



# The Piccolo

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## On the Shores of Camp Wa-Thik-Ane...

Between the dates of July 13th and August 6th there was an event called summer camp!

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- [See all the fun that was had at Camp Wa-Thik-Ane's 90th anniversary!](#)
- [Get some program ideas for the upcoming year!](#)
- [Read summer travel stories!](#)
- and more!

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**They arrived...**



**They played...**



**They learnt...**



**They soared...**



**They visited...**



**They sang...**



**They smiled...**



**They boated...**

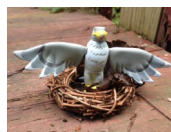


**They swam...**

As the days came and went friendships grew, young and old and memories were made. Tales were spun that will be shared for months to come.

Thank you to the many volunteers, office staff and all of our waterfront staff for being there to bring the shores of Wa-Thik-Ane alive! It could not have happened without you.

Super Eagle signing off till next year,



### P.S. Camp Lost and Found!

We have a small pile of lost-and found items from summer camp at the office. If a girl left something at camp please have her family call the office: 514-933-5839

Joanne Cardinal, Summer Camp Coordinator | [wwwta@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:wwwta@guidesquebec.ca)

## Guiding Starts with You!

Namaste! As I write this, I am counting days down to the National patrol's departure to Sangam and mysterious India! (It's true what they say – if you don't apply you can't be chosen – I decided to make an example of myself, and look what happened!) It is a time that makes me pause and reaffirm the many great things that Guiding brings to girls and young women – and people like all of us make them happen.

In the spring we heard from many districts about the plan, The Blueprint, that they would work from to grow Guiding in their respective communities. Have you been part of building YOUR local plan? No matter how energetically we promote springtime registration, our main recruitment season remains the back-to-school period, so let's work with that reality and reach out – to retain our current members, and to connect to those potential new members. There are some great hints and tips in circulation, and many [resources](#) to share....

Remember too that the very best recruitment agents are our girls – Guiding is their space, their Girl Zone to share with their friends. Explore different ways to have members and their friends share those early season adventures, the kind that make a girl want to be part of this awesome sisterhood we all share.

Guiding starts someplace for everyone – start some near you!



## PR Tools



Now is one of the best times of the year to use your PR resources wisely and share information about the joys of Guiding with your friends and fellow community members. Consider sharing:

- Facebook posts from the [Girl Guides of Canada - Guides du Canada, Québec](#) page.
- Your personal stories and experiences
- Cineplex Ads ([What do I get out of Guiding?](#) and [What is your favourite part of Guiding?](#))
- [Free Meeting Passes](#)
- Posters of pamphlets around your community



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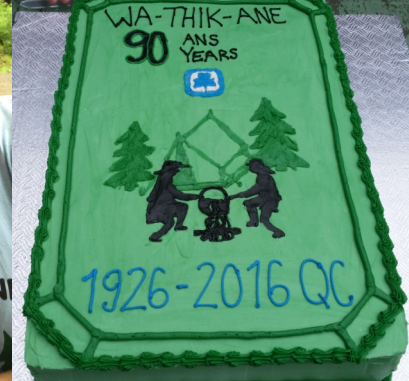




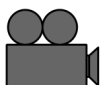
On August 13th, Guiders, girls and families gathered at Camp-Wa-Thik-Ane to celebrate its 90th anniversary.

Many fun activities were planned and attendees got to try their hand at bannock making, wood burning, swimming, boating and more. There were also displays showing camp practices throughout the last 90 years.

Although camping equipment and styles have changed since 1926, the purpose of camping 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 GGC's mission: to enable girls to be confident, resourceful and courageous, and to make a difference in the world!



Watch the last 90 Days of Campfires video [here](#).



Watch the video about Wa-Thik-Ane's history [here](#).



Watch the slideshow of pictures from the last 90 years at Wa-Thik-Ane [here](#).



## 2016 Quebec Provincial Fall Fun Day

**Saturday, October 1**

*A wonderful day at Wa-Thik-Ane*

- What:** A fun packed day at our provincial camp in Morin Heights with games, outdoor cooking, camp skills and camp songs all while celebrating our 90th year of camping at Wa-Thik-Ane.
- The goal of this event is to encourage new and experienced campers and Guiders to visit the camp and try camping without the concern of the overnight or the required planning and to give those who love camping another chance to enjoy it before the winter.
- When:** Saturday, October 1, 2016
- 9:30 am—arrival at Wa-Thik-Ane, Morin Heights
- 7:30 pm—departure from Wa-Thik-Ane, Morin-Heights
- Transportation:** Departure approx. 8 am, from location on the registration form; return approx. 9 pm to same location
- One Guider per full patrol (based on branch-specific ratio) travels free
- Who:** Guiders of all branches and their girls
- Each Guider may bring a full patrol (based on branch specific ratio)
- Mixed groups must meet youngest girl ratio
- A PRC-checked adult female may accompany girls in place of a Guider, but will be expected to participate as a facilitator of the day's program
- Cost:** \$45.00 per person (girls and adults)
- Includes 3 snacks, 2 meals, a crest and activities
- Includes transportation –see discount on registration form
- Forms:** Patrol Registration Form, SG.1, SG.2 and a flyer for families (in English and French) are available on the [Forms page](#) of the Québec website.



TO REGISTER: Complete the PATROL REGISTRATION FORM after reading the attached instructions and then email it to: [camping@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:camping@guidesquebec.ca)

or fax it to the provincial office at 514-933-7591

**Strict deadline for registration Monday, September 26 at 9 am.**

*The planning team is looking for volunteers!*

If you are interested in helping our fantastic planning committee, please contact Joanne Cardinal, the Provincial Camp Adviser at: [camping@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:camping@guidesquebec.ca)

No experience is needed to be part of the planning team-just a love for camping and the outdoors!



## Cookies!

The cookies are coming! Chocolatey mint cookies will be delivered across the province between **September 25-30**.

Cookie Days will be held on **Saturday, October 15th and Sunday, October 16th**.

While you are planning your weekly meeting don't forget the Cookies Rising programme Did you know about the Cookie resources available in Member Zone? Here are a few:

- Cookie brochure (English and French)—hand it out to parents/guardians to tell them about the program
- Unit Guider Cookie Handbook—a fun and focused introduction to the Cookie program
- Cookie Selling Event Toolkit—ideas, suggestions

There are also cookies Meetings-in-a-Box for Sparks to Pathfinders!

If you are planning a Cookie event don't forget to enter it on to the Cookie Map finder ( this takes about 3 working days to show on the map). Don't forget that you can receive a free Cookie Promotional Package for selling at festivals and local events. Just list your event on the [Cookie Finder Map](#) and send a message to [ckhelp@girlguides.ca](mailto:ckhelp@girlguides.ca) and they'll send you a promotional package to use at your event. Please allow five days for delivery.



Helena Green, Cookie Adviser; Kelly Vandzura, Deputy Cookie Adviser | [cookies.biscuits@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:cookies.biscuits@guidesquebec.ca)

## Property Committee News

### Camp Clean-Up Day Sunday, October 2, 9am-4pm

Once again the Wa-Thik-Ane camping season is coming to an end and it is time to put the camp to bed for the winter. This year's closing day is scheduled for **Sunday, October 2**.

As usual there will be plenty of tasks for all of our eager volunteers and needless to say, more participants make the job smaller! We must take down tents (weather permitting), close up sites, move equipment into winter storage and clean and animal proof the buildings.

Limited indoor accommodations at Stavert Lodge (18 spots) are available for **adult Guiders who wish to stay over following the Provincial Day Camp** on October 1. The Property Committee will provide breakfast for those who stay over and lunch for everyone who participates in the clean-up on Sunday.

Please send us an email at [iacbouchette@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:iacbouchette@guidesquebec.ca) with the subject line "Camp Clean-Up Day" to let us know your plans and to reserve a spot at Stavert.

#### **Not available that weekend?**

If you are unable to come on October 2 – do not despair! There is a need for small teams of adults to take down the canvas tents during the weeks preceding camp closure, and again for a small team to complete the winterization of the buildings between October 3 and 7.



Property Committee | [iacbouchette@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:iacbouchette@guidesquebec.ca)



## NEW Meeting-in-a-Box

Have you always wondered how to talk to the girls in your unit about **gender and sexuality**? Are you looking for something new to add to your program this Guiding year? We have a new [Meeting-in-a-Box](#) for **Guides** and **Pathfinders**!

## Borax and Slime

Please note that [Health Canada](#) is advising Canadians to avoid using boric acid for arts and crafts projects, such as homemade slime, or modelling clay. Boric acid is also sometimes also labelled as boron or borax.

Check out the [Québec Tech & Nature Challenge](#) for some different and fun science activities!



## International Day of Peace

The International Day of Peace is coming up on September 21. See National's [Instant Meeting](#) for some ideas about how to cover the topic with your girls!

## International Day of the Girl

This year, National's International day of the Girl [Instant Meeting](#) is focused on closing the gap between boys and girls with regards to science, technology, engineering and math by encouraging girls to explore the areas.



## Words in Action — Last Chance!

The Words in Action National Service Project (NSP) is ending August 31 so you only have a few last days to log your actions! The [Words in Action crests](#) will be discontinued, so grab the last few before they're gone!

**In the fall, it will be replaced by a new NSP — Action on Poverty!**





Looking for an outing idea? Geordie Productions Presents...

## The Halloween Tree

*On Halloween night, 5 friends meet up to go trick-or-treating. But their best friend, Joe Pipkin, is too sick to go. He tells them to meet at The House, an old, deserted, place in the ravine that none of them have ever dared to visit on Halloween night. When they arrive, instead of Joe they encounter a mysterious man named Carapace Clavicle Moundshroud... what follows is an epic journey into The Undiscovered Country to find out the hidden secrets of Halloween and save Joe Pipkin!*

*The Halloween Tree* is an unforgettably spooky and epic adventure about the things we are willing to do for the ones we love. For ages 7 and up. October 21-30.

Visit [geordie.ca](http://geordie.ca) or call [\(514\) 845-9810](tel:5148459810) to purchase your tickets! Groups of 10 or more save 20% on tickets! Units that attend can sell cookies after the show!

Encourage your girls to dress up as there will be a costume contest!

**PROGRAM CONNECTIONS:** **Sparks:** In My Community Keeper; **Brownies:** Key to My Community/Key to the Arts—Special Interest Badge; **Guides:** Discovering You — Discover your Creativity, Beyond You — Discovery Your Community, Performing Arts; **Pathfinders:** Girls Just Want to Have Fun, The Arts from A to Z; **Rangers:** Community Connections/Explore Your Creativity — Your Interests

Put your creative thinking cap on...The office has loads of **old PR material..**

## What can your unit do with it?

Here are some ideas:

- Make paper dolls with old uniform pieces
- Design a new cookie box or case
- Make a collage or mosaic
- Make recycled [paper beads](#)

**Challenge your girls** to see what they can come up with and [send us](#) some pictures. We'll put them in the Piccolo to **inspire** other units!

Pick up PR material at the office or ask your DC to bring you some back from the DC/Advisor day and training sessions on September 17!

Posters, pamphlets, old Canadian Guiders, postcards, bookmarks, uniform catalogues and stickers!







In the May Piccolo, we started a **Guest Speaker Spotlight** section in the Piccolo. What neat guests did your unit invite last year? Do you have any awesome plans to invite anyone this year? **We challenge you** to let us know so we can share your knowledge and great ideas around the province! Submit a picture and short blurb to [programme@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:programme@guidesquebec.ca)!

## FYI

Just because an activity sounds amazing doesn't mean that you will necessarily need to do tons of paperwork. Don't let **fear** keep you away. More activities are **green** level than you think — especially if you're staying in your community! And even if they're not...the paperwork is worth it!



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Deadline for tickets purchase: **October 3, 2016**

Keep an eye out for unit and district order forms coming in early September!



**Guiders Changing Branches / New Guider Training / Safe Guide Training**

## Guiders Changing Branches

This branch specific training will help Guiders who are moving from working with one age group to another. We will look at age characteristics, program ideas and expectations for your new branch. *Saturday Morning, September 17, 8:45 am to 12:00 pm.*

## New Guider Training

This training will include everything needed for a new Guider to get started! Sessions will include Safe Guide (Saturday Morning), Building Unit Guider Skills and All About Your Branch (Saturday morning following Safe Guide). *Saturday full day, September 17, 8:45 am - 3:30 pm.*

***\*\* All Guiders taking the New Guider Training will be automatically registered for the Safe Guide mandatory training. Saturday Morning, September 17, 8:45 to 11:30 AM***

**Date:** Saturday, September 17, in conjunction with the Provincial DC Day

**Time: New Guider Training** (including Safe Guide) 11:30 AM – 3:30 PM / **Changing Branches** 8:45 am - 12 am.

**Location:** TBD

**Cost:** \$5, cheques payable to “GGC Québec Council” or cash (exact change please). Please bring payment to the training. There is no cost if you are taking only the Safe Guide Training and not staying for lunch

**Registration Deadline:** Friday, September 9

**What to Bring:** pen / paper / mug / a smile! (lunch and snacks will be provided, people with special dietary needs may want to bring their own lunch).



If you are interested please send an e-mail with the subject “Sept 17 Guider training” to [training.formation@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:training.formation@guidesquebec.ca). Please include your name, your iMIS number, the session you would like to attend (**Changing Branches** or **New Guider**), your district and the branch you will be working with.

PED Week November 14-18, 2016

There is no reason not to attend one of these great evening training sessions. This year they will take place in several convenient locations in and around Montreal. These wonderful personal development opportunities will be hosted in: [Pointe Claire District](#) (West Island), [Riverdale District](#) (West Island), [Northern Lights District](#) (North Shore) and [Riverview District](#) (South Shore).

These fabulous opportunities are open to adult members and Rangers across the province so gather your fellow Guiders and take a little road trip to a personal development session that interests you!

**Joanne Milette, Training Adviser | [training.formation@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:training.formation@guidesquebec.ca)**



## From the iMIS Desk...

Emailing iMIS? Please try to use your name and iMIS number. It speeds up the entry and ensures accuracy!

### Non-Member Fall Review

Unit Guiders - please review the non-member volunteers listed on your Unit Roster (NM).

- Is her daughter still in your unit?
- Did she move up a branch?
- Did she leave Guiding – should the NM be contacted before removing her as well?
- Is she always around, does she want to become a Member (MBR)? Talk to your DC.
- If so, does the NM want to move up to the new unit?

GGC National contacts our Non-Members on occasion; we should try our best to keep our rosters current.

### Unit Guider Fall Review

District Commissioners – please look over your unit rosters to ensure that adult members are in the correct unit.

You can send any changes/movement of Unit Guiders to [imis@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:imis@guidesquebec.ca) so your rosters are current. Simply indicate member name, iMIS number and unit to and from information.

## Rosters:

The 2015-2016 (last year's) girl rosters will disappear from Member Zone Monday August 28. If you would like to save the contact information for your records, **you must download it before then!**

## New Member Zone

The new(ish) Member Zone can be accessed through [girlguides.ca/mz](http://girlguides.ca/mz). You may need to reset your password to access your account.

## Available Campsites this Fall at Wa-Thik-Ane

**September 2-4:** All sites available

**September 9-11:** All sites available except Algonquin

**September 16-18:** All sites available

**September 23-25:** All sites available except Huron and Cree

**October 1:** All sites booked for Fall Fun Day







## Safe Guide News



***Safe Guide: our risk management program! Safety is the responsibility of all!***

The **2016** version of **Safe Guide** is now available on the national Safe Guide [web page](#) along with an explanation of changes (6 pages). **All Guiders** should read this document carefully. It will give you the highlights of the different changes with detailed explanations as **you will need to refer to the 2016 version of Safe Guide when planning activities. All previous versions are out of date.**

**What's new? Here are a few highlights: Please download the Explanations of Changes.**

- **First Aid training:** edited to clarify who can be a first aider and for consistency in wording. **P 33.**
- **Health care professionals** When a health care professional with a qualification not listed in the definition has relevant expertise, Guiders should contact [safeguide@girlguides.ca](mailto:safeguide@girlguides.ca). **P.11.**
- **General Planning for Activities, Please read:**
  - Pre-planning and Activity Levels **P 15.**
  - Parent/Guardian Notification and Permission: Yellow and Red Levels activities. **P 18**
  - Supervision Ratios: **P 24**
  - Role of Supervisors **P27.**
- **Incident report : (INS.01)** Incident reports should only be sent by the reporting Guider to the national and provincial office. They are not share with anyone else. **P 37.**
- **Appendices:** There are changes in Appendix A, B, D, E, I, L. from page 156 to 175
- **International Travel 72 Hours or More :** planning guide please see the section Making your trip happen: What you need to know and do. From the page 129 to 151

Changes in the forms : **SG.2, SG.3, SG.4, SG.8, and IT.1, IT.3, IT.4.**

### REMINDERS:

- As of September 2016 all activities must be planned based on the July 2016 version of Safe Guide.
- It is important that Guiders develop their **Emergency Response Plan (ERP) related to their activity** and make sure that **ALL** the Guiders in the unit have read it for each specific activity.
- Safe Guide training is required of all **new members** within six months of joining Girl Guides.
- Now is a good time to locate your **First Aid certification card and check on the expiry date.** You may be due to renew your qualifications
- All Safe Guide forms should be sent to [sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca) for assessment **14 days** in advance.

**This year out of **respect** for the ASSESSORS we will work all together to send our forms on time.**



Louise Triggs, Safe Guide Adviser | [sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca)

**India** Read about their trip on their [Blog!](#)



**Kirkland Rangers**

## 1000 Islands, Toronto and Niagara Falls

Highlights of the trip were the Gananoque boat tour, Skylon Tower, Horn blower Niagara Falls boat, CN Tower.

Read about it on the [Blog!](#)



**Northern Lights Guides and Pathfinders**

## Guiding Mosaic 2016



Read all about GM2016 on the [Blog!](#)

**Québec Pathfinders and Rangers**



## Maritimes



On the Cabot Trail



Sunset at North Cape, PEI



Visiting NB/PEI Guide House in St John, NB



Exploring the ocean floor at Hopewell Rocks, NB



Ready to go down in the coal mine at Glace Bay, NS

Read about their adventures on the [Blog!](#)

## Ormstown Pathfinders

## Link Conference



"On the weekend of June 24<sup>th</sup>, we had the pleasure of joining over 20 Guiders and Rangers from all over Canada at the 1<sup>st</sup> LiNK Conference in Toronto. The goal of the conference was to begin designing a new LiNK program for the young women in Canadian Guiding between the ages of 18 and 35."

Read more on the [Blog!](#)

Sarah and Nikki Di Milo

## Where Will you Be Travelling this Year?

Keep an eye out for opportunities coming up this fall;

### Nationally Sponsored Trips:

Camp Wa SIU II, California  
IGGNITE Camp, Ireland  
Our Cabaña, Mexico  
Our Chalet, Switzerland

### Provincially Sponsored Trip:

SOAR Spirit of Adventure, BC





Many units had successful Spring camps in June. These pictures are from Northern Lights, Hayes-Apple Valley and Monklands.



Knowlton units managed to earn not one but two Québec Spin challenge crests last spring through their *over the rainbow* advancement ceremony and by attending the *Puppets Up!* International Puppet Festival!



The Valois-Dorval Pathfinders are planning a Divergent themed camp at Cap Saint-Jacques on October 21-23 and would like to invite Pathfinders and younger Rangers/Trex to join them. Email Heather Martin at [valoisdorval.pathfinders@gmail.com](mailto:valoisdorval.pathfinders@gmail.com) for more information.

This Guiding year is sure to bring some great photo moments! Email your stories and pictures to [communications@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:communications@guidesquebec.ca) to fill these pages!



September 5	Labour Day — Provincial office is closed
September 17	<a href="#">DC/Adviser Day &amp; Training Day</a>
September 21	<a href="#">International Day of Peace</a>
September 25-30	<a href="#">Chocolatey Mint cookies arrive!</a>
September 26	Deadline to register for <a href="#">Fall Fun Day</a>
October 1	<a href="#">Fall Fun Day</a>
October 2	<a href="#">Camp clean-Up Day</a> at Wa-Thik-Ane
October 3	Deadline to purchase <a href="#">Impact soccer</a> tickets
October 11	<a href="#">International Day of the Girl</a>
October 15-16	<a href="#">Cookie Day in Canada</a>
October 16	<a href="#">Impact Soccer Day</a>
November 14-18	<a href="#">PED Week</a>



## What did you do on your holiday?

I spent my holiday getting dirty, smelly, wet and tired.

I spent my holiday with my best friends,  
and I made more who share my outlook on life.

I spent my holiday helping to provide a safe place for adventures,  
and creating life long memories for the girls in my group.

**I am a Volunteer,**

**I am a Guide.**

You should try it.  
You might just enjoy it!