Introduction

The BC Photography Challenge was developed by the BC Public Relations Committee with the assistance of Marlene Graham, Fraser Skies Area, BC. Marlene’s photos have been published. All photos in this challenge were taken by Marlene Graham unless otherwise indicated.

Please remember that Guiding members who do not have an affirmative Image Release IR.1 recorded in iMIS cannot be included in the photos. You will be asked to submit the photos to the BC PR Committee before the crests are issued.

Taking pictures is fun and easy and as with all activities, there are some basic things to know before you start.

**Be safe:**
The first most important thing when taking pictures is that you stay safe. Don’t do anything that will put you or your subject at risk for an accident.

**Be kind to yourself:**
A professional photographer may take a hundred pictures and decide only one is good enough to print. Be prepared to take lots of pictures and don’t be disappointed if you don’t get that special shot right away. Don’t keep the poor pictures unless they are telling a story that is important to you.

**Know how your camera works:**
Read the instruction manual before you go out to find that perfect shot. If you are unable to figure it out, ask at a local store that sells cameras like yours. Always carry an extra card and extra batteries—don’t miss that perfect picture for a lack of power or space.

Resource Document: Adding WOW to Your Pictures
This valuable resource contains additional information relevant to this challenge. The four WOW factors are explained and includes at least one picture to demonstrate each of the WOW factors that form the Core Challenge.
To download a copy go to [http://www.bc-girlguides.org/resources/challenge-crests/](http://www.bc-girlguides.org/resources/challenge-crests/)

Photo Challenge Requirements
Sparks: do parts 1, 2 and 3 of the core challenge and any two of the general challenges.
Brownies: do parts 1, 2 and 3 of the core challenge and any three of the general challenges.
Guides: do all four parts of the core challenge and any four of the general challenges.
Others: do all four parts of the core challenge and any five of the general challenges.
Core Challenge

The purpose of the Core Challenge is to learn about each of the WOW factors that are explained in the Photo Challenge Resource available on the BC website. The core challenge may be done in small groups with one or two cameras per group.

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1. **WOW #1: MOVE IN CLOSE (all)**
   - Take a picture of a Guiding friend the way that you normally would.
   - Move in closer and take it again so that you have a picture of just her head and shoulders.
   - Next take a picture of three Guiding friends and have them pose really close together with arms around each other. Move in close so that their heads take up most of the picture.
   - After each girl has taken her pictures, look at them together and talk about what you like and why.

2. **WOW #2: CHANGE THE ANGLE (all)**
   - Take a picture of your friend from a different angle—from the side, from above or from below.
   - For example, ask your partner to sit down on the ground and take her picture while you are still standing.
   - Do the opposite and have her stand up while you get down on the ground and take her picture looking up at her.

3. **WOW #3: RULE OF THIRDS (all)**
   - Take a picture of a scene using the rule of thirds across the picture.
   - Place a person in the scene and take the picture using double thirds.

4. **WOW #4: GOLDEN HOUR (G, P, R, Adults)**
   - Take a picture outdoors in the hour before sunrise or the hour after sunrise.
General Challenges

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1. Go for a walk around your meeting place or your camp and take pictures of a man-made structure from three different angles.

2. Go to a wilderness environment or backyard and take a picture of two different birds or insects. The best place to get a picture of birds is where they eat. A bird at a bird feeder will go to a certain branch for a second before it goes to the feeder... have your camera ready on that branch, it makes a better picture than the feeder.

3. Go into a flower garden, move in close and take a picture of a flower in bloom. Change the angle and take a second picture. Move in closer and change the angle again for a third picture. Try to keep the sun at your back.

4. Take three different pictures of water using the rule of thirds.

5. Take three pictures of fire (candle flame, campfire, etc.) using the zoom feature on your camera for at least one of them.

6. Take three pictures that feature your favourite colour. In one of the pictures try to have the whole picture that colour using different textures, shapes and objects.

7. Take three pictures of your friends and have them get closer together for each picture.

8. Take three different pictures after sunset when the sky is bright with colours.

9. Take three pictures that demonstrate pollution.

10. Take three pictures of city or country scenes.

11. Take three different pictures of nature in action such as rain, wind, waves, clouds.

12. Take three different pictures that include Girl Guide cookies.

13. Take three pictures at a sleepover or camp that show why you love to go camping.

14. Create a 60-second video that highlights why you are a member of Guiding.

15. Create a computer-generated photo collage of at least ten of your pictures.

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