

## ATTENTION: ALL MOMS RE: GUIDING NEWS

As many of you already know, Guiding is alive and well in this community. Guiding is open to all girls and women, regardless of race, religion or financial background. This organization is the largest of its kind in all the world, involving girls and women from 136 countries. Guiding allows us to broaden our horizons through new activities, make new friends and meet new challenges.

As a young member, girls are able to develop self esteem, self confidence, learn how to take care of the environment, become good citizens through community service and most important - HAVE FUN!!!

As leaders, we share some of the same rewards as the girls and also develop skills through various experiences that can help in both our personal life and our careers. Skills are developed in leadership, goal-setting, and community service, and we encounter many opportunities for personal growth and outdoor recreational activities. And lets not forget, we have fun too!!!

Currently in this community we have Sparks (5



& 6 yrs), Brownies (7 & 8 yrs) and Guides (9 to 12 yrs). Program activities involve hiking, camping, crafts, games, community service such as trash bash and visiting nursing homes, learning about space, celebrations, parties, sleep overs, first aid, fire safety, swimming and many other exciting things.

Unfortunately, due to the lack of leaders, we do not have a Pathfinder unit. To get this unit up and running, we need one more leader. You need not be a Mom, nor do you have to be a "stay-at-home" Mom, as most of our leaders in Guiding, as a whole, are career women with full time jobs.

If interested in becoming a leader or registering your daughter in one of our units, please contact our District Commissioner, Linda Crouch, at 476-7561

## Christmas Poem

I have a list of folks I know, all written in a book  
And every year at Christmas time I go and take a look.  
And that is when I realize that these names are a part  
Not of the book they're written in, but of my very heart.

For each name stands for someone whose path touched mine, and then,  
Left such a print of friendship that I want to touch again.  
And while it sounds fantastic for me to make this claim,  
I really feel I am composed of each remembered name.

So never think my Christmas cards are just a mere routine  
Of names upon a Christmas list, forgotten in between.  
For when I send a Christmas card that is addressed to you  
It's because you're on that list of folks I am indebted to.

And every year when Christmas comes I realize anew  
The Biggest Gift life can give is Meeting Folks Like You.  
And may the Spirit of Christmas that forever and ever endures  
Leave its' richest blessings in the hearts of you and yours.

- Author Unknown  
- Submitted by Illa Hunt

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