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## **Girl Guides Celebrate 90 Years of Camping at Wa-Thik-Ane**

Morin Heights, Québec – **On Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup>, Guiding members will gather at Camp-Wa-Thik-Ane in Morin Heights to celebrate their beloved camp's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary.**

Guiding began in England in 1909 and made its way to Canada by 1910, with the first unit in St. Catherine's, Ontario. By 1912 there were units in all provinces and in 1926 Camp Wa-Thik-Ane was opened in Québec to provide girls with opportunities to learn and develop new skills in the great outdoors.

Although camping equipment and styles have changed over the last 90 years, the purpose of camping in Guiding has not. Through activities such as boating, outdoor cooking, hiking, exploring, team-building, gadget-making and campfire singing, girls learn to appreciate nature and gain a sense of independence and sisterhood. All of these activities point towards Girl Guides of Canada's mission: to enable girls to be confident, resourceful and courageous, and to make a difference in the world.

Every year, teams of dedicated volunteers provide girls with opportunities for spring, summer and fall camping on the grounds of Camp Wa-Thik-Ane and the shores of Lake Bouchette. This weekend, women and girls who have camped there over the last 90 years will be revisiting the site and setting the stage for another 90 years.

Find out more about Guiding in Québec by visiting [guidesquebec.ca](http://guidesquebec.ca) or calling 1-800-565-8111.

Photo and interview opportunities are available. For more information, contact:

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### **About Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada, Québec Council**

Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada is a movement of girls and women that challenges its members in their personal development and empowers them to be responsible citizens.

In Guiding, girls form lifelong friendships while they practice teamwork skills, pushing their own limits to achieve the goals they've set for themselves. Girl Guides of Canada strives to ensure environments where girls and women from all walks of life, identities and lived experiences feel a sense of belonging and can fully participate.