

Municipality of West Elgin
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Dear Council Members:

We are from the 1st Dutton Pathfinders and Rangers, Pathfinders and Rangers is a place for fun activities for 12 to 16 year olds. They learn and grow as they lead activities, plan events, explore nature and make a difference in their community. Pathfinders and Rangers is a safe place where girls can be curious and creative, innovative and adventurous alongside old and new friends. Many of our Pathfinders have been a sister in Guiding since a Spark at the age of 5.

Some of our members, known as the 61st Switzerland 2025 Pathfinders, are currently working towards a once in a lifetime trip to Our Chalet in Switzerland. Our Chalet is the oldest Girl Guiding World Centre established in 1932. Most of the members going on this trip are from Dutton, Wallacetown, and West Lorne areas, however we are excited to invite a member from Port Stanley and a member from Forest along for the adventure.

Over the course of the next year this troop will be working hard to earn money for their trip through cookie sales and fundraising opportunities. Girl Guides of Canada requires the unit to fundraise most of the costs associated with the trip. The unit has been brainstorming many ideas. Running a snack booth at the West Elgin Soccer Club over the summer would be an excellent opportunity to spread the Guiding Light but also help to raise the much-needed funds to reach their goal.

The girls are proposing that their booth would operate on game nights over the summer working with the soccer club to build a schedule. Items they would be interested in selling would be, pop, chips, Gatorade, candy bags, chocolate bars, and pre-packaged food items.

They would always be supervised by a Guider. 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 fields and park area with garbage bags to ensure that all refuse is properly disposed of.

We hope that you will consider our request and grant the 61st Switzerland 2025 Pathfinders permission to operate this snack booth for the summer running from May until mid August.

We look forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Guider Julie-Ann McCallum