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# The Piccolo

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## Help write the best book ever about Guiding!

Girl Guides of Canada is looking for Members, from Sparks to Trefoil and alumnae, to help write the book, *You're My Hero Girl Guides of Canada*.

All Members are invited to write a story about their personal hero – an individual who has inspired you, challenged you or made you feel like you can do anything, and then have that story published in the book! (Sparks and Brownies can submit a drawing if they prefer). Your hero can be a friend, a relative, another Girl Guide Member, or anyone whose actions make a big difference.

Your inspiring stories will show the world the amazing spirit of Guiding and all that Guiding makes possible. Every story submitted will have the opportunity to be part of the book, and, as a bonus, the first 5,000 entries will have their name and their hero's name printed in a special Honour Roll section as well.

Guiders, we need you to encourage girls in every branch to submit their stories/drawings. **But hurry, the submission deadline is April 16.**

Visit [www.ymhggc.com](http://www.ymhggc.com) to find out more and submit your hero story.



Response to **THE GLOBE AND MAIL**  article

Many of you have seen this week's article in the "Globe and Mail" concerning the "shut down of summer camp programming at Wa-Thik-Ane". The article paints Guiding as an antiquated organization that has lost its relevancy in our modern society. These critics are obviously out of touch with today's Guiding! Valerie Zaloum, Pathfinder Guider and co-chair of our Centennial Celebration committee sent the following heartfelt response to the Editor of the "Globe and Mail", and just in case he does not see fit to publish I wanted to share her profound thoughts with you. Remember, **Girl Greatness Starts Here!!**

Respectfully Yours:

Joanne Millette

Provincial Commissioner – Quebec.

RE: Girl Guides shutting down camps, selling off land 5/04/2010

This article suggests Girl Guides of Canada has somehow remained a dusty anachronism in contemporary society. You do a grave disservice to the 30,000 women who make Girl Guides happen in their communities across the country.

Girl Guides celebrates 100 years in Canada this year – and they haven't just been darning socks in a church basement! Have you even seen what Girl Guides offers to its members today? Meetings are filled with enriching, fun activities that explore technology, diversity, outdoor living and environmental stewardship. They share strategies for dealing with bullying, embracing a healthy body image, and practicing safe internet use.

Through a century of social change, over 7 million Canadian girls and women have been members. Our members are proud of what Girl Guides represents, and its evolving relevance in today's society.

When you choose a picture of a camp scene from the 20's to illustrate your article, you further lock Girl Guides into a whole other time for your readers' eye. If a hospital were looking at resizing and adapting to deliver better services focused on the needs of its clientele, would you put a picture of staff gathered around an iron lung machine to illustrate your article?

I encourage people to learn more about TODAY's Girl Guides. It's the best kept secret in Canada – a movement that empowers girls to take an active role in making a better world.

PS - On May 15, many thousands of active members will gather at scores of events across Canada to celebrate 100 years of Guiding. Have a look at all of us that day – and maybe you will remind families that Girl Guides is a valuable, economical and fun activity with life-long benefits for their daughters.



Would you like to streamline your Rally day experience?

If you would like to avoid coming to The Villa for "check-in" the morning of the Rally, you may do so **IF**: Prior to May 10 you have sent a list with the names and iMis numbers (if applicable) of *all* your team members, as well as a confirmation of the emergency contact cell phone numbers to: [programsupport@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:programsupport@guidesquebec.ca)

By providing the organizers with this important information prior to the Rally Day, you will be free to start your day by going directly to your first activity.

When your registration form is received, a template will be e-mailed to the Responsible Guider so that she can easily fill in the required information and return it ASAP, but no later than May 10.

The excitement is building! See you there!



### Quebec Provincial Council – AGM Challenge

This year as we celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary our 2010 National Service project is: Eradicate Hunger and Poverty. The Quebec Council challenges all members attending this years' AGM, to **bring with them a non-perishable food item** which will be donated to a local food bank. This is just a small step in taking action on hunger and poverty.



**Don't forget to buy your tickets for the AGM.**

**Please contact Shannon at the Provincial Office either by phone or by email.**

**Tel: 514-933-5839**

**Email:**

**[programsupport@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:programsupport@guidesquebec.ca)**

## Donations to your District or Unit When the donor expects a Tax Receipt

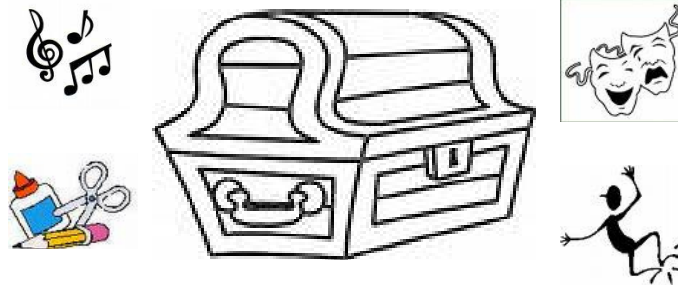


When someone wishes to make a donation to your District or Unit for any fundraising projects and wishes to have a tax receipt, the donation cheque must be made payable to GGC Québec Council and received at the Provincial Office with a note indicating that this is a 'Directed Donation' for a specific District or Project.

GGC Québec Council will in turn make a cheque payable to your District. If for any reason the cheque is made payable to your District and you cash the cheque or you accept cash, GGC cannot issue a tax receipt.

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## The Quebec Arts Treasure Chest



## “Quebec Celebrates Song” 2009-2010 Music Challenge

**Congratulations** to all Units who have completed the Music Challenge! The patches are ready to be sent out. Watch for yours soon.

If you have not already, let the Arts Committee know that your Unit has completed the challenge, please do so as soon as possible so that the girls (and Guiders) can receive their patches before the end of the Guiding year.

The songs we will sing at the Rally Day Campfire will be chosen from the Music Challenge song list.

Please contact Joan Lax or Vera Esdon, Provincial Arts Specialists  
[joanlax@liberty-i.ca](mailto:joanlax@liberty-i.ca) or [veraesdon@sympatico.ca](mailto:veraesdon@sympatico.ca)

## Red Cross First Aid Courses from Pulse Aide Inc.



Be sure to check the First Aid Certification Requirements in Safe Guide before you plan your activities!

**Authorized Provider**

Safe Guide July 2009 Update recommends an Emergency First Aid Certification for Green Level and most Yellow Level Activities, and requires it for many Yellow Level Activities. At least one Standard First Aid Certification or Health Care Provider is required for all Red Level Activities, and all Guiders attending Guiding Mosaic or travelling Internationally with their girls need a Standard First Aid Certification.

### **Upcoming Courses:**

1. Emergency First Aid Course (8 hours) – Saturday, April 10, 2010 8:15 – 5:00  
Location – Laval, Cost - \$90, taxes included, Certification Valid for 3 years
2. Standard First Aid Course (16 hours) – Two Saturdays, April 10 & 17, 2010 8:15-5:00  
Location – Laval, Cost - \$110, taxes included, Certification Valid for 3 years
3. Emergency First Aid Course (8 hours) –Saturday, April 24, 2010 8:30 – 5:30  
Location – NDG, Cost - \$90, taxes included, Certification Valid for 3 years
4. Standard First Aid Course (16 hours) –Saturday & Sunday, April 24 & 25, 2010 8:30-5:30  
Location – NDG, Cost - \$110, taxes included, Certification Valid for 3 years

***GGC – Quebec Council will reimburse 2/3 of the cost of the course for an (adult) Guider***

For more information, course schedule, to register in a scheduled course or to book a course for yourself or for your own District or Guiding community at a time and location most convenient for you,

please email [joanlax@liberty-i.ca](mailto:joanlax@liberty-i.ca)

## COOKIES

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This is a reminder to all who are booking with Sears to let Kellylee know. If you show up and have not booked with her there may already be a group there selling their cookies.

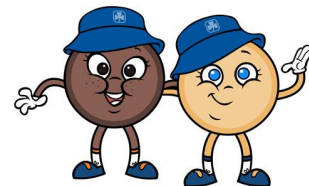
Also please send Kellylee a comment on how cookie selling has been in your unit or district so that it could be put in the Piccolo.

If you had any issues with delivery share the information.

Do not forget to add your numbers on the National site and send your numbers to Shannon [cookies@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:cookies@guidesquebec.ca) downtown.

Happy Cookie selling.

Kellylee- [millefaite@yahoo.ca](mailto:millefaite@yahoo.ca)



**Does anyone need more cookies?**

**We have 136 cases left at Guide House**

**If you would like anymore, please contact Shannon at [programsupport@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:programsupport@guidesquebec.ca)**

# What's New in Public Relations?



**New Stamp:** Unveiling of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Girl Guide Stamp took place in Toronto at the launch in January and will go on sale at Canada Post in July.

**Sisters for a Century Song:** originated in Saskatchewan. Units are encouraged to learn it <http://www.thestarphoenix.com/audio/sisters-for-a-century.mp3>

**Follow us:** on [Twitter](http://twitter.com/girlguidesofcan) <http://twitter.com/girlguidesofcan> and GGC's official fan page on [Facebook](http://www.facebook.com/girlguidescanada?ref=nl) <http://www.facebook.com/girlguidescanada?ref=nl> for the latest news and updates. [UTube](#) has the latest Girl Guide video.

**Marketwire or Media Room:** to get new ideas, National posts interest items or PR events in the provinces so everyone can see what is happening around Canada.

**WFF:** money collected could go to the Haiti relief this year (as a suggestion).

**National Service project of Eradicate Hunger and Poverty:** remember to register your event and see our numbers are growing.

**Pictures:** send National pictures of your special events, they may be posted - [b.french@sympatico.ca](mailto:b.french@sympatico.ca)

**Global Youth Day (Weekend):** April 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> - this is an event for our youth to get out into the public and do a service project - great event for PR.

**Sears Cookie Days:** April 24<sup>th</sup>

**Cookie PR Tool kit:** is on line for use.

**Newspaper Clippings:** National is interested in your clippings, send them to me and I will forward them to National. If you have created [Newspaper Ads](#) and would like to share them with your fellow Guiders, send them to me at [annettevasseur@yahoo.ca](mailto:annettevasseur@yahoo.ca).

**National Volunteer week:** April 18-24<sup>th</sup>. There are many ways to say "Thanks" to all of your volunteers that you work with day in and day out. Check out the National Volunteer site.

## PROGRAM SUPPORT

Have you done anything for this years service project to help eradicate hunger. Follow the link to learn more and do your part to help.  
[https://2010.girlguides.ca/national\\_service\\_project\\_information](https://2010.girlguides.ca/national_service_project_information)

## Challenges

As well we have crests left for some Challenges we had in the past, The Diversity Challenge, The Quebec Games Challenge and the Quebec International Hands of Friendship Challenge.

Crests are limited, so if you would like more information on doing them and earning the crests

please email me at [programsupport@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:programsupport@guidesquebec.ca) and I will forward the information on to you.