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Girl Guides Party and Recruitment Day

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Alexandria Island Park was buzzing with excitement on Saturday as the Girl Guides hosted their annual Party and Recruitment Day.

“Today is about meeting new friends, getting together with old friends and creating awareness about our organization,” explained Iris Clark who helped organize and run the event. “It’s a girls first platform,” she continued. “We lead, but the girls give us ideas about what they’d like to do during the year.”

More than 30 people showed up for the Party where Sparks, Brownies and Guides participated in crafts, scavenger hunts, an edible camp, workshops and other activities. Former Girl Guides were also welcomed to participate in the Party, including the Trefoil Group which invites women thirty years and age and older to keep their connection to guiding while helping with their local units.

“It’s a catalyst for girls,” said Pathfinder Leader Julie Slater. “They learn leadership skills and how to be good citizens but most especially they’re given an opportunity to figure out who they are and just be ‘that’,” continued Ms. Slater who believes in honouring and respecting girls for who they are while celebrating their differences and similarities.

While both of Ms. Slater’s daughters are involved with the Girl Guides, it was an event that happened while she was participating as a parent that really sparked her desire to become more involved in the organization. “We’d gone to watch a Senator’s Game in Ottawa and got to skate on the ice afterwards,” recounted Ms. Slater. “I was volunteering and one of the girls didn’t know how to skate. I showed her how and she was so happy. By the time we left, she was skating on her own. It’s a gratifying experience and a lot of fun.”

“We get so much more out of volunteering our time than we could ever hope to give,” said Ms. Slater who’s been volunteering with the organization for a number of years. “The trainings we go on as adults teach us new skills, make new friends, and become part of a sisterhood.”

To register your child or for more information on how to become involved in the Girl Guides, contact Julie Slater at 613-525-1104.