



Dear Leaders

It is my sincere pleasure to invite you and your girls to join with BGIFC and Branch Association members from all over the world at our 2017 Senior Section, Guide Camp, Brownie Holiday and adult training event

CHALLENGE '17

This year our camp is excitingly different. We have decided to have a break from Foxlease and try a week at a PGL Adventure Centre. PGL are in partnership with Girlguiding and have been running extremely successful events, tailor made for our members, for many years. As Chief Commissioner for the Midlands and a member of the Chief Guide's deputising team during the Centenary, I visited many PGL holidays and have never met an adult or young person who has not just enjoyed one of these events, they have LOVED them!

During the day everyone can experience a host of exciting and adventurous activities, as well as some gentler sessions for those who would prefer them, run by the excellent, enthusiastic and highly trained PGL staff who do everything. The excellent meals are served in a modern dining hall with a varied choice and catering for all types of allergies. The evenings will feature the usual guiding type activities such as campfire, night hikes and a disco! There is even an adults only area!

The centre we have chosen is Liddington, which is just outside Swindon and therefore within easy reach of Heathrow and Bristol airports and minutes from the M4.

Accommodation is in 4/6 bedded en-suite rooms and there are training rooms available for our adult leaders to enjoy the usual varied and useful training sessions. There is a shop on site and we will also have our own Girlguiding/BGIFC shop.

Our Camp Chief this year is our OAA, Amanda Weldon and she and her team are already working with PGL on an exciting programme to suit all ages and tastes. The event is open to all leaders, Senior Section, Guides and Brownies. We have a limited number of subsidised staff places but priority will be given to leaders bringing groups and in accordance with Girlguiding's ratios.

Because we are working with a commercial company this year we have to be very strict with payments. Deposits **MUST** be paid by the **21st November 2016** and the remaining balance by **January 15th 2017**. This is because we need to transfer the money to PGL by those dates.

A PGL event is an amazing experience and I know that girls will have an unforgettable adventure and leaders will have a stress free enjoyable week. I do hope you will sign up and ensure you and your girls enjoy yet another brilliant BGIFC Camp. See for yourself how great the facilities are by visiting their website - www.pgl.co.uk.

This is an adventure not to be missed. Please send in your application form as soon as possible to ensure your deposit reaches us in good time and you don't miss out! Looking forward to another fabulous camp at "CHALLENGE '17"!

Lesley
BGIFC Commissioner