



GIRL GUIDES
AUSTRALIA
VICTORIA

SHINDIG

Friday 16th February - Sunday 18th February 2018

(NEW DATE)

Gilwell Park

2555 Gembrook Launching Place Road



Information booklet for parents/guardians of youth
aged 13 to 17

Shindig is an adventurous activity camp for girls and young women in Guiding aged between 13 and 29. The weekend is a linking activity between the youth section of Girl Guides (13 - 17) and the Olaves (18 to 29).

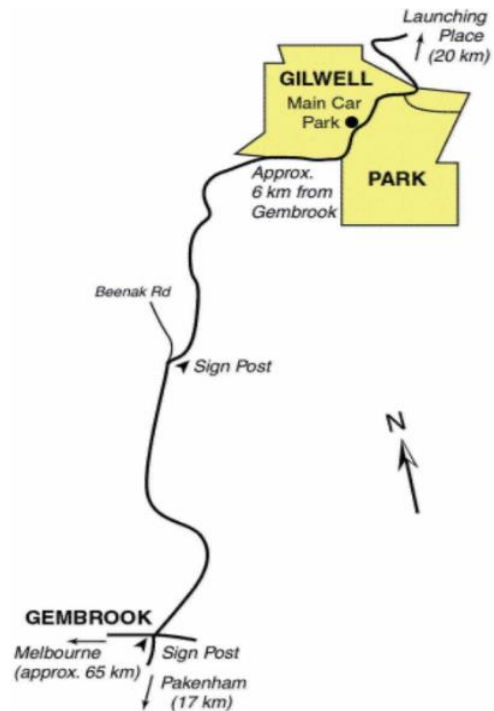
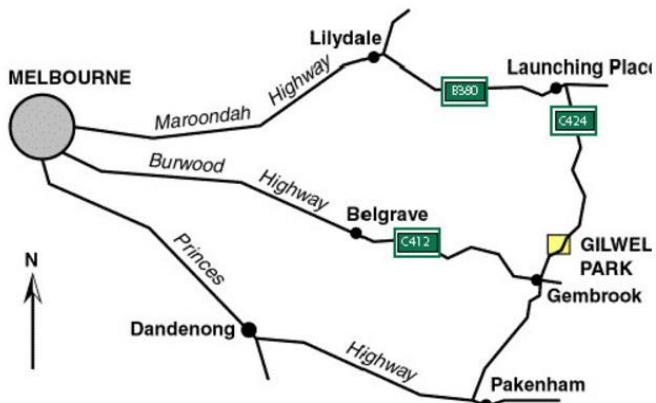
Shindig is designed to provide Guides from across the state the opportunity to challenge themselves, meet old and new friends, work in diverse teams with girls and young women to achieve goals, experience new adventures, and create lasting memories.

When:

7.00 pm Friday 16th February - 3.00 pm Sunday 18th February 2018

Where:

Gilwell Park, 2555 Gembrook Launching Place Road (State Road Network Number C424)
2008 Melway Map Ref.: 299 E 1



Guides will have the opportunity to sleep under canvas or in a dormitory.

Cost: \$110

INCLUDED:

- Outdoor camp site (tent not included)
- All meals (Saturday breakfast to Sunday lunch)
- All 'no cost' activities

NOT INCLUDED:

- Additional cost for indoor (dormitory) accommodation
- Some Saturday activities (listed below)
- Dinner on Friday evening (registration starts at 7.00 pm on Friday)

Registration: www.guidesvic.org.au/upcomingevents

Please ensure you have the following on hand:

- Login details (ID and password)
- Information about dietary, health, and special needs
- Activity choices for Saturday (2)
- Indoor vs. outdoor accommodation.
- Planned transport to/from camp

Registrations will close at midnight on Monday the 22nd of January 2018, or sooner if the event reaches capacity (125 participants). No late registrations will be accepted.

If you do not receive an email acknowledging receipt of your registration, please contact support@guidesvic.org.au or call (03) 8606 3500.

Additional permissions for adventurous activities will be emailed post registration if required.

Saturday Activity Choices and Additional Costs

Activity	Description	Additional Cost
Gauntlet	Challenge yourself in this valley full of obstacles.	\$5
Archery	Line up the target and see if you can hit the bulls eye.	\$5
Art	Fun confetti bowls; sculptured nature collage painting; and Sharpie abstract art. Put together by Guide Leader and Artist Angela Gerrard* - these projects are designed for any level! *see attached flyer	\$10
Photography	Wishing to learn more about your camera? Or even how to maximise your phone camera? Learn about light, framing, and subject matter in this basic look at all things photography.	Nil
Hiking	We all love a good hike! This basic hike from Gilwell will allow you to enjoy the surrounding area while meeting new friends.	Nil
Auslan	A look at the basics* of the Australian Sign Language. Learn the alphabet, how to introduce yourself, and the Girl Guide promise. *Do not choose this activity if you did it at Urafiki as content may be the same.	Nil
High Ropes/Low Ropes	Tackle both the high and low ropes courses at Gilwell in one jam packed half day.	\$25
Flying Fox/Low Ropes	Fly across the campsite and then test your skills closer to the ground with the low ropes.	\$25
Outdoor Abseiling	Travel by bus to a rock face where you'll be coming down on ropes.	\$25
Raft Building	Can you build something that floats? Challenge yourself and your patrol to build a floating craft.	\$15

Select 'ADD' to choose this activity. You must choose 2 activities for Saturday.

Accommodation Arrangements

Outdoor accommodation is in tents. Participants are required to take their own tent. Local Girl Guide Unit Leaders or District Managers can be approached for assistance if needed - many units and districts have tents they can share out.

Indoor accommodation is in rooms with 4 to 8 participants. Indoor accommodation at this Scout campsite costs \$25 extra.

Youth members will not be sharing tents or sleeping indoors in the same room with adult members or Olaves, as per our Child Safe policy.

Switching between accommodation options after registration will not be possible, so please choose wisely!

Transport Arrangements

We recommend private travel to and from camp.

There will be a limited-availability shuttle service from Belgrave Station at an extra cost of \$10 each way to cover the cost of a bus or petrol. Please select this option upon registration if required. Trains timetables can be provided on request. Parents/guardians selecting train service should be aware that transport may be provided by Girl Guides to the campsite in a car and will be in accordance with our GGA Road Transport Policy (http://www.guidelinesforgirlguides.org.au/guide_lines/governance/policies/transport/) and the GGV Child Safe policy.

Conditions of attendance

All participants (youth and adult) must be current members of Girl Guides Victoria and be registered for the event. All youth participants are expected to be at the event from Friday evening (registration between 7.00 pm and 9.00pm) to Sunday afternoon at 3.00 pm. All participants will abide by the camp rules as outlined at the beginning of camp and the conditions of property use as outlined by Scouts Australia.

Supervision and Security

Guides will be supervised by Leaders who have Police and Working with Children Checks in line with our Child Safety Policy. All activities and event supervision is overseen by the Leader in Charge, Claire Moore, and the Shindig 2017 organising team. More information about our Child Safe Policy can be found here: <http://bit.ly/GO44ChildSafeFramework>
All third parties providing activities are required to implement their own compliance checks with their staff.

Contact for parents during the event

If you require an urgent emergency message to be given to a Guide please call Claire Moore on **0414 781 413** or **0408 424 162**. Parents and guardians are asked to refrain from contacting Guides during the event as it is disruptive and may cause homesickness in younger Guides.

Health and First Aid

There will be a fully qualified First Aider on duty at all times during the camp. Girl Guides Victoria relies on the information from a Guide's profile on our database regarding medical and developmental support needs to plan staff ratios at events. Please ensure this information is up-to-date online prior to registration. Additional questions will also be asked upon registration. Camp staff will phone parents to discuss health or developmental needs in the week prior to the event if required.

Camp staff will make every possible effort to accommodate a Guide's physical and mental health needs, or special support required, if disclosed on registration and discussed with the camp staff prior to the event. If a Guide arrives at camp with a support requirement for which the volunteer staff have not prepared, or for which the volunteer staff are not trained to safely cater, the Guide will likely not be able to stay at camp.

Upon sign-in, Guides must provide the First Aider with a copy of any health management plans listed on the Health Form (e.g. Asthma management plan, anaphylaxis management plan etc).

Parents and Guardians may give their Guides permission to self manage analgesics (paracetamol and ibuprofen) and antihistamines by indicating this upon registration. Otherwise, these and all other medications must be handed in at sign-in to the First Aider. Please ensure all medications are listed on the Health Form, and are in original packaging in a snap-lock bag clearly labelled with the Guide's full name and dosage instructions. Medications handed in will be available for collection from First Aider from 2.00 pm on Sunday.

Please note that GGV volunteers are not permitted to issue any medication to participants without the consent of their guardian.

If you have questions, or require wheelchair access or other support, contact program@guidesvic.org.au as early as possible. We are happy to help!

Technology – electronic devices and mobile phones

Girl Guide events are great opportunities to spend time with friends, get to know others, and enjoy all the amazing experiences on offer. We strongly encourage Guides to think about whether devices are needed for this event, and acknowledge that GGV can't take responsibility for their safekeeping.

If Guides do have electronic devices, Girl Guides Victoria requires the following:

- When participating in activities, phones are put away
- Cameras are not used in tents or accommodation areas
- Permission is always sought before photos are taken and posted
- All posts are made with respect to our Guide Law to 'respect myself and others'

In light of today's ubiquitous availability of cameras and social media choices, GGV cannot monitor and are not liable for any photos youth share.

If you have any questions regarding this, or if there are specific legal issues regarding custody or safety with respect to photos, please contact shindig@guidesvic.org.au.

Kit List

Required	Description or notes
T-shirts	Must have sleeves, collars preferred
Pants/Shorts	No short shorts - preferably mid thigh or longer
Jumper/Hoodie	
Socks	
Underwear	
Sturdy shoes	No sandals, open toed shoes, or thongs
Toiletries	Including toothpaste, toothbrush, hairbrush and sanitary items
Towel	
Plastic bag	For wet and/or dirty clothes
Torch with spare batteries	
Dilly Bag/Plate Bag	In a drawstring bag, NOT a plastic or recycle shopping bag. Containing named, unbreakable kit: 2 plates (one dinner sized); 2 bowls; 2 mugs; 2 sets of knife, fork, spoon; 2 tea towels
Sleeping bag	Needed for indoor and outdoor accommodation
Camp blanket or blanket	Needed for indoor and outdoor accommodation; preferably woolen for fire safety reasons
Inner sheet	Optional, but highly recommended
Pillow	
Day pack	E.g. a small backpack
Waterproof jacket	
Drink bottle	
Sun hat	
Sit-Upon/Small stool/Chair	
Personal First Aid Kit	Including sunscreen, roll on insect repellent, band aids, etc.
If Sleeping Outdoors	
Sleeping mat	
Tent	We recommend sharing a tent if possible. Guides must be able to set up and strike (take down) their tent without assistance. Please keep tents appropriately sized for the number of people.
Optional	
Camera	
Book	
Thongs	For use in the shower
Small Teddy Bear	
Gauntlet Activity	
Clothes that can get wet/muddy	A full set including t-shirt/ pants/ socks/ underclothes
Shoes that can get wet muddy	E.g. runners. Must be fully closed in. Reef shoes or sandals will not be appropriate.