

West Elgin Arena Board
171 Graham Road
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Dear Board Members:

The 1st Dutton Pathfinders would like to express their interest in running a fundraising booth out of the West Elgin Arena to support their International Travel plans for 2025. The unit is planning a once in a lifetime trip to Our Chalet in Switzerland, the first Girl Guide and Girl Scouts World Centre established in 1932.

Girl Guides of Canada requires the unit to fundraise most of the costs associated with the trip. These fundraisers consist of our annual cookie campaigns along with other ideas. We recently held a fundraising brainstorming session and many of the girls suggested a snack booth at the West Elgin Arena, as they have noticed on their own that there isn't anywhere on site to get a hot chocolate or some delicious treats.

The girls are proposing that their booth would operate throughout the 2024/2025 skating season and be open in peak operating times. For example, public skate days, multiple game nights or days, where more than one game is scheduled for play. They would create a schedule with the support of the West Elgin Arena Board to provide this service at the times that work best for everyone.

Items they would be interested in selling would be, of course Girl Guide Cookie boxes, pop, chips, Gatorade, candy bags, chocolate bars, hot chocolate, and pre-packaged food items. Depending on demand, we may also wish to provide healthy options especially for morning games or tournaments.

The age range of our Pathfinders would be 12-14 and between grades 7-9. They would always be supervised by a Guider and a parent. As Pathfinders we strive to ensure that we leave our spaces in better shape than when we arrived, so we would ensure that after our booth closes, we would go around the arena with garbage bags to ensure that all refuse is properly disposed of.

We hope that you will consider our request and grant the 1st Dutton Pathfinders permission to operate this snack booth for the 2024/2025 skating season. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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