentosa, Singapore Science Centre and the Singapore Zoo.

The inaugural International Day was organised on 1 September to promote better understanding of international Guiding to our girls through non-formal educational approaches. A total of 202 Brownies and Guides participated in station activities which showcased the programmes and activities of the focus countries identified





by WAGGGS for 2012. These countries included Guyana, Ivory Coast, Japan and Russia. All the girls had benefited from the day programme and activities to earn themselves a World Thinking Day 2012 badge.

The International Committee continued to promote active participation of our members at the International level. From 14 to 20 March, Ng Jing Fang, a Brownie Committee member, participated in the WAGGGS Leadership Development Programme (WLDP), "Young Women Leading for a Greener Future" at Sangam, India. She was able to transfer her learning to enhance the Biodiversity Badge with National Environment Agency and Garden Trail for Brownies in collaboration with Gardens by the Bay for 2013.

Joanna Lee (delegate), a Young Adult Branch Council member, together with Azriana Aziz (chaperon), an International Committee member, participated in the Girls' World Forum 2012 held from 12 to 16 July in Chicago. This was WAGGGS' third and final centenary event. The learning during the "Journey World" activity where everyone role played for a day in a city with 14 businesses was indeed a transformative experience for both delegate and chaperon. The take-aways included how to build a team, share resources and source for funds. In the words of Joanna Lee, they were "empowered to make a difference, no matter what age I am".

Perema Ramasamy, East Division Commissioner, together with Adeline Hendriks, led a contingent of 13 Guides to the International Camp, "Arywaves 2012", in Scotland from 24 July to 5 August. The leaders were put to the test when they had to manage a crisis during the camp and came up tops. The pre-camp preparations like RAMS and deployment of 2 leaders were good measures put in place. The contingent was unanimous that the camping experience and homestay were enriching and memorable.

For 2012, the International Committee hosted 125 International guests passing through Singapore. We are heartened that more units are taking up pen-pal programmes and exchange programmes with overseas units as part of their Overseas Learning Journeys.

The International Committee will continue to enhance the International dimension of Girl Guiding through the programmes and activities aligned to the MDGs and theme of GGS in the years to come.





Eco Friend

Winner of the Eco-Friend Award 2012 Tan Pau Cheng Brownie Commissioner

Pau Cheng did GGS proud by being one of the winners in the Eco-Friend Awards from the National Environment Agency (NEA). The Eco and Water champions were among the 19 honoured at the Singapore Environment and Water Awards held at the Istana on Friday 28 September 2012 and graced by President Tony Tan Keng Yam. Accompanied by Ng Jing Fang, the ceremony was attended by GGS Chief Commissioner, Chua Yen Ching and Deputy Chief Commissioner, Kim Lay Eng.



As early as 2011, Pau Cheng together with Jing Fang, initiated poster and comic strips competitions amongst the Brownies to rouse their curiosity and interest in the 3Rs – ReUse, ReCycle and Reduce. To further encourage and motivate Brownies and Guiders to actively practice 3Rs knowledge in their daily lives, Pau Cheng worked closely with NEA to introduce recycling components to the test clause of the Chief Commissioner's Badge Award. Plans were also made to further spread the message of environmental sustainability on two new badges that would help Brownies learn about the environment and food, as well as biodiversity issues.

Gloria Ng of St Anthony's Primary School, who represented GGS in NEA Recycling Outreach Programme, has this to share: "Collecting recyclables from the public has been a memorable experience for me. Ms Tan has helped me realised that we all can make a difference in our daily lives in ordinary ways".

The environmental awareness in Brownies is strong because of the leadership and hard work by her leader, Tan Pau Cheng.





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Joanna
Lee

“Guiding is more than a school activity, it is a Movement, a way of life and a commitment to a larger community.

I hope girls and young women will take up the challenge of Guiding and allow it to shape them to be who they really are.”



A PGA Recipient 2010.

A Perfect 45 Pointers in International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme 2012.

A GGS Representative to Girls' World Forum 2012 in Chicago.

Joanna Lee, 19, shares her views.

You were a President's Guide in 2010.

What was your biggest takeaway?

The selection period for PGA coincided with a major academic competition I was participating in – The World Scholar's Cup (WSC), held in Shanghai in 2010. I had to juggle preparing for my Planning and Organization Camp while studying extremely hard for my school exams and the international competition. It was a really difficult time for me. I learnt to

manage my time effectively and not to collapse under stress. I kept in mind the Guide Law - “A Guide has courage and is cheerful in all difficulties.” My biggest takeaway was probably learning to work effectively under extreme stress. Fortunately, I managed to succeed on all fronts.



You were a 45 Point

Perfect Score Student in

the IB Programme in ACSI, how much of your success would you attribute to you being a Guide?

I think being an involved Guide while in Junior College is very demanding, especially when most of us are involved in other CCAs and also have to pay more attention to our studies. Guiding, however, helped me break out of the monotonous routine of studying, especially when the exams drew near. I always felt refreshed on the Saturdays I spent with other Young Adults because my time was spent meaningfully. So being a Guide really helped me continue with my work steadily. That is important because it helped me in my achievement.

What do you think are some areas in Guiding that are really good for Girls?

I think that girls, fundamentally, need to be in all-girls environments to blossom. When there are no boys around, girls are likelier to be bolder, take charge and make decisions. Guiding provides girls a safe environment for self-development and confidence to express themselves, without any gender biases to limit them. They can hone their leadership and interpersonal skills. The way Guiding actively seeks to help each girl in her own self-development, by imparting her values, knowledge and skills, is really empowering.

Guiding also provides the platform for girls to be a part of a global movement, thus allowing them to recognize that the world is larger than themselves, as well as the importance of worldwide cooperation in making the world a better place. Such an idea is so clearly embodied in World Thinking Day, which encourages girls to reflect on other girls in other countries. The Girls World Forum in Chicago gave me new and different perspectives and made me realise that various solutions exist for similar problems. I think it is important that girls cultivate an interest in global issues, recognise the similarities between different cultures, and develop skills to be effective advocates for positive change and peace in the world. Being part of an established world body provides the perfect platform for such growth.



Success, Leadership and Values – How do they work for you?

For me, values are key to everything. In truth, it is easy to achieve success and leadership without values – but that kind of success and leadership is precisely what causes problems in our world today. Values ensure that what we do is constructive, and are far more important than attaining leadership positions or success. As a leader in school and the Young Adult Branch, I have to upkeep principles such as being responsible and having a willingness to listen to others, so that I can be an effective leader and one who is aware of what my team needs. Real success and leadership only exist when they are achieved through actions that are firmly rooted in good values. Only then will they really contribute to making a better place for the community.

2012's focus was on "Saving Our Planet", what does that mean to you and as a YA?

I think saving our planet is not limited to understanding about environmental problems, but involve empowering each other to find ways to tackle them. This means teaching girls to believe that buying products from environmentally-conscious companies, emailing instead of printing documents, or doing something as simple as making art out of used bottles, can make a difference if we all work together. In other words, "Saving Our Planet" is something that is really practical to me. "Saving Our Planet" also means greater dialogue about the environment, so that we can feel less alone and more encouraged in our endeavours to protect the environment. The first step towards finding environmental solutions is to have people talk about them and get excited to do something about it.

As a YA, I can play a much greater role in advocating for the environment. Advocacy is an important channel for change, and YAs can really be a voice of concern for the environment.

Is there something in your Guiding Years you think you could do better? What does that mean to you?

I think I could have looked beyond my own unit at a younger age. Before I registered as a PGA candidate, I didn't really understand Guiding beyond unit level. It was only when I was preparing for my PGA interviews that I realised Girl Guiding is a big Movement, and got really excited about it.

A lot of girls end their Guiding journey prematurely, missing out on the exciting aspects of Guiding. They do not understand what Guiding is about. We are more than selling cookies and camping. It is about developing positive attitudes and confidence; about forming friendships that transcend differences in race, nationality, culture, language; about being empowered to make a positive impact in our community; and about being responsible for the things we have been blessed with through gratitude and good stewardship. We learn to challenge gender stereotypes, fight against injustice within our communities and take steps to conserve the environment for future generations. Most of all, we know that we cannot do this alone, but with ten million girls round the world united together for a better world.





Ng Shin Mun



Ng Shin Mun was a student in Queensway Secondary School before joining Victoria Junior College. She was a Girl Guide from 2006-2009 and a member of Young Adult from 2010. She is the eldest child in the family with a younger brother. Shin Mun received the Overseas Merit Scholarship (Teaching) 2012 from the Public Service Commission and is studying History at King's College London.

Joining Girl Guides gave me one of the most unexpected experiences of my life because it is not merely a co-curricular activity in school, but a journey on multiple fronts.

Perhaps the most significant things in Guiding are the crazy campfires and the selling of cookies. These activities are unique to Girl Guides and I definitely did not expect the elaborate planning required for campfires, the boldness we needed to sing our lungs out and in the case of cookies, to approach strangers to convince them of our cause. Selling a box of cookies then for \$10 was definitely daunting for a 13 year-old girl fresh out of primary school.

My first impression of Guides' Motto "Be Prepared" might be that it is merely a culmination of Singapore's kiasuism, or so I thought. There was never a need to be all that prepared with everything being at our finger tips in this modern Singapore. However, from all the camps and competitions, where Being Prepared was honed into us, it had been very much a part of me. It governed various stages of my life, be it preparing for a major exam, a new school or the PSC Scholarship interview.

I remembered the days when we perspired under the sun - during the National Day march past or pitching tents - tired, uncomfortable and definitely not glamorous. Yet, these were the moments that we best remembered and learnt. We learned to look out for each other, stay optimistic through difficult situations, and do the best that we can. I believe that it is through such situations that made me feel anything was possible if I had the right attitude and when I am prepared.

Guiding gave me the opportunity to take on leadership positions. As the Company Leader, my team mates and I led the younger girls and taught them about Guiding. A friend of mine who was quite a 'rebel' became a responsible Patrol Second. Another, nicknamed "Ducky", became a really confident Patrol Leader. Another, of my good friend and a "sister-in-arm" became a trusted Assistant Company Leader. All of us came from a diverse background - different classes and different academic streams but we became a great team through Guiding.

The impact of Guiding on girls was subtle but large, over the years. And I believe that the confidence and soft skills - such as teambuilding, networking, and perseverance, prepared me as a Student Councillor and have shaped me into who I am today. I hope all the junior Guides will take whatever difficulty or challenge in their stride as a valuable learning point.

It was through Guiding that I realised I enjoyed teaching because it is purposeful and meaningful.





“A Good Turn a Day” – This is one of the golden rules of Guiding all over the world.

This was affirmed by Lady Olave Baden Powell with her belief that “Doing a ‘good turn’ may seem a trivial thing to us grown-ups, but a good turn done as a child will grow into service for the community when she grows up”. Inspired by such a Golden Rule our members continued their service with a passion to make a difference in the lives of those whom they relate within their little communities.



Membership & Awards

The belief, dedication and commitment of our members gave us the pride and joy of appreciating their good work at the Girl Guides Singapore Award Ceremony held on 22 September. At the ceremony, Ms Tan Ngee Tiang, International Commissioner and an active member since 1984, was conferred the Highest Award – the Palm Leaf Platinum Award. No job is too much or too difficult for Ms Tan. Her commitment, hard work, creative and innovative flair is demonstrated by the varied and interesting projects she headed and the World Thinking Day celebration was one exciting example.

Other members who rendered outstanding service to the Association and were conferred the Palm Leaf (Silver) Awards are Mrs Chew Soon Gek (Advisor, GGS), Ms Goh Ping (International Committee member, GGS), Ms Goh Soon Poh (Deputy Chief/General Administration Commissioner, GGS), Ms Kim Lay Eng (Deputy Chief/Communications Commissioner, GGS), Mdm Tham Lai Chan (South Division Commissioner, GGS and Guider, Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School), Ms Tan Pau Cheng (Brownie Commissioner, GGS & Guider, River Valley Primary School) and Ms Tang Siew Boey (Guider, Dunman High School).

The other Association awards conferred were 17 Palm Leaf (Bronze) Awards, 1 Orchid (Bronze) Award, 5 Thanks Award and 4 Thanks Plaques. A total of 52 Long Service Awards were also presented in 2012 for the various periods of commendable service to the Association.

In 2012, the total membership was 9,700. We celebrated the opening of 2 Guide Companies and 4 Brownie Packs. In a landscape of relentless and exciting changes, schools creatively adapt their CCAs, sports and other interesting programmes and activities to cater to their pupils' needs. GGS will constantly review and enhance the quality of its programmes and activities to ensure relevance and meaning for its young members.





North Division

North Division focused on developing girls in a variety of aspects, imparting them skills and a heart for service. The year began with a Service Learning Project at the Sree Narayana Home for the Aged Sick. It was the Division's second year of partnership with the Home, and the Brownies and Guides continued to schedule Friday visits to the Home. An outing to the Bottle Tree Park in May and a mini-gathering themed 'Kampong Days' in November, were also organised for the residents.



"I felt happy after talking to them as I know I have made their day. It gives me satisfaction to see them smiling," Keerthanna from Serangoon Secondary School expressed. Girl Guides Singapore was presented a painting from the Home as a token of appreciation for service to them.



The Guides from the 2011 North Division Patrol Leaders' Training Camp organised the Division's very first Wide Game Challenge for Brownies at the Botanic Gardens on 7 April. The Brownies were challenged through a series of activities to observe, smell and draw what they see. Everyone went home a winner as each person enjoyed the day outdoors and the company of our sisters in Guiding. Twenty one Guides had the opportunity to share their Guiding experiences with each other during our residential PLTC from 29 to 31 May. They were able to develop leadership skills and competencies that will allow them to help their Guiders run programmes and activities.

Guiders from the Division organised the North Division Day at Camp Christine on 15 September. The sudden downpour did not dampen the spirits of the Brownies and Guides, and everyone continued to participate actively in both the competitive and non-competitive events. The Guides also put their entrepreneur skills to test through the sale of snacks and drinks to raise funds for the residents at the Sree Narayana Mission Home.

Five Guiders from the Division, Ms Kwok Honey (Seng Kang Secondary School), Ms Serene Loh (Seng Kang Secondary School), Ms Siti Liana Hashim (Northbrooks Secondary School), Ms Suganthi (North View Secondary School) and Ms Ruziana Zakaria (Yishun Town Secondary School), received the Palm Leaf (Bronze) Award for their dedication and commitment to the Guiding Movement. The recognition they received has certainly brought the whole Division much pride and joy.

North Division ended the year with the Pow Wow session for Guiders. Apart from planning for 2013, the Guiders learned more about the International aspect of Guiding through a sharing by Putri Winata, a Young Adult who volunteered for 3 months at Our Chalet. The Guiders present also shared with each other their best practices and exchanged ideas on unit initiatives.

May all Brownies, Guides and Guiders enjoy yet another fruitful Guiding year in 2013.



South Division

South Division focused on spreading the 'Green' message to Guides and Brownies and centred all Division activities on this theme. There was also a strong commitment to build in the fun elements into the activities, portraying Girl Guides as a vibrant CCA, thus attracting the Brownies to join Girl Guides when they move on to secondary education.

The South Division Campfire drew many participants and they had a whale of a time, dancing and singing around the campfire. Performances were put up by various Guide units and were enthusiastically received by the audience. Campfires are great friendship, fellowship, and Guide spirit builders.

The South Division Day held on 14 April centred on the theme "We Can Save Our Planet". Guide and Brownie units put up displays which educate participants on the importance of being environmentally friendly, suggesting how they can play their part in sustaining the environment through recycling and reusing materials. Craft stalls were also set up to demonstrate how recycled materials can be used to make beautiful crafts. These stalls piqued the interests of the Brownies and Guides. Many competitions were organised that day, and they involved the use of recycled materials to make scrapbooks, posters, cards and other items. All participants had really good time engaging themselves in the various activities.

A South Division Brownie Revel was organised by Cedar Girls' Guide unit around the theme "Shoot the Moon". It was held in conjunction with the Mid-Autumn Festival and interesting activities like lantern-making, mid-autumn festival quiz, badge designing and short story writing were organised. The objective of this revel was to expose the Brownies to the traditions of the Chinese festival which is celebrated by many Chinese households.

To instil a fun and sporting spirit in the Guides, the Division held its annual Singapore Chinese Girls' School (SCGS) playoffs in October. This was a time for schools to be creative in organising interesting games for the participants. All the activities drew much laughter and enthusiasm from the crowd, who cheered their teams on.

Besides the usual fun activities, units also carried out the various skills training, so as to prepare the girls to be confident and independent women of the future.





East Division

Guides and Brownies from East Division had an enriching and meaningful year in 2012. It was encouraging and reassuring that many activities and initiatives were organised by the Guide units in the East Division, some of which were extended to include the Brownies. This provided an opportunity to inculcate bonding between the Guides and Brownies to promote their interests in the Guiding Movement.

Twenty Guides from Changkat Changi Secondary School piloted the Jacob Ballas Green Ambassador Badge Programme. The Guides were trained to conduct guided tours in the Jacob Ballas Children's Garden for the public.

The 5th East Division Brownie Revel was held on 24 March at CHIJ Katong Convent. The event which was jointly organised by CHIJ Katong Convent, Geylang Methodist, St. Anthony's Canossian and Bedok Town Guide units provided a platform to encourage Guiding in secondary schools. It was also a channel to spread the goodwill of Girl Guides Singapore and thus enhanced leadership potential in both the Brownies and Guides.



To increase and diversify membership and to improve the image and visibility of Girl Guiding, the East Division Jamboree was organised on 30 June. About 800 Guides took part in outdoor and indoor activities such as outdoor cooking, batik painting, weaving, handball, rubber javelin, mass drill and gadget making.

East Division Day was held on 15 September at Bedok View Secondary School with the theme "Girls Empowered!". The main feature of this event was "East Division's Got Talent", an activity where Brownies and Guides showcased their talents in the areas of dance, fashion, cheerleading and music. Over 1020 Guides and Brownies participated in this event. It provided a platform for the girls to interact with one another for a day of fun and excitement.

Bedok South, Geylang Methodist and Changkat Changi Guide units were given training in the Palliative Young Caregivers Training Course by HCA Hospice Care. The course equipped the young caregivers with the basic skills and knowledge to look after their family members who are faced with a life-limiting illness. The Guides were given a holistic understanding on the needs of persons under palliative care and the training focused on the fundamental aspects of effective communications and practical caregiving skills. As part of their training, the Guides visited the HCA Hospice Care Centre at Tan Tock Seng Hospital and practised their newfound skills.

East Division Guiders tirelessly submitted many new initiatives, organised activities and collaborated within the east clusters, demonstrating commitment and teamwork. The Brownies and Guides took part in local and overseas activities organised by Girl Guides Singapore.

May the year 2013 bring more opportunities for collaborations among the members in the Division and may the spirit of Guiding continue to shine brightly!





West Division

West Division started the year with the West Division Day on 28 July with the theme "We Can Save Our Planet". The event which saw a turnout of 850 participants was organised by a committee of Guiders from 25 schools. The objectives of the event were to educate the Brownies and Guides on various ways of recycling and conserving resources through the competitions, and in the process, establish stronger bonds between the Brownies and Guides.

The Brownies and Guides made use of recycled items such as magazines, newspapers, tissue boxes and old T-shirts to make paper jewellery, musical instruments, tote bags, and other crafts. The creativity and enthusiasm shown by the girls impressed the judges. Empty drink cans and M & M chocolate tubes with beans were turned into shakers, a spoon on corrugated cardboard produced music, and there was even a guitar made from an empty tissue box!

On 25 August, West Division Guides and Brownies participated in a Heritage Trail, organised with the aim to enable the girls to have a better understanding of the History of Singapore and awareness of Singapore's cultural fabric and to promote an understanding and appreciation of the origins, cultures and traditions of all Singaporeans. This activity also provided an opportunity to build closer and stronger bonds among Guides and Brownies from other schools, working together as a team while taking on responsibilities and leadership roles. It was a great journey of experiential learning and self-discovery for all.

On 13 October, 390 Brownies and Guides from 12 Brownie packs and 14 Guide companies gathered at Zhenghua Secondary School for the West Division Campfire. The theme for campfire was Hula Hula Nite. Despite the rainy weather, spirits were high. Participants received handmade slippers bookmarks by Brownies and Guides from Henry Park Primary School, Rulang Primary School and New Town Secondary School as souvenirs. The girls sang campfire songs and entertained the crowd with their lively performances. It was indeed a great experience for one and all.

West Division looks forward to new and exciting programmes in 2013.





General Administration

In line with the 2012 environment theme, the Girl Guides Singapore office intensified recycling efforts and initiated 'paperless' work documentation to 'Save Our Planet'. Practices implemented included printing on both sides of papers and recycling used paper. E-application for staff leave and e-record for staff training courses were introduced, and staff data were electronically stored for easy retrieval.

The staff played a significant supporting role in many events. As early as January, the staff assisted in the preparation and organisation of the World Thinking Day and International Camp. Although it was a hectic period with little sleep for some, it was a memorable time for all as everyone enjoyed the events and new friendships were forged.



In late October, the staff provided administration and hospitality support to the Partnership Visit conducted by the WAGGGS Asia Pacific Region Committee members, Ruchira Jayasinghe and Melanie Bennett.

In November the staff coordinated the cookie sales at the various Fairprice outlets and Lucky Plaza. The new cornflakes cookies packed in the limited lava design tins were very well received by the public.

To foster a better understanding of environmental conservation, the staff participated in a learning journey to the Semakau Landfill with the Young Adults on 23 November. National Environment Agency officers gave a briefing on Landfill Operations and Solid Waste Management in Singapore and also conducted a tour of the site.

The staff went on a one-day trip to the historical city of Malacca on 4 December to enhance staff bonding. The tour included heritage sites such as St Paul's Church, the Stadthuys, Jonker Street, a sumptuous lunch at a Nyonya restaurant and a seafood dinner at the Grand Straits Garden, Danga Bay.

In recognition of the dedicated and invaluable contributions of our members, the Asia Pacific Leadership Awards for Girl Guiding (Service) were received by Esther Ling, Administrative Executive, and Betty Seow, Administrative Assistant. Esther and Betty are long serving staff with 36 years and 26 years service respectively, and are indeed excellent examples of commitment to GGS.

GGS also extends a warm welcome to Esther Yuen, who joined as Manager (Finance & Project Management).





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2012 began with a Camp First Aid Course for 32 Guiders, Young Adults and HQ staff who were camp staff of the International Camp. Participants were trained on identifying, preventing and treating ailments and injuries like insect stings, heat stroke, food poisoning, and even pacifying the little ones when they were home-sick.

The climax of the year was the International Camp 2012. Camp activities like outdoor cooking, making fashion accessories from drink can tabs and juice cartons and clocks from unwanted compact discs, and a learning journey to Waterways Singapore at Kallang, were just some of the many activities dedicated to the camp theme, "We Can Save Our Planet".

Thirty Guides and 11 Young Adults, Guiders and HQ staff participated in the National Camp organised by the National Cadet Corps from 25 to 28 August. This was the first time a National Camp was held in Pulau Tekong, a high security Singapore Armed Forces training venue away from the mainland and only accessible by an official ferry. The Girl Guides contingent was in-charge of conducting Ultimate Frisbee, a physically demanding but a fun game that was well-loved by the participants.

On 3 November, Guides and Brownies flocked to Camp Christine for a day of fun and competitions at the Greenie Banie Day. The girls taught one another macramé, balloon art, plant potting, henna art and gel candle-making. Non-competitors had a great time at the mini carnival. A comic strip competition and a theme patch design competition were held prior to the Greenie Banie Day.

In December, in collaboration with the Young Adult Branch a special camp for children from less privileged families and referred by the Central Singapore Community Development Councils was organised. The objectives were to develop the value of teamwork and healthy friendship through meaningful camp activities, to understand and appreciate the value of lives. This was achieved through visits to Hay Dairies Goat Farm and Bollywood Veggies and 'behind-the-scenes' visits to the Singapore Zoo; which not only showed the children the giant pandas, Jiajia and Kaikai, but how the Zoo is maintained. The children participated eagerly at the handicrafts sessions and the campfire. For most of them, it was their first campfire experience.

The two-day camp was not only beneficial to the children, but it further enhanced the 21st Century Competencies of our Young Adults and Guiders. It fostered the community spirit and empathy in our members by giving them the opportunity to make a difference to children. When there is an increase in the level of awareness, it will be translated into action, and being concerned citizens is the first step towards building an inclusive society. The Camp Committee will continue to organise such camps annually to benefit and influence many more children. We would like our members to be active contributors to society and ultimately the world beyond Singapore.

It had been a busy year for our fledgling committee but we know that 2013 promises more fun and excitement for our Brownies and Guides.





Training

Training Committee piloted a new Training Pin for girl-training and re-launched the Skills Training Badge for Guiders in 2012. As a result, 31 Guiders achieved the Intermediate Skills Badge and 2 Guiders were awarded the Advanced Skills Badge in June 2012. The Training Team saw several senior volunteer trainers retiring from active training, while 3 Young Adults and 3 young Guiders have joined the Training Team to work towards gaining their Training certification.

The Young Adults (YA) concentrated on achieving the Peer Educator's Certification which was introduced as part of the new YA Programme in October 2011. Two of the young Guiders worked on completing the practicum on the training of girl members which will gain them the 'Girl Training' pin, one of the three training pins they need in order to achieve WAGGGS' accredited Trainer's Certificate.

The year 2012 was the last year that Training Committee conducted 2 rounds of the Patrol Leaders' Training Camp (PLTC), Sixers' and Camp Training for our girl members. With effect from 2013, only one round of centralised training will be done at the HQ level annually, while a second round will be done at the division level. This is to encourage more Guiders to be involved with their girls' training so that they can also enhance their Guiding skills.

On 29 December, several adult trainers attended the Singapore Scout Association's Palaver workshop on Youth Protection upon the invitation of Mr Malcolm Tan, Assistant Chief Commissioner (Youth Programme), Singapore Scout Association (SSA). This event promises to be the beginning of more joint-training sessions between Girl Guides Singapore and SSA in the near future.





Brownie Branch

The focus for 2012 was to raise awareness on the impact choice of lifestyles have on the environment. For that, Brownie Branch worked closely with the National Environment Agency (NEA) in educating the young about environmental issues faced locally. The objective was also to train the Brownies to be advocates and to take action to save the planet.

Programmes were established for the Brownies through the Resource Conservation Badge and Public Health Badge. These two badges are champion badges that Brownies will take part only upon completion of the following 5 merit badges.

- Resource Conservation: Energy Efficiency Badge, 3R Badge
- Public Health: I'm OK Badge, Food Watch Badge, Mozzie Buster Badge





Girl Guides Singapore also leveraged on available planned resources to expose Brownies to global issues. The Brownies were introduced to 2 WAGGGS Badges – Biodiversity Challenge Badge and Food Security and Climate Change Challenge Badge. Trainings and workshops were conducted for each individual badge. Through experiential learning, the Brownies had a better understanding of the topics.

Besides workshops, there was a series of environment related competitions for Brownies, as well as sharing sessions with the Guiders and public on the activities. Brownies shared the 2 WAGGGS badges' programmes at the Clean and Green Singapore Schools' Carnival. Many were impressed by the programmes and the opportunity for hands-on activity like natural dye. At the event, more than 200 Brownies received the Resource Conservation and Public Health Badges from GGS President, Mrs Joy Balakrishnan, who was the Guest-of-Honour for the Uniformed Group Awards Presentation.

Addressing both local and global environmental issues, a non-formal education approach was adopted. A campfire skill workshop was conducted for Brownies and Brownie Guiders where they learned the different components needed for a campfire. Three main components of a campfire were taught: reception & invitation to guests, fire lighting and song session. The day ended with a campfire where all participants were presented with a certificate of participation.

Concluding the year was the National Brownie Revel held on 10 November. The revel was themed "We Can Save Our Planet". NEA partnered GGS for this event and sponsored gifts for the goodie bags, mascots for the 2 NEA Champion Badges and Operation M.A.C.E, an online gaming portal designed to address dengue related issues. Competitions were organised for both Brownies and their family members. At the same event, the Phineas and Ferb Isabella Award were presented to outstanding Brownies that displayed commendable attitudes in their character and made significant contributions to their Pack. This Award was a joint partnership between GGS and Walt Disney South East Asia (SEA). Sixty Brownies received the award from Ms Andrea Peterson, Regional Marketing Director, Disney Channel APAC.

Through the sharing platforms, Guiders feedback that knowledge gained, ideas exchanged and strategies adopted allowed them to make a difference and influence many others to do the same for the environment. Promoting advocacy and helping one another in reaching the common goal, girls worldwide say, "Together We Can Save Our Planet."



Guide Branch

An overwhelming number of schools applied for the Puan Noor Aishah Award in 2012. A total of 55 Gold, 23 Silver and 11 Bronze awards were given out.

The Baden-Powell Award (BPA) was introduced and awarded to 17 Guides. This Award is the highest honour conferred by the Chief Commissioner of Girl Guides Singapore. It is awarded to a Girl Guide in recognition of her leadership qualities and her proficiency in programme planning. To receive this Award, a Guide must show competency in planning the Guide programme for her unit. In addition, she is required to successfully execute one of her weekly plans for a unit from another Division. Two rounds of testing were conducted in August, and out of the total of 80 Guides tested, 28 Guides made it into Stage 1 (Planning) and 17 Guides passed Stage 2 (Execution).

Seven Guides received the President's Guide Award (PGA) at the Istana on 21 December from President Tony Tan Keng Yam.



President's Guide Award Recipient 2012, Anthea Tan Xin Hui shared, "This daunting yet fruitful journey has allowed me to discover more about myself. It has no doubt groomed me into a more independent person with greater resilience, both physically and mentally. Throughout the different stages of the journey, it has not only provided me with invaluable experiences, more importantly, it has enriched me with the life skills and values that no textbooks can teach. Personally, I believe that through the different activities, Guiding provides the platform to instil the right values in every Guide, to empower her with the necessary life skills and to groom her to her fullest potential."

Girl Guides Singapore initiated a partnership with Jacob Ballas Children's Garden in June. With 20 Girl Guides from Changkat Changi Secondary School piloting the Green Ambassadors' Badge Programme. This programme provided opportunities for the girls to gain knowledge and appreciation of the natural environment. It also developed confidence, communications and leadership skills. These Green Ambassadors were taught to educate the young and conduct guided tours in environmental conservation, empowering them to spread the message of the importance of greenery in urban habitat.





Name

Anthea Tan Xin Hui
 Ayana Ki Su Jin
 Beatrice Tan Yan Zheng
 Kng Ni Xin, Carnation
 Synth-Di Tan Guat Eng
 Tan Ming Min Belle
 Toh Yi Ru, Ashleigh

School

Seng Kang Secondary School 1st Coy
 CHIJ St Nicholas Girls' School 2nd Coy
 CHIJ St Nicholas Girls' School 1st Coy
 CHIJ St Nicholas Girls' School 1st Coy
 Raffles Girls' School 1st Coy
 Nanyang Girls' High School 2nd Coy
 Nanyang Girls' High School 2nd Coy





Young Adult Branch



In 2012, the Young Adults focused more on the environment based on the theme: "Together We Can Save Our Planet". This was done in conjunction with the implementation of the revamped Young Adults programme and its focus areas such as Peer Educator and Leadership, which was integrated into all activities.

During the month of April, the Young Adults learned to make garbage enzyme solution from fruit scraps, a process which gives wastes a new lease of life. They also visited Semakau Landfill to find out how rubbish incinerated by the four incineration plants in Singapore was shipped to fill the landfill.



In June, during the International Camp, the Young Adults taught craft using materials such as milk cartons and drink tabs. They also took on leadership roles in Quarter-mastering and the publishing of the daily in-house newsletter, Green Bites, which provided camp news and tips on saving the environment.

The Young Adults attended dialogues, forums and exchange-activities nationally and internationally to learn, share, voice out and understand what it means to be a young leader. In July, Joanna Lee represented the Young Adult Branch and GGS in the Girls' World Forum (GWF) 2012. Putri Winata volunteered as a Spring Volunteer for 3 months in Our Chalet, Switzerland in March, where she assisted in guest services, programme-planning and also led tour groups on hiking trips, snow tubing and igloo building.





In December, the Young Adult Branch was invited by the Camp Committee to run a camp for 14 children from less privileged families. They undertook key roles as Assistant Camp Commandant, Quartermaster, Assistant Quartermaster and First Aider under the mentorship of more experienced Guiders. This helped to develop their skills, knowledge, best practices and leadership qualities, thereby promoting leadership continuity, sustainability and growth of the organisation.

Four Young Adults participated in the National Day Parade as Contingent Commander, Assistant Contingent Commander and Flag party. Their dedication, discipline and leadership qualities were displayed without reservation. In the area of personal development, the Young Adults attended talks on healthy eating and presentation skills, visited the Asian Civilizations Museum to learn about “Treasures of the Aga Khan Museum”, and had an inside look at the Singapore Zoo’s hospital and kitchen. These activities developed their awareness about life and understanding of the world. They also taught and shared with their peers new skills like self-defence, swaveboarding and baking. Shainaz Banu, one of the peer educators, noted: “These activities allowed me to not only share my knowledge, but also to spark interest in the people who came for the activities. As Young Adults, our activities are diversified and we have many talents.”

On 24 July, the Dunman High Chapter was established as the 3rd Chapter of the Young Adult Branch. The Young Adults ended the year with the highly anticipated urban overnight hike, where they trekked around central Singapore, passing by many places that are of historical significant to the development of Singapore and Girl Guides Singapore.

We look forward to a more exciting year in 2013!





Trefoil Guild

Supporting the theme for 2012, “We Can Save our Planet”, Trefoil Guild started the year in January with a “Car Boot Sale” to emphasise the theme of conservation. Trefoil Guild also played a major role in providing leadership and support during the International Camp in June, held as part of GGS’ centenary celebrations, of that same theme.



One special initiative Trefoil Guild undertook in 2012 was to improve the image and develop relationships with contemporaries within the wider World Guiding Movement. The Guild participated in WAGGGS Mutual Aid Scheme by raising funds for donations towards the purchase of a van for Community Service to The Sri Lanka Girl Guides Association. Members visited Kuching, Sarawak in September and made contact with the Sarawak Trefoil Guild, who were much encouraged by the visit.

Trefoil Guild also held a joint campfire with the Singapore Scouts’ Guild in November. This was indeed an ice-breaker as it was the first joint activity between the two Guilds in a long time

The Trefoil Guild continues to encourage past Guides to keep the Guiding light shining in their lives and to serve Girl Guides Singapore to the best of ability.





2012 was an eventful year for the Guide Shop as new items were introduced and the profile of the Shop raised.

The International Camp provided the perfect opportunity for the Guide Shop to market its items, as well as launch a new range of badges which promote the eco-friendly theme of "We Can Save Our Planet". The five new badge designs, sold in varying sets, proved popular with the overseas and local campers. Ready-made framed badges, reversible vests and memento scarves were also sold. In addition, the traditional games like five stones, chapteh and paper balls which were sold at camp encouraged bonding between the local and overseas participants when they played the games together.

The Guide Shop had the opportunity to recruit two in-house artists, Carnation Kng and Madeline Chay, Guides from CHIJ St Nicholas Girls' School. Besides sales, the Guide Shop provided an avenue for girls to further develop their talents and this opportunity was a certainly a meaningful platform for them in developing their artistic abilities. Carnation expressed that "Both Madeline and I got the rare chance to serve Girl Guides Singapore through our hobby: drawing. We have to reflect on our personal Guiding experiences and translate our thoughts into sketches. We are honoured that GGS recognised our skills and we will encourage other artistically sister Guides to consider contributing to GGS in this manner."

The Guide Shop seeks to continue to provide girls learning opportunities in the hope that even after graduation, they will still be able to contribute their artistic abilities to the Guiding community.





Chief Commissioner's Badge Award



★ **Bedok West Primary School**

1st Pack

Kant Kaw Khin
Nartarsha Vijin
Wong Shu Ning

★ **CHIJ Our Lady of Nativity**

1st Pack

Thara Namazie

★ **Chongzheng Primary School**

1st Pack

Nupur Paliwal

★ **De La Salle School**

1st Pack

Audrey Khoo Yu Chin
Yong Jie Ning

★ **Greenwood Primary School**

1st Pack

Addira Mohan Nair
Leong En-Ya, Tania
Natasha Leong

★ **Holy Innocents' Primary School**

1st Pack

Carin Chua Jia Rong
Clare Low Yi Ling
Clarice Lee Zhi Xuan
Georgia Tan Hui Yi
Kee Jessie
Koh Bon Xuan
Lee Mei Yi Chloe
Peh Fang Ling
Sherlene Ng
Shevin Teng Wan Xuan

★ **Jurong Primary School**

1st Pack

Megan Nah Yu Ying
Miza Munawwarah Sahuan
Nurul Amirah Bte Iszehar
Rini Rindiani Bte Roszani

★ **Kong Hwa School**

1st Pack

Cheng Ming Jen Tristerbelle
Darrellyn Yong Zheng Ying
Jyn Tay
Nicole Ang Xin Yi

★ **Methodist Girls' School**

1st Pack

Sophie Anne Fung Li-Wen

★ **Nanyang Primary School**

1st Pack

Amelia Govier Lynge
Chia Yu Qi
Edelyn Tong Yuen Yan
Foo Jyh Hsien
Goh Ka Lin
Kwek Min Yih
Lee Xuan
Lew Yi Wei
Lim Ming Hui
Lim Shin-Yi
Tan Hui Wen
Rachel Rina Cheong Wen Xiu
Valencia Lee

★ **Pei Chun Public School**

1st Pack

Tan Jia Ying

★ **River Valley Primary School**

1st Pack

Chng Hui Eryll
Chua Hui Yi
Eugenia Mok Kai Ern
Faith Tan En Qi
Ho Xin En
Koh Jia Min
Ku Chia Tzu Pei
Sherlyn Poh
Steffi Chua
Valery Lim Gee Yan
Vivienne Phoebe Hoh Kai Lin
Wang Ying Bei
Wong Yue Yuen

★ **Rulang Primary School**

1st Pack

Ang Qi Yi
Audrey Yeo Zi Hui
Chan Chi Kei Rachel
Chua Wen Qing
Loke Ai Ling Grace
Jamaine Ng
Noor Arjuna Sari Bte Noor Hirwan
Sia Zhu En
Tang Chelsea
Vion Tan Yi Xuan

★ **Singapore Chinese Girls' School**

1st Pack

Cheong Jia Jing, Myndi
Chong Gin Ee
Chong Wei Ling
Heather Lee Xuan Hui

2nd Pack

Ch'ng Qi Yi, Nicole
Julia Ng Xin Yu

★ **St. Anthony's Primary School**

1st Pack

Gloria Frances Ng
Marianne Lee

★ **Tao Nan School**

1st Pack

Ashley Chng Yoke Minn
Charlene Yeo Yi-Lyn
Chan Shin Ning
Eunice Soh
Lim Hui Yi
Vanessa Juan Jia Lin

★ **Xinmin Primary School**

1st Pack

Ashlyn Mathew
Elaine Chan Shi Hui
Kwan Chong Hui
Ong Xin Hui Angelica
Roshini D/O Erlapusamy
Silvin Jan Tan
Tay Shi Min
Wong Xin Ying

★ **Yangzheng Primary School**

1st Pack

Alicia Chia
Eileen Lim
Gabrielle Soon
Kang Jun Ha
Maegan Ong
Nurin Hasha Bte Jubir
Santhiya





Puan Noor Aishah Honour Awards 2012

PNA BROWNIE

GOLD AWARD

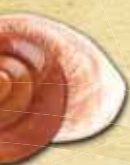
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- 1st Pack ● CHIJ Our Lady of Good Counsel
- 1st Pack ★ Chongzheng Primary School
- 1st Pack ● De La Salle School
- 1st Pack ★ East View Primary School
- 1st Pack ● Fengshan Primary School
- 1st Pack ★ First Toa Payoh Primary School
- 1st Pack ● Greenwood Primary School
- 1st Pack ★ Henry Park Primary School
- 1st Pack ● Holy Innocents' Primary School
- 2nd Pack ★ Holy Innocents' Primary School
- 1st Pack ● Jing Shan Primary School
- 2nd Pack ★ Jing Shan Primary School
- 1st Pack ● MacPherson Primary School
- 1st Pack ★ Nanyang Primary School
- 1st Pack ● Pei Chun Public School
- 1st Pack ★ Peiying Primary School
- 1st Pack ● Princess Elizabeth Primary School
- 1st Pack ★ River Valley Primary School
- 2nd Pack ● River Valley Primary School
- 1st Pack ★ Rulang Primary School
- 1st Pack ● Singapore Chinese Girls' School (Primary)
- 2nd Pack ★ Singapore Chinese Girls' School (Primary)
- 1st Pack ● Tampines North Primary School
- 1st Pack ★ Telok Kurau Primary School
- 1st Pack ● West Grove Primary School
- 1st Pack ★ Xinmin Primary School
- 1st Pack ● Yangzheng Primary School
- 1st Pack ★ Zhenghua Primary School

SILVER AWARDS

- 1st Pack ★ Bendemeer Primary School
- 1st Pack ● Boon Lay Gardens Primary School
- 1st Pack ★ Casuarina Primary School
- 1st Pack ● CHIJ Our Lady of Nativity
- 1st Pack ★ CHIJ Our Lady Queen of Peace
- 1st Pack ● Dazhong Primary School
- 1st Pack ★ Endeavour Primary School
- 1st Pack ● Fuhua Primary School
- 1st Pack ★ Guangyang Primary School
- 1st Pack ● Haig Girls' School
- 1st Pack ★ Jurong Primary School
- 1st Pack ● Marsiling Primary School
- 1st Pack ★ Methodist Girls' School (Primary)
- 1st Pack ● Ngee Ann Primary School
- 1st Pack ★ Pioneer Primary School
- 1st Pack ● St. Anthony's Primary School
- 1st Pack ★ Tao Nan School
- 2nd Pack ● Tao Nan School
- 2nd Pack ★ West Grove Primary School
- 1st Pack ● Yio Chu Kang Primary School
- 1st Pack ★ Yumin Primary School

BRONZE AWARD

- 1st Pack ★ Admiralty Primary School
- 1st Pack ● CHIJ St. Nicholas Girls' School (Primary)
- 2nd Pack ★ CHIJ St. Nicholas Girls' School (Primary)
- 1st Pack ● Da Qiao Primary School
- 1st Pack ★ Gan Eng Seng Primary School
- 1st Pack ● Hougang Primary School
- 1st Pack ★ Juying Primary School
- 1st Pack ● Kong Hwa School
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- 1st Coy ★ Anderson Secondary School
- 1st Coy ● Anglican High School
- 1st Coy ★ Balestier Hill Secondary School
- 1st Coy ● Beatty Secondary School
- 1st Coy ★ Bedok South Secondary School
- 1st Coy ● Bedok View Secondary School
- 1st Coy ★ Broadrick Secondary School
- 1st Coy ● Bukit Batok Secondary School
- 1st Coy ★ Bukit Panjang Government High School
- 1st Coy ● Cedar Girls' Secondary School
- 2nd Coy ★ Cedar Girls' Secondary School
- 1st Coy ● Changkat Changi Secondary School
- 2nd Coy ★ Changkat Changi Secondary School
- 1st Coy ● CHIJ Katong Convent
- 1st Coy ★ CHIJ St Nicholas Girls' School
- 2nd Coy ● CHIJ St Nicholas Girls' School
- 3rd Coy ★ CHIJ St Nicholas Girls' School
- 1st Coy ● Chung Cheng High School (Main)
- 2nd Coy ★ Chung Cheng High School (Main)
- 1st Coy ● Clementi Town Secondary School
- 1st Coy ★ Commonwealth Secondary School
- 1st Coy ● Crescent Girls' School
- 2nd Coy ★ Crescent Girls' School
- 1st Coy ● Damai Secondary School
- 1st Coy ★ Dunman High School
- 2nd Coy ● Dunman High School
- 1st Coy ★ Greenridge Secondary School
- 1st Coy ● Henderson Secondary School
- 1st Coy ★ Hougang Secondary School
- 1st Coy ● Manjusri Secondary School
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- 1st Coy ● New Town Secondary School
- 1st Coy ★ Ngee Ann Secondary School
- 2nd Coy ● Ngee Ann Secondary School
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- 1st Coy ● North Vista Secondary School
- 1st Coy ★ Peicai Secondary School
- 1st Coy ● Ping Yi Secondary School
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- 1st Coy ● Queensway Secondary School
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- 2nd Coy ● Raffles Girls' School (Secondary)

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- 1st Coy ★ Tanjong Katong Secondary School
- 1st Coy ● Woodlands Secondary School
- 1st Coy ★ Yishun Secondary School
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SILVER AWARDS

- 1st Coy ★ Ahmad Ibrahim Secondary School
- 1st Coy ● Bedok Town Secondary School
- 1st Coy ★ Bendemeer Secondary School
- 1st Coy ● CHIJ St Joseph's Convent
- 1st Coy ★ Chua Chu Kang Secondary School
- 1st Coy ● Compassvale Secondary School
- 1st Coy ★ Geylang Methodist Secondary School
- 1st Coy ● Jurong Secondary School
- 1st Coy ★ Jurongville Secondary School
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- 1st Coy ★ Methodist Girls' School (Secondary)
- 2nd Coy ● Methodist Girls' School (Secondary)
- 1st Coy ★ Nan Hua High School
- 1st Coy ● Serangoon Secondary School
- 1st Coy ★ Shuqun Secondary School
- 1st Coy ● Siglap Secondary School
- 1st Coy ★ St Anthony's Canossian Secondary School
- 1st Coy ● Tanjong Katong Girls' School
- 2nd Coy ★ Tanjong Katong Girls' School
- 1st Coy ● Teck Whye Secondary School
- 1st Coy ★ West Spring Secondary School

BRONZE AWARD

- 1st Coy ● CHIJ Secondary (Toa Payoh) School
- 1st Coy ★ Northland Secondary School
- 1st Coy ● Pasir Ris Crest Secondary School
- 2nd Coy ★ St Margaret's Secondary School
- 1st Coy ● Hua Yi Secondary School



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