

# Bahamas Girl Guides Association



## Registration Brochure

*The brochure is to inform all girls of the basic structure and purpose of The Bahamas Girl Guides Association.*



### Contact Information

Headquarters: 242-322-4342

# History

Scouting for boys (Boy Scouts) was founded by Lord Robert Baden-Powell in England in 1907. Due to the persistent attendance of girls at Boy Scout meetings, Robert solicited the assistance of his sister, Agnes and later, his wife Olave to begin the sister organization of Girl Guides. Hence in 1910, Guiding was started in England.

Scouting and Guiding quickly spread throughout the British Commonwealth. Guiding was introduced to the Bahamas in 1915 by Lady Allardyce, wife of the Governor and Ms. Lobb.

Unfortunately, due to the lack of leaders, Guiding was discontinued in 1933. However, in 1946 Guiding was reintroduced and the three sections (Brownies, Guides and Rangers) were activated under the guidance of the first Island Commissioner Mrs. Eulalie Kelly.

In 1975, the Bahamas Girl Guides Association became an Associate Member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts and qualified to become a Full Member in September 1978. In the same year an act to incorporate the Bahamas Girl Guides Association was enacted by Parliament.



This is what  
Guiding is all  
about

The Bahamas Girl Guides Association's membership is composed of girls and young women, as well as adult female leaders (guiders) and volunteer members of the community. The organization is all about the positive development of girls by providing opportunities for girls and

women to explore their creativity, spirituality and gifts, as they develop.

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The aim of The Bahamas Girl Guides Association is to provide a programme embracing a wide range of leisure-time activities and interests which, while enjoyable in themselves, have an underlying educational purpose, namely, to develop individual character based on the values expressed in the Promise and Law. Through this programme, the Association promotes young women in decision-making.

## Mission Statement -

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

## Vision Statement -

BCCA  
To make the Bahamas Girl Guides Association the organization of choice for girls and young women in The Bahamas.

## Mission Statement -

BCCA  
To provide opportunities for the development of girls and young women, to build self-esteem, to develop positive attitudes, and to become contributing citizens, both nationally and internationally.

I promise that I will do my best,  
To do my duty to God;  
To serve the Queen and my country;  
To help other people; and



To keep the Guide Law.

## Registration Form

*Please complete the form below, detach and return to your leader or Headquarters with the appropriate funds. This form should be completed in print BLOCK letters.*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

D.O.B: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

### ADDRESS

HOUSE#: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBDIVISION: \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION OF INTEREST

Sunflowers - \$3.00

Brownies - \$3.00

Guides - \$3.00

Rangers - \$3.00

Leader - \$5.00

Council - \$50.00

Other - \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_

DAY OF MEETING:

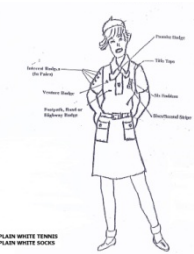
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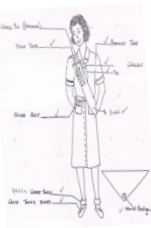
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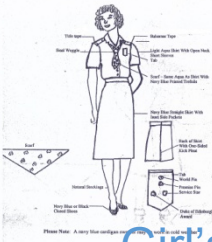
Sunflower



Brownie Guide



Girl Guide



Ranger Guide  
Girl's Expectations

- Know their respective promise, law and motto.
- Know her unit information. *(fill out below)*
- Regularly attend and fully take part in meetings.
- Own and know how to correctly wear their complete formal uniform.
- Pay weekly subscriptions/ dues and the annual registration fee.
- Learn about and practice good turns.
- Work together in small groups.



Unit Information

Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Day of Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Information

***THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW***

- Every girl pays an annual Association registration fee of \$3.00.
- Members may not take part in any public forum or media performance or parade representing Guiding or in uniform without permission from the District Commissioner.
- Guide Year – September to August for the Association, but most units close in May or June.
- Girls are expected to participate in Unit and Association events.



Calendar of Events

**September** – Bahamas National Trust Coastal Clean Up  
**October** – Cookie Month, National Youth Month, Kiddie Corner (International Food Festival), United Nations Day Service  
**November** – Remembrance Day Parade  
**December** – Christmas Carol Service

**February** – World Thinking Day, Guide Week  
**March** – Commonwealth Day  
**April** – Caribbean Link Day

**STRUCTURE OF UNIFORM BRANCH**

**Chief Commissioner**  
Sonia Adderley  
**Deputy Chief Commissioner**  
Leja Burrows  
**International Commissioner**  
Brenda Cooper  
**Assistant Chief Commissioners.**  
Louise Barry, Julia Burnside, Elma Garraway, Constance Miller  
**Training Commissioner -** Nicolette Archer  
**Division Commissioners**  
**Western Division:** Karen Lightbourne  
**Eastern Division:** Helen Sweeting  
**District Commissioners & Assistants**  
**West 1** – Rochelle Coakley, Qutell Moncur  
**West 2** – Marlene Johnson, Wendy Gaitor  
**East 1** – Carrolinda Hepburn, Stankisha Pinder  
**East 2** – Karen Colbey, Gillian Wilson  
**Family Island District Commissioners & Assistants**  
**Abaco** – Michelle Bailey  
**Exuma** – Millicent Collie  
**Grand Bahama** – Sharon Sawyer, Wanrea Roxbury, Leslie Newton  
**Camp Adviser -** Avis Richardson

**A Glimpse of the Sections**

The Association’s programme provides opportunities for the girls to develop through a eight point programme: *Mind, Physical Fitness, Character, Creative Ability, Relationship with People, Readiness and Ability to Serve Others, Home-craft Skills, Enjoyment of the Outdoors.*

**Sunflowers**  
girls between the ages of 5 and 6 years.

**Brownies**

girls between the ages of 7 and 10 years.

**Guides**

girls between the ages of 10 and 14 years.

**Rangers**

young ladies between the ages of 14 and 18  
years.