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Welcome to Girl Guides

Who are we?

Girl Guides Victoria is part of the largest volunteer organisation for girls and women in Australia. We are proud to belong to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts- the largest organisation in the world for girls and women with over 10 million members in 145 countries. With a history of over 100 years of helping change lives for girls and women, we are a trusted and reputable youth organisation.

What does Girl Guiding offer?

Girl Guides Victoria runs quality programs for girls aged 5-17. Through our unique non formal education programs we promote citizenship, volunteerism, social awareness and self-reliance. Girl Guides learn by doing - with every activity bringing a new personal adventure. We believe that Girl Guides Victoria is impacting our community- 1 girl at a time.

How do girls take part in Girl Guides?

Girl Guides meet regularly, usually once a week, in a group called a 'Guide Unit'. Guide Units meet for roughly 1.5 hours a week in a local Guide Hall or other community building. The Guide Unit is made up of girls of similar ages who work together in small groups called a Patrol.

Who supervises the Girl Guides?

The Girl Guide Unit is run by a team of volunteer women called 'Guide Leaders'. Guide Leaders are trustworthy, skilled and dedicated women who give their time to mentor, challenge and support each Girl Guide. Each Guide Leader holds special checks to be allowed to work with children- a 'Victorian Police Check' and a 'Working With Children Check'. To become an accredited Guide Leader the volunteers complete a specialised training program where they learn all the skills required including First Aid and CPR qualifications. Every Guide

Unit has at least 2 Guide Leaders. There are many opportunities for women to volunteer with Girl Guides Victoria and we encourage you to contact us at any time to express interest.

What do Girl Guides do at meetings?

At Guide meetings Girl Guides take part in activities based on the 'Australian Guide Program'. The Australian Guide Program is a non-formal education program that engages girls in fun and energetic activities. Each girl develops a range of life skills. Guides learn about themselves as they identify, plan and complete challenges, all while having fun, making friends and enjoying the outdoors. At their meetings Girl Guides: learn skills; play games; work in teams; make friends; get creative and challenge themselves. Girl Guides also have the chance to attend special events and camps.

What do girls wear to Girl Guides?

Girl Guides have a simple uniform- a Girl Guide polo shirt which you can buy from our Girl Guide Shop. As Girl Guides come from many different cultures and faiths, she can choose to wear any culturally sensitive and practical items with her polo shirt ie: a long sleeved top underneath her polo shirt; long pants; head scarf.


How do I join Girl Guides?

You can visit a Girl Guide meeting 3 times to see if your daughter wants to join. To join you will need to fill in the Youth Application Form and pay her Membership Fee to Girl Guides Victoria. Her Guide Leader will tell you what the local fees are for her Unit. If you hold a current Concession Card you can pay a reduced Membership Fee to Girl Guides Victoria. Other financial assistance is also available to help with fees. Once she is a member you can buy her a Guide Uniform Polo Shirt to wear to meetings.

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