

Starting...

The Senior Section

What do members of The Senior Section need?

You should acquire the record books for The Senior Section programme, which contain information about all of the opportunities available to you. Girlguiding also produces a range of items for The Senior Section, including a selection of uniform and gifts.

Everything you need as a member of The Senior Section is available from Girlguiding. If you haven't already received one, ask your Leader for a copy of our free *Guiding Essentials* catalogue or to let you know the location of your nearest volunteer-run shop; alternatively visit www.girlguidingshop.co.uk. Buying directly from Girlguiding means that all the profits go back into supporting guiding in the UK.

What will The Senior Section cost?

Units charge subscriptions (called 'subs') weekly, monthly or termly to cover costs like equipment and the hire of the meeting place. There is also an annual subscription (which may be included in the subs), which is paid to cover the day-to-day running of the charity. Your Leader will let you know the amount as well as how and when to pay. For events like camps, holidays or Adventure days, an extra charge is usually made.

Income tax payers can use Gift Aid so Girlguiding can claim 25p for every £1 given in subs or donations. All you need to do is sign the Gift Aid Declaration form included here (page 5). The money will be used for the benefit of guiding units.

Under-18s parental permission

Parental permission is required for members of The Senior Section under the age of 18 to take part in activities during the normal meeting time. Parental permission is also sometimes needed for them to take part in events, outings or more adventurous activities at a different time or place. Contact your Leader if you have any questions or concerns.

Volunteering

Guiding is made possible by more than 100,000 volunteers. Every extra adult volunteer makes a huge difference and while Girlguiding recognises that not everyone can give time to guiding on a regular basis, any support that you or your family can offer is welcomed. If you, a friend or family member are interested in volunteering, please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested or call 0800 169 5901.

seniorsection.girlguiding.org.uk

Visit The Senior Section website for more information about Girlguiding, what being in The Senior Section involves and how you can support Girlguiding.

Welcome to The Senior Section

The Senior Section offers girls and young women the opportunity to make new friends, learn useful skills and take action on issues they care about. Members of The Senior Section explore more - more activities, more adventure and more fun. They are aged 14 to 25 and can choose from a huge range of unique opportunities, including travelling around the world, taking part in exciting advocacy campaigns, getting involved in worldwide community projects and helping girls all over the UK by volunteering with Girlguiding. A member of The Senior Section can take on as few or as many roles as she wishes, including:

- Young Leader - members aged 14 to 18 who work with a Rainbow, Brownie or Guide unit
- Leader - members aged 18+ who are also qualified Girlguiding Leaders
- Peer Educator - members who are trained to deliver Girlguiding's peer-education programme on issues affecting today's girls and young women
- Advocate - members aged 14 to 26 who are part of Girlguiding's youth panel, which discusses the issues girls care about and seeks change.

Members of The Senior Section make, or work towards making, this simple Promise, which they share with members around the world:

I promise that I will do my best:
To be true to myself and develop my beliefs,
To serve the Queen and my community,
To help other people
and
To keep the Guide Law.

Unit details

Unit name

Meeting place

Meeting time

Unit email

The _____ unit subscription is _____.

This unit subscription includes excludes
 partly pays for

the Girlguiding annual membership subscription.

Leaders

Unit main contact

Telephone number

Alternative number

Email

Unit secondary contact

Telephone number

Alternative number

Email

Area support

Your/Your daughter's unit is part of a wider Girlguiding family. Your unit is part of _____.

This is within _____ County

in _____ Country/Region.

If you have any concerns that you wish to discuss with someone other than the Unit Leader, you can discuss them with the local Commissioner (see below for details) or whoever is responsible for guiding in your area.

Local Commissioner

Name

Email

Telephone number

Buying guiding uniform, gifts and resources

To find your nearest Girlguiding or volunteer shop ask your Leader, call 0161 941 2237 or visit www.girlguidingshop.co.uk > **Shop Locator**.

You can also buy your guiding essentials online at www.girlguidingshop.co.uk. To order by phone from your latest *Guiding Essentials* catalogue call 0161 941 2237. For any buying queries please email us at tradingshop@girlguiding.org.uk.

Your local shop

Opening times

Telephone/Email

Girlguiding Headquarters Shop
17-19 Buckingham Palace Road
London SW1W 0PT
Tel: 020 7592 1811
Open: Mon-Thu 9am-5.30pm,
Fri 9.30am-5.30pm,
Sat 9am-5pm

Girlguiding Scotland Shop
16 Coates Crescent
Edinburgh EH3 7AH
Tel: 0131 225 3483
Open: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm,
Sat 9am-4pm (school summer holidays
9am-1pm)

Essential information

Below is the information currently recorded for you/your daughter on the Girlguiding membership database (Go!). So that the Unit Team has the information it needs to ensure you/your daughter gets the most out of guiding, please amend any incorrect information below, fill in any blank boxes, sign the form and return it to your/your daughter's Leader within two weeks.

All information provided on this form will be stored securely in line with the Data Protection Act 1998, and protected against unlawful or unauthorised use. It is the policy of Girlguiding that all personal information is used only for guiding purposes and is never passed on to anyone outside the organisation without consent from Girlguiding Headquarters.

Membership number

About the member

Name

Preferred name

Date of birth

School/College/University

Address

Telephone number

Alternative number

Email

I declare that the information provided is correct to the best of my knowledge. I will inform the Unit Team if any of the information changes in the future.

Signature of parent/carer or member over 18

Parent/carer's details if member is under 18

Name

Address

Telephone number

Alternative number

Email

I am happy for my daughter's Leader to store my telephone number on her personal mobile phone.

What is the normal arrangement for dropping off and collecting your daughter from the meeting? If this changes please inform your daughter's Leader.

Dropping off

Collecting

I give consent for my daughter to participate in guiding activities during the meeting time.

Signature

Emergency contact details

Name

Relationship

Address

Main telephone number

Alternative telephone number

Permissions

Girlguiding enables girls and young women to take part in exciting events and activities. During these activities photos and/or videos of you may be taken. Please indicate below which statement you agree to. Please choose one option only.

- I am happy for photographs/videos to be taken of myself during guiding activities and used in national and local Girlguiding publicity, communications, publications or digital channels (eg websites, social media).
- I am happy for photographs/videos to be taken of myself during guiding activities for use within the unit only, not used for national and local Girlguiding publicity, communications, publications or digital channels (eg websites, social media).
- I do not wish any photographs/videos to be taken of myself while undertaking guiding activities.

Please note that photo/video permissions differ for large-scale events (where over 100 participants are present). Consent forms will state clearly if an event is large scale, and will request you to make it known to the Unit Leader if you do not wish photos/videos of you to be taken at the event.

Further information

Please tick the relevant box(es) and provide details of any dietary requirements, medical conditions, disabilities or special educational needs (SEN).

- Allergy
- Hearing impairment
- Learning difficulty
- Long-term illness/condition
- Special dietary requirement
- Physical impairment
- Mental health condition
- Sight impairment
- Other information
- None to declare

Please provide additional information:

Girlguiding occasionally has to provide details showing the diversity of its membership, eg for grant applications. To help your Leader provide accurate information, please tick the appropriate box to indicate your/your daughter's ethnic culture and native language.

Ethnic culture

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi | <input type="checkbox"/> White |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> White and Asian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> White and Black African |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani | <input type="checkbox"/> White and Black Caribbean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> Other mixed ethnic group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black African | <input type="checkbox"/> Other ethnic group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black Caribbean | <input type="checkbox"/> Do not wish to disclose |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black Other | |

Native language

- | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> English | <input type="checkbox"/> German | <input type="checkbox"/> Turkish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BSL | <input type="checkbox"/> Hindi | <input type="checkbox"/> Welsh |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> Polish | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> French | <input type="checkbox"/> Punjabi | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gaelic | <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish | |

The categories used are from the Equality and Human Rights Commission. No individual will be labelled from the information supplied.

Gift Aid Declaration

Past, present and future donations to Girlguiding

Unit name:

Unit charity number if applicable (do not enter the central Girlguiding charity number unless you wish the central charity to receive the Gift Aid):

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made

today in the past four years in the future

Please tick all boxes that apply.

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less income tax and/or capital gains tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year.
Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

Donor's details (please print in blue/black ink)

Title First name or initial(s) Surname

Full home address

Postcode

Signature

Date

Please notify Girlguiding if you:

- want to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

If you pay income tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your self-assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

