

Petersfield Division Brownies to Guides - Transition Day 24th November 2018

In Girlguiding 75% of Brownies leave Girlguiding and don't move onto the next section. In Petersfield Division we were at 74% of our Brownies leaving Guiding (87 out of 118 Brownies in one year left Guiding).

We invited all girls turning 10 by August 2019 (43) of which 27 Brownies attended.

Leaders: All Guide Leaders were invited and at least 1 leader from most units attended. Brownie leaders also invited to come along or pop in.

Invitations (copy attached) were sent direct to girls from the Division.

Brownies from all but 2 units attended.

Cost: No charge to the Brownies (this was important). Cost for the Division was £37.84.

Day's Timetable:

1. Girls were divided into Patrols (mostly via Districts) with a current Guide who had volunteered for the day to be a their patrol leader. This gave the Brownies the opportunities to ask questions about guides more on one to one situation.
2. The newly formed patrols decided on their own patrol name, and designed their own patrol badges.
3. To introduce themselves they created an 'all about me' collage.
4. We had a question and answer session and asked them what they knew about Guides. The only answer we really got was that they wore blue. We made sure that Brownies knew who each of Guide leaders were and what units they were from. We gave them an idea of what our Guide units did the same and differently to their Brownies units.
5. They had an icebreaker games parachute games, King Neptune. – Gives the Brownies the sense that
6. Chocolate Campfires – Brownies given biscuits and sweets to build a campfire. - *gave the Guides & leaders the opportunity to talk about outdoor cooking, campfires etc.,*
7. In patrols they then put up lightweight tents indoors (improvising pegs with chairs) - *gave the Guides & leaders the opportunity to talk about Guide camp.*
8. Brownies had their packed lunch inside the tents
9. After lunch they toasted marshmallows over tea lights
10. Using a Guide UMA they worked in their patrol to come up with 26 random acts of kindness A-Z, which they used 24 of them to make a Random Act of Kindness advent calendar each using old Christmas cards and poster paper. – *gave the leaders the opportunity to discuss the Guide programme*
11. They then played a game Crocodile Crossing
12. Final question and answer session about Guides and how many would now like to join. All of them raised their hands.
13. Brownies went home with a goodie bag, which was made up of a bookmark, packet of haribo, stickers, pin badges and leaflets about Guides available from Trading/Online Print Centre including a Guide activity sheet, Guide badges, new programme etc., We produced a timetable of units for the parents and a how to join Guides sheet (example attached).

Other notes:

We made the day flexible to ensure that Brownies could come for part or all of the day dependent on other activities.

In the past 4 months there is an improvement on moving Brownies Guides. 65% have left Guiding compared to 74% for last year.



For all Petersfield Division Brownies aged 9+

My Next Step to Guides

Saturday 24th November

10am to 3pm

Dear Brownies and Parents

A special event for all Brownies aged 9+ within Petersfield Division is being held on Saturday **24th November** to give Brownies the opportunity to learn about their next Guiding step, which is moving up to Guides (ages 10-14) organised by two of our Queen's Guide Candidates Lucy & Marnie.

The day is the first of its kind in our county and will involve an introduction to some of the local Guide units and leaders. Brownies will get to participate in Guide activities and learn about all the exciting activities they can participate in when they move up to Guides within the next year. The Brownies will come home with details on units available to them and how to join.

Date: 24th November 2018

Time: 10am-3pm

Location: Liphook Guide HQ, 2-10 Ontario Way, Millennium Centre, Liphook, GU30 7LD

Cost: This is a free event for the Brownies.

What Brownies need to bring on the day: Brownie Uniform should be worn with trainers. Brownies should bring a packed lunch (drinks will be provided throughout the day), coat and gloves.

To book your daughter on this day, please email petersfield.girlguiding@outlook.com by Friday 23rd November. The consent form attached can be emailed back or handed in to your daughter's leader.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the division team.

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Petersfield Division includes Headley & Bordon District, Liphook District and Petersfield with Liss District



How does my daughter take her next step?

Attached is the timetable of our Guide units within the Division.

It is your decision which unit in the area your daughter would like to go to and which would suit your schedule best. All units currently have spaces available.

Then email the Division team petersfield.girlguiding@outlook.com and they will add your daughter to the requested guide waiting list, or you can speak to your daughter's brownie leader and she can past your daughter's registration number onto the Guide Leader

Girls can be added to the waiting list at any point, you don't need to wait until your daughter is 10. Then once she is 10 the Guide leaders will contact you to invite her along to join Guides. In most cases this will be at the start of the new term after her 10th Birthday. It is important to liaise with your Brownie Leader as well, so they know when your daughter is moving up, they can make sure your daughter has received all the badges etc.,

Sometimes girls find moving up a section a bit daunting. If your daughter is worried then you can plan ahead with help from her leader.

- Ask your daughter's leader for information about local units for the next section.
- See if her leader can arrange for your daughter to visit one of their meetings, perhaps with other girls from her unit.
- Many Rainbows, Brownies and Guides have a party at their final meeting to get them excited to move on. Check with her leader if this could be a possibility for you daughter.
- If your schedule would allow a choice of units, your daughter can visit more than one unit.

We hope she enjoyed a taster activity day and will move onto Guides.

If you have any questions as any point, please do not hesitate to ask!

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