

Thinking Day Fireworks

Guider Information

Event Date: February 21, 2026

Time: 6:00-8:30pm

Location: Calgary Stampede GMC Stadium (Grandstand)
1410 Olympic Way SE, Calgary

About Thinking Day 2026

We're excited to celebrate 100 years of Thinking Day with you in this 5th Annual Area Event! There will be fun activities with activity stations, a dance party, photo booth, and of course fireworks!

Registration:

Opens December 2, 2025 by online form

Closes January 29, 2026

Cost is \$5 per person (Youth, Adult Members, Female Volunteers). Payment will be by unified banking transfer.

Unit packages will be available in February for pickup

Event Timeline:

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| ▫ 6:00 pm | Check In opens |
| ▫ 6:00-7:30 pm | Units to arrive |
| ▫ 7:45 pm | Check In closes |
| ▫ 8:00 pm | Prepare to watch the Fireworks |
| ▫ 8:15 pm | Departure to home |

Safe Guide

This is a green event, units are responsible for providing female supervisors for green ratio. Unit must have a first aider in attendance for minor injuries.

Safe Guide ratios follow: Sparks & Embers 1:8 / Guides, Pathfinders & Rangers 1:15

We will provide an SG.4 covering the time period at the event. Each unit/district must provide their own SG.4 for transportation. We will provide a sample SG.4 for transportation.

Getting There

We are encouraging units to use transit or have districts book buses. Limited parking will be available in Lots 5 and 6 for \$18 per vehicle. Units/Districts are responsible for paying for your own buses. Buses can load & unload in Lot 5. Youth cannot be dropped off without a Guider present.

Please plan on having a bus captain for each bus you book. They will be responsible for knowing how many people are on the bus so the buses can depart in a timely manner. Please contact Cyndi Williams at williamsc@girlguides.ca by **February 11th** with your bus booking to allocate enough room for buses to load and unload.

New at Stampede: There are no parking booths, you can arrange for parents to meet you on the grounds away from GMC Stadium to meet as a unit and walk over. Please note any vehicles parked will need to pay for parking by the My Parking app or at one of the Calgary Parking machines. We recommend if you arrange this option, to use the North side of Lot 5 to meet your unit parents to be away from the buses and easier for families to find you. You might want to identify your unit with a special hat or sign, ensure parents know this identifier prior to the event.

Please enter the Stadium to check in once your unit is all present. One Guider goes to the Check In Table while the unit waits to the side. Check In is organized by District.

Check In

Check in tables will be located inside the front entrance of the GMC Stadium. Units must check in on arrival once your whole unit is present. Please send one Guider to the check in table when you arrive.

- **Attendee lists:** Bring two identical attendee lists of youth and female adults in your group who are attending. Include the cell phone number of one Guider who is on site with the group. Hand one list in at check in and keep the other for yourself. Use the Attendee List template that is provided to make sure no information is missed.
- **Identification:** Please ensure that every youth in your unit has their wristband securely on them, with onsite Guider's information (**Unit and cell phone**).
- **Crests & Wristbands** available for pick up at the Guide Centre (2188 Brownsea Drive NW) at the following times.
 - Tuesday, February 10 10:00am - 4:00pm
 - Wednesday February 11, 2:00pm – 8:00pm

If you make an increase in your numbers after January 31, those wristbands and crests will be available for pick up at check in.

Services

- **First Aid:** First Aid is available by section 105 on the inside concourse. All minor incidents are to be dealt with by your unit first aider
- **Lost Station:** If a child or item is lost or found, please bring them to the Check In station.
- **Info:** If you have any questions, please see the Check In station.
- **Washrooms:** Indoor washrooms are located inside on the concourse, in the center and at each end of the concourse.

Kit List

All participants should bring the following in a small backpack:

- Full water bottle
- Peanut free snack
- Camp hat traders (SWAPS, stations will be available to take one, leave one)
- Fireworks are loud. Bring ear protection if you have youth who might be sensitive to loud sounds.
- Each girl should have a pencil for the scavenger hunt.

Important Notes:

- This is an outdoor event. Please ensure that everyone is dressed for the weather. You will be able to participate in some of the activities on the concourse and some activities are outside on the tarmac. You may choose to bring sit-upons, **no tarps** are allowed to be laid out on the ground due to safety.
- Viewing for the fireworks will be on the tarmac in the stadium center.
- Guiders must carry health forms for all youth in the unit.
- **No wagons**, please ensure what you are bringing can be carried amongst your unit.
- Changes to your number of participants can be emailed to Cyndi Williams at williamsc@girlguides.ca. Decreases accepted up to January 31st, increases accepted up to February 19th.

Activities – Check out the map below to help you find all our activities.

- **Check in** – Get your scavenger hunt page and look for the answers around the building!
- **Dance Party** – Join us on the tarmac for a dance party! Pathfinders and Rangers will be our hype crew, you may even see some moves from Otter B!
- **SWAPS** - Camp hat traders station (take one, leave one please)
- **Photo Booth** – We'll have a couple backdrops with some fun props for you to take group photos. Make sure to share your photos with us at any-calgarypr@girlguides.ca!
- **Thinking Day Friendship Project Donations** - Add coins to your district jar to add to our Thinking Day Friendship project at Camp Jubilee. You will also have a chance to vote on what the project should be!
- **Mini Golf** – Try your hand at a few holes of mini golf.
- **Glow Sticks** – Everyone gets a glow stick for our dance party!
- **Obstacle Course** – Have fun challenging yourself on our obstacle course.
- **Memory Game** – Work together to match WAGGGS country flags to their Guiding / Scouting organization logos.
- **Trivia** – Challenge yourself with some Girl Guide and WAGGGS trivia.
- **WAGGGS Mini Book** – create a mini book that will teach you about the world Centers.
- **Yard Games** – Play some Jenga, Bean Bag Toss or Tic Tac Toe.
- **Coloring Pages** – Sit and color or do a word search.
- **And More!** Units that register will get a final list of activities as well as a map before the event.

Parking and Location Map

