



The Piccolo

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A Very Busy March



"We took our unit to see 'Water Weight,' a play by Geordie Productions, and our girls really enjoyed it! This was a special performance just for Guiding groups. The

show centered on the themes of body image and water conservation, topics which were very relevant for the girls. After the show, they gave us a tour of the theatre, and we got a beautiful crest to remember the day!"



Close to 100 sparks and their Guiders travelled to space and back, took pictures, made aliens, visited our solar system, completed a service project, experimented, crafted, cooperated and learned. What a wonderful day at Sparks in Space!



Units represented GGC in the Montreal and Hudson Saint Patrick's Day parades and were seen wearing lots of green and blue.

Guiders also had the honour of proudly carrying the flags at the front of the Montreal parade!



Watch Noa, Frances and Emily's interview about Girl Guide cookies on Global!



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HIGHLIGHTS

- [Find out what you need to know and register a patrol for le Gros Dodo!](#)
- [Get your ticket for the AGM!](#)
- [Plan your summer PR events!](#)
- [Find some program ideas for your last few weeks.](#)

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Valerie Zaloum, Provincial Commissioner

How will you be starting your 2017-2018 Guiding year?

For **Guides**, **Pathfinders** and **Rangers** with their Guiders

Le Gros Dodo with the Alouettes



Kick off the 2017-2018 Guiding year with a sleepout!

When: September 16-17, 2017

Where: Percival Molson Stadium

The Plan: Saturday

- ⇒ Drop off your tents and bedrolls at McGill Stadium around noon
- ⇒ Explore Montreal on your own with suggestions from the Playbook to be provided in June
- ⇒ Eat supper wherever and however you like at your own cost
- ⇒ Return to McGill Stadium to pitch tents, and have a fun evening of activities planned by the committee
- ⇒ Sleep in in tent on the stadium field

Sunday

- ⇒ Rise and shine with the birds and have a pancake breakfast
- ⇒ Have more fun and games in the GGC Tailgate Zone
- ⇒ Eat lunch and proceed to the stadium to watch the Alouettes play the Ottawa Red-Blacks at 1:00 pm

Cost: \$40.00 (includes snack, sleepover, breakfast, lunch, Alouettes game ticket, crest and some surprises)

Special Incentive: Watch for special incentive pricing for Fall Fun Day for girls participating in both le Gros Dodo and Fall Fun Day.

As this is an event for members, all girls must be registered for Girl Guides of Canada for the 2017-2018 year by June 23.

Girls should register this spring with the unit they will be in in the fall. Please consider those who will be advancing (Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders)!

Deadline: June 30, 2017

Register your patrol [here](#)!

Questions? See the [How-to and FAQ](#) sheet on (will be updated as questions come in).

Safe Guide templates and handout for families available [here](#).



For all branches (especially **Sparks** and **Brownies**) and Families

The Alouettes Game Day

When: September 17, 2017, mid-morning to mid-afternoon

Where: Percival Molson Stadium

The Plan: Members and their families can arrive mid-morning at the GGC Tailgate Zone for fun and games and attend the game. They will bring their own lunch.

Cost: \$20.00 (includes Alouettes game day ticket and crest for GGC members)

Deadline to buy tickets: June 30, 2017

Order game day only tickets [here](#)!

Program Spotlight: Riverdale Guides visit the Apple Store

On March 27th, Riverdale Guides enjoyed an evening of computers at the Apple Store at Fairview Pointe-Claire. Our enthusiastic and engaging trainers covered internet safety, the components of a computer, and introduced us to the different types of jobs we might find at the Apple Store - from everyone behind the scenes to the "Geniuses" helping us learn to use our technology. It was wonderful to see how many women were among the experts! We discussed how we can use computers and the internet in our Guide meetings as well as in our everyday life. We finished the evening with a hands-on lesson in coding! Who knew coding could be so much fun?! A fun way for the Guides to earn their Computer Skills badge!



Recent Spotlights

June: Fauna Foundation

September: Professional freelance harpist

October: Montreal Police Services

November: Karate Sportif

December: Local florist

February: The Lunatics and the Laval Astronomy Club

March: Self-defense

Challenge of the Month: Cookie Bites! N.S Cookie Challenge

It's cookie season! It's time to up your cookies knowledge with a fun challenge for your unit.

Start the [challenge](#) by selling cookies and participate in Cookie All Stars. Choose activities from three categories to complete the challenge. You can be creative by decorating a cookie box or baking the original cookies recipe. Explore STEM with cookies by mining chocolate chips from cookies or parachute your cookies safely to the ground. And don't forget active living with cookies with relay games and digging for buried cookies!

End you challenge with a cookie event: cookie blitz, cookie themed campfire or participate in Cookie Days. Maybe even host a cookie tea party and invite your friends to share in the joys of cookies!

What's coming up?

Saturday April 22 - [Earth Day](#)

May 1st-7th - [National Mental Health Week](#)

Sunday May 28th -World Hunger Day (programming coming soon)

2017 - [Canada's 150th Birthday](#)—Order free promo material (pins, flags, bookmarks, posters, tattoos) [here](#)!



May 11th is Greater Montreal Day

On May 11th we all come together to show how much we care about our community.

Hey, that sounds like a great idea, how can we join?

- ⇒ As an individual or group perform a simple act of kindness.
- ⇒ On May 11th share your good deed on social media with the hashtag #GreaterMontrealDay #JournéeMTLEnsemble
- ⇒ You could win \$1000 towards the local charity of your choice.
- ⇒ No need to register.



For more information, contact Travis Todd at travis.todd@globalnews.ca or visit <http://globalnews.ca/tag/greater-montreal-day>.

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So what comes next?

As the guiding year comes to a close, we'd like to invite **Rangers** of all ages to participate in an event just for them!

A sleepover in Montreal that will include a Canada themed scavenger hunt in the city with a GGC/Canada bling prize in the afternoon and a morning with sessions to discuss guiding opportunities throughout Rangers and after being a Ranger.

THE GREAT CANADIAN RANGER RACE



Where: Mountainside United Church, 687 Roslyn Av., Westmount, H3Y 2V1

When: May 27 from 9am to 9am on May 28

Cost: \$20

Forms: [SG1 Activity Plan](#) [SG2 Parent/Guardian Permission Form](#)

Please send questions and forms to admin@guidesquebec.ca.

Register here

by May 1





Spotlight on PR

Spring is a busy time of year for us; with cookie selling and the end of the Guiding year approaching. But don't forget pre-registration has started as well. Encourage everyone in your district to register for another year of fun, friendship and adventure.

There are two parts to membership: **RECRUITMENT** and **RETENTION**. While recruitment focuses on gaining new members, retention is geared towards keeping the ones we have. The girls in your unit who are having a blast every week at meetings and at the various events they attend are more likely to do the recruiting for you! They'll tell their friends about all the cool stuff they're doing at Girl Guides. In fact, why not remind them every once in a while "Don't forget to tell your friends about how much fun you're having at Guides" or better yet, encourage them to tell their friends **and** invite them to a meeting.

PR STARS - TRY THIS (*Tried and true ideas from around the province*)

RECRUITMENT

St-Lawrence District offered to organize games at a local school during parent-teacher conference. Quick games and camp songs provided entertainment for the kids (brothers were welcome too) and caught the attention of not only the children and parents but also the school! They earned new members immediately after the conference night. *Tip: Making friends with the school principal will come in handy, ask them for permission – it doesn't hurt to ask! Have pamphlets on hand for all those impressed families.*

Did you know? QC Council offers an event subsidy for events like this. If you plan to host, or have hosted an event such as this one fill out the Event Subsidy Form. Follow this [link](#).

RETENTION

Riverdale District has been getting out and about in their community. They can surely associate their exciting outings with a noteworthy district growth of more than 45%, as well as benefiting from a high retention rate. Guaranteed that the girls experiencing the outings (recent examples being a trip to a local veterinary clinic and learning coding at the Apple store) will want to return next year for more fun and learning! *Tip: Wear your uniform when out in the community and take lots of pictures of your outing. Every community has somewhere interesting to visit. Think outside the box!*

DCs can have fun with PR too! "My challenge to the leaders this year was to make the programming fun, be silly and think outside the box. What a fabulous programming year we have had so far the Vets, Apple, Karate, astronomy, Art Center, Medtronic, orphans from Aftica came to join our meeting while in Canada (Watoto choir). Parents are just thrilled with all the diverse programming. I'm so proud of our little district. I can't wait to see the new programming coming down the line. Inspiring guiders to inspire girls is the best part of the DC job!!" - Cynthia Bird, Riverdale DC



Camp and Camping News

Registration for the Wonderful Weeks at Wa-Thik-Ane is open on the GGC Québec Website. Just follow the link to [our newsletter](#) that has all the information about what is happening this year and the links to register!

Deadline with no late-fee: May 1

Volunteers are needed to make this another successful year at Wa-thik-ane.

So please join us!

Fill in the [volunteer form](#) and Joanne Cardinal, summer camp manager, will be in touch!

Joanne Cardinal, Camping Adviser; Carol Kelly, Deputy Camping Adviser | WWWTA@guidesquebec.ca

Camp Wa-Thik-Ane is hiring for the Spring/Summer 2017 season!

Lifeguard

- 1 to 3 positions
- Weekends Fri eve, Sat. & Sun afternoon.
- May - possibility of 2 weekends
- June – possibility of 5 weekends
- July - Wonderful Weeks at Wa-Thik-Ane 3-4 weeks or based on your availability
- August – on call

- Min 16 years of age at time of employment. Preferably 18 years of age.
- Must hold a valid/current National Lifeguard Certification from the “**Société de Sauvetage**” (Lifesaving Society).
- Waterfront specialty is preferred
- Current Std First Aid is an asset
- Must demonstrate a knowledge & understanding of Safe Guide procedures (GGC Risk Management) for water activities.

- Ensure that campers for whom you are responsible are well supervised in a safe & healthy manner at all times.
- Prevention of emergency situations & where this fails the timely & effective resolution of emergencies.
- Reside at Camp.
- Responsible for own transportation.

X = Booked	Stavert	Huron	Iroquois	Algonquin	Cree	MicMac	Montagnais	Chippewa
May 12-14								
May 19-21								
May 26-28	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
June 2-4	X		X	X	X	X	X	
June 9-11	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
June 16-18	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
June 23-25	X	X	X			X		

It's not too late to book a site for Spring camping!

See the camping page of the [provincial website](#) for information on how to **book your site and job opportunities** for this spring and summer!



We need you! The Property Committee is looking for volunteers to help at Wa-Thik-Ane for the camp opening weekend! Contact labouchette@guidesquebec.ca to help out!

Saturday, May 6

- ♣ Weather permitting - we will pitch canvas tents; a minimum of 4 people is needed per tent.
- ♣ We will be cleaning and preparing Algonquin, Iroquois, Cree, Huron, MicMac, Stavert, Health Centre and the Food Services building.
- ♣ To complete these tasks, you will be provided with gloves, brooms and washcloths.
- ♣ Small repairs and maintenance tasks will continue around camp.

Sunday, May 7

- ♣ Finish tent pitching and cleaning and preparing sites.
- ♣ Other jobs may include changing floorboards, stairs, clearing fallen branches and small carpentry jobs.
- ♣ You are welcome to bring your tool belt.
- ♣ A list of issues requiring further maintenance at each site is provided.



Food

- ♣ Saturday, May 6th - We will provide meals - soup, vegetables, snacks, coffee and tea. Sunday, May 7th - McMuffins for breakfast and soup for lunch.
- ♣ Bring your own mug, filled water bottle and any extra food as needed.
- ♣ To help us plan food quantities, please let us know if you are staying over Friday and/or Saturday at labouchette@guidesquebec.ca.

May 8-13

Completion of tent pitching and any small maintenance jobs in small groups (minimum 4) depending on your availability and the weather.

*** Access by car may be limited due to weather conditions and we may not have running water***

Your volunteer support at preparing our camp for the season ahead is appreciated!

And the winner of the 2017-2018 design-a-crest contest is...

KATHERINE FAILLE

FROM THE 10TH STE—GENEVIÈVE GUIDES!



Draft crest design

Every girl who registers for the 2016-2017 Guiding year will receive one of these crests.

Girls registering in the Spring campaign, prior to June 30, will receive their crest by personal mail, with a welcome-to-Guiding greeting.

SPRING REGISTRATION HAPPENS IN 3 STAGES...

April 3

Registration for girls returning to the same unit.

New girls wanting to register before June 1st must use paper registration.

May 1

Registration for girls moving to a different unit.

(Girls returning to the same unit can continue to register.)

Families with girls with birthdays in the fall may need assistance with registration. Check out the information [here](#) to help make sure girls get registered in the right unit!

Thank your girls for a great year and encourage them to reregister with this [personalized card](#).

June 1

Registration for all girls

Remind girls to bring a friend in the fall!



Girls who register before June 30 will receive an exciting welcome mailing, including their crest!

Trefoil News



Provincial Trefoil Adviser

Many thanks to Hannelore Rene de Cotret who will complete her mandate as Québec Trefoil Adviser this spring.

We are looking for someone new to succeed her in the position. Could this be a role for you?

[Contact us](#) for more information or for the position description.



Cookie All Stars: Remember to register units for Cookie All Stars. The registration site will **close on May 2nd**. There will be **no extension** for registration.

The Cookie All Stars registration site is available to the **Unit Contact Guider only**.

New reward: A choice of movie gift cards. Please make sure you only choose **one type** of movie gift card for all qualifying girls, otherwise the system won't process your choices.



Cookie Days Crest: If you took part in Cookie Days in Canada and were selling at a Sears/Smart Centre location or loading your DIY event on the Cookie Finder Map, you'll soon receive an email with instructions for ordering the Cookie Days crest for girls who took part in the event.



Stories and Pictures: Congratulations to all the units that have been busy and sold all their cases of cookies. Please share any pictures you have. If you have a girl in your unit that has sold a lot, maybe she would like to share her story and tips with others on the blog!

Cookie Ribbons: Cookie ribbons are available to order free of charge from the provincial office. The order form can be found on the [shop section](#) of the website.

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Awards

Have you nominated a fellow Guider or girl member for an award lately?

Awards are a great way to show the Guiders around you how much you appreciate all the work that they do!

Visit the [Awards](#) section of the website and [Member Zone](#) to find out what awards are possible!



Important! For awards that do not require provincial approval, we ask that the DC please send the recipient's **name and iMIS number** to imis@guidesquebec.ca. All awards presented at the provincial Annual General Meeting (AGM) are updated through the office as they are recorded in the AGM minutes and approval and compiled by the Provincial Awards Specialist.



Annette Levasseur, Provincial Awards Specialist | awards.reconnaissance@guidesquebec.ca

Provincial Scholarship

Who can apply? Any registered Québec member of GGC-GdC who is entering or pursuing post-secondary education (in any field of study) on a full time basis.

This scholarship is based on your active Guiding and community involvement. Former members and past recipients are not eligible to apply.

Details are available on the [QC website](#).

Application deadline:
June 1



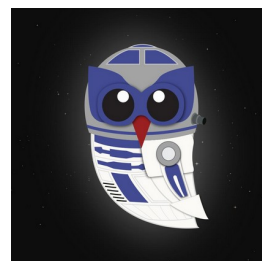
**GGC QUÉBEC COUNCIL
INVITES YOU
TO ATTEND THE
ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING AND DINNER
MAY THE 4TH, 2017**

Crown Plaza Hotel, Dorval
6600 Côte de Liesse, Montreal, QC

Cost: \$50 per person

Registration and cocktails: 5:30 pm

Order tickets [here](#) by April 23



Accounting for cookies

With the cookie campaign in full stride, it's important to track them properly. Cookie tracking and cookie inventory forms are available in the Cookie Resource section of the Guides-Québec website.

There are several elements to keep in mind:

- Cookies you buy from your supporting council
- Cookies you sell



Cookies given away or used in the unit

The cookies you buy from your support council are straightforward. This is the amount of cookies you have ordered from Province (if you are a district), and an invoice will be sent to the Treasurer and DCs. The total amount of this invoice should be recorded in the Fall or Spring Cookies columns in the expense section of the spreadsheet if no cookies have been used or given away.

Similarly, proceeds from the cookies you sell are recorded in the Fall or Spring Cookies columns in the revenue section of the spreadsheet.

Cookies given away or used in the unit/district are more complicated because you have bought these cookies, but have no proceeds for them. In order to balance overall, a cost must be associated with them and recorded in the spreadsheet:

- When 1 box of cookies is eaten at camp, these should be recorded in the Camp column in the expense section.
- Since the cases are currently bought for \$48.45, each box used or given away costs \$4.04 (\$48.45/12 boxes)

If a box is given as a "thank you" for a guest, or a gift it should be in the appropriate column.

When paying the supporting council for the cases you bought (see earlier paragraph) you would split out the total between cookies sold and cookies used:

Date	Description	#	Note	Bank Deposits	Bank Cheques	Running Balance	Outstanding	In Book	X	Total Expenses	Total Revenues	Spring Cookies	Fall Cookies	Camp Before Taxes
Dec 31, 2015	Balance Forward													
Oct 1, 2016	QC Council for cookies	1	OK		484.50	-484.50	-484.50			484.50			476.43	8.08
	10 Cases: 9 cases + 10 boxes sold, 2 boxes eaten at camp		OK			-484.50								

If you have ordered Special Order Cookies, the cost is \$39.99. These are only available if fundraising and other forms have been approved. Should the trip be cancelled, the cookies revert to regular cookies at the prices listed above.

Keep in mind that we are not to run other fundraisers for one month after we receive the cookies, (mid-March to mid-April), unless you have special permission. This is to take advantage of our large scale advertising and to allow the girls to concentrate on the best fundraising opportunity we have!

Mid Year Reviews

They are coming up soon, so get your books in order early to avoid having to rush at the end of next month!

If you have any questions about accounting for cookies or taxes or anything else about Guiding finances, please e-mail me at finances-support@guidesquebec.ca



Laval-Mille-Ile and Northern Lights Districts held Dad and me nights.

The 82nd Montreal Guiding Unit invited a guest to teach them Irish dancing for Saint-Patrick's Day (read about it on the [blog](#)).

Riverdale and Monklands units went to winter camp.

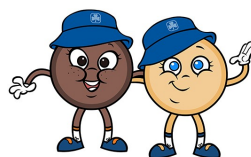
Northern Lights Pathfinders baked for Meals on Wheels.

Laval-Mille-Iles held a Pinky Pearly night in support of a local women's shelter.

Northern Lights Sparks learned about the water cycle through the *In My Community* keeper.

Laval-Mille-Iles girls participated in a citizenship ceremony where they welcomed 30 new immigrants!

April 23	Deadline for AGM tickets
May 4	Annual General Meeting - All members are welcome
May 5-7	Camp Opening Weekend - Volunteers needed!
May 12-14	First available weekend for camping at Wa-Thik-Ane
June 1	Deadline to apply for a GGC-QC Scholarship
June 8	DC/Adviser Meeting
July 7-30	Wonderful Weeks at Wa-Thik-Ane (WWTA)
September 16-17	Le Gros Dodo
September 30	Fall Fun Day at Wa-Thik-Ane



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