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Message from your Deputy PC

Carol Kelly, Deputy Provincial Commissioner | dpc.cpa@guidesquebec.ca



In just a few short weeks vacations will be ending, routines will start, everyone will be back to work, the kids will be back in school and we will be gearing up for the 2017/18 Guiding year. It is going to be an exciting one!

We have a few events that will start our season off with a bang! First up is the Gros Dodo in mid-September, a Saturday night sleepover for Guides, Pathfinders, Rangers and Guiders at Percival-Molson Stadium, followed by an Alouettes football game the next day for all branches, family and friends.

Then, at the end of September, is one of my favourite events! It's our annual Fall Fun Day, which is sure to be as much fun, if not more, as the past years have been!

RoseAnna and I are looking forward to bringing our team together and to working toward our common goals. We are also extremely confident that our term as PC and DPC will be filled with growing friendships and lots of memorable moments!

We hope you enjoy the last few weeks of summer and we wish you all a great start up!



Fall Fun Day Registration



Joanne Cardinal, Camping Adviser | camping@guidesquebec.ca

What?

A fun day at our provincial camp in Morin Heights with games, outdoor cooking, camp skills and camp songs.

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, September 30, 2017

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

Who?

Guiders of all branches and their girls

Each Guider may bring a full patrol (based on branch-specific ratio). One Guider per **full** patrol travels free.

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 (\$15 discount for one Guider per full patrol)

Register

The SG.1, SG.2 and a handout for families (in English and French) are available on the [Québec website](#).

Complete the [PATROL REGISTRATION FORM](#) after reading the information included on the first page

NEW **Strict deadline for registration Sunday, September 24 at noon.**



Any participant who participates in both the Gros Dodo SLEEPOVER and Fall Fun Day will get a \$10 discount (see reg. form)



The planning team is looking for volunteers!

If you are interested in helping our fantastic planning committee, please contact Joanne Cardinal, the Provincial Camping Adviser at: camping@guidesquebec.ca.

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

Cookies are coming!

Cookie Adviser | cookies.biscuits@guidesquebec.ca



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

Cookie Days will be held on **Saturday, October 14th** and **Sunday, October 15th**. 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).



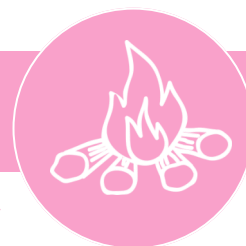
Did you know that there are Cookie resources available in [Member Zone](#)? Here are a few:

- ☐ Cookie brochure (English and French)—hand it out to parents/guardians to tell them about the program
- ☐ Cookie Selling Event Toolkit—ideas, suggestions
- ☐ “Sorry I missed you” cards

There are also cookies Meetings-in-a-Box for Sparks to Pathfinders on our provincial website! Why not use them to integrate the Cookies Rising programming into your plan for the fall?

Property Committee News

Ellen Gauthier, Property Committee Chair | lacbouchette@guidesquebec.ca



Camp Clean-Up Day

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 1 from 9am to 4pm**.

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 Fall Fun Day 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 lacbouchette@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 1 – 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 2 and 6.

Training News

Heather Martin, Training Adviser | training.formation@guidesquebec.ca



WHEN? WHERE? WHO? WHAT?

***Please complete the training request [form](#) so we can plan to meet your needs

(*Tentative dates)

New Guider Training (minimum 5 Guiders required or alternate arrangements will be made)

Being a Unit Guider & About the Branch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn the basics needed to be a Unit Guider - includes overview of general Guiding information and level specific activities and resources 	Saturday* Sept 9 8:30-4:30 --OR-- Sunday* Sept 24 8:30-4:30	To be determined based on need and availability*** TRAINING - 4.25 hours 1 evening/2 evenings/1/2 day
Safe Guide <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about GGC's risk management program (Safe Guide) and how it applies to activities with your unit. (MANDATORY within your first 6 months) 		To be determined based on need and availability*** TRAINING - 3 hours 1 evening/1/2 day

Transition Training (minimum 5 Guiders required or alternate arrangements will be made)

Moving into Brownies <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Learn about the unique needs of the Brownie age girl and how to adapt from what you know.</i>	Saturday* Sept 9 1:00-4:00 pm	To be determined based on Interest, need and availability*** <i>TRAINING - 3 hours 1 evening/1/2 day</i>
Becoming a Guide leader <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Learn about enabling Guide aged girls and how to build skills and independence.</i>	Sunday* Sept 24 1:00-4:00pm	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Into Sparks, Pathfinders, or Rangers?From Guider to Commissioner	<i>As there are fewer Guiders switching into these branches, please complete the request form so we can best meet your needs!</i>	

Outdoor Activity Leadership Training (minimum 10 Guiders required)

OAL - Getting Outside <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to getting your unit outside more often, including day camps and fieldtrips 	Friday* TBC 7-9:30 pm	Overnight option available between sessions Including Snacks & breakfast Come "Share in the Sisterhood" (Location & Price to be confirmed)
OAL - Residential Camping (\$15) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview and basics required to Lead, Plan, and implement a basic camping experience in a residential setting. 	Saturday* TBC 9:00am-4:00pm (includes lunch)	

Training for trainers and experienced Guiders

Train the Trainer and Friends <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A overnight session to help build training and facilitating skills for Trainers and other experienced Guiders working with adults and Rangers. 	From Saturday* to Sunday TBC	Includes Overnight stay, Supper, Breakfast, and Lunch (price TBC) (most likely the same location as OAL)
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Mental Health First Aid

Certification Course: 15 hours - TBC late Oct-Nov 2017
 Approximately - \$150-\$200 per person Not subsidized by province
 Min: 12 participants -- Non-Guiding friends who work with youth welcome
 Please confirm INTEREST on the Training Request Form

Other Requests

***Please complete the training request form ([PDF](#) or [online](#))
 so we can plan to meet your needs and send it to
training.formation@guidesquebec.ca.
 Watch your email and future Piccolos for more dates and details!



Upcoming Travel Opportunities

Nationally sponsored travel opportunities for 2018 are now posted on the [GGC website](#). Applications open September 5 and close early in the fall so don't delay in sharing them with the Pathfinders and Rangers you know. Why not even apply for one yourself as an adult member?



Sydney Jamboree

Australia

Journey Through London

Pax Lodge, England

Swiss Challenge 8

Our Chalet, Switzerland

Sea Adventure

Our Cabaña, Mexico



Recent Travel: SOAR

Two patrols from Québec, one independent and one provincial, travelled to Smithers, BC to attend SOAR this summer. Read about their adventures on the [blog](#)!



Spotlight on PR

Andrea Munster, PR Adviser | pr.rp@guidesquebec.ca



Guiders – Are you looking to touch base with the girls from your unit in a super fun way? We've got a neat idea for you. Use this template (English or French) for a **POSTCARD** to send to the girls.

All you have to do is fill in their name and address (using your roster from last year), include a picture of girls having fun from your unit or district, write a short note to the girl and include a stamp. Whether you want to **welcome** them back, welcome them to their new unit, advise them of your unit's start date or **remind** them to register this postcard will come in handy.

Besides, who doesn't love receiving mail? And when it's a special note from your Guider – even better! The girls will love it.



Note The postcards are customizable and print 4 on a page, double-sided. A non-customisable PDF version is available [here](#) so you can see what it looks like. Email communications@guidesquebec.ca for the Publisher (.pub) template.



Physical postcards are also available at the office.

From the Office

admin@guidesquebec.ca; imis@guidesquebec.ca



Disappearing Rosters

Your 2016-2017 rosters will be disappearing on **August 31**.
Don't forget to download them from [Member Zone](#) and save them so you can contact any girls who don't reregister for this Guiding year!

From the iMIS Desk

Please make sure that you're using the current A1 (Sept 2016) and A7 (Feb 2017) when screening mbrs and non-mbrs.

Please include iMIS #s whenever you email the office. It speeds up data entry and ensures accuracy!

New Piccolo Format

As you may have noticed, the Piccolo format has changed. Do you have any thoughts about it you'd like to share?

Use [this](#) anonymous survey to share your feedback!

Program News



Sharon King, Program Adviser; Emily Lilies, Deputy program Adviser | programme@guidesquebec.ca



NEW Space Week Instant Meeting

Planning for next year? **World Space Week is October 4-10th**. There is a new **SPACE WEEK instant meeting** to challenge girls to look beyond our atmosphere and discover the wonders of space exploration! Girls love STEM activities and this is an easy way to incorporate them. Look for our other space themed instant meetings and challenges here:

[Space Exploration](#)
[Astronomy](#)
[QC Tech and Nature](#)

This program helps support core programming and can be used to support you in earning the following badges:

- Sparks – Exploring & Experimenting Keeper, Going Outside
- Brownies – Key to STEM #2, 6
- Guides – Beyond You: Try New Things #4, Astronomy Interest Badge
- Pathfinders – Exploring a Theme: Everything Comes from STEM
- Rangers – Community Connections: Promoting Your Guiding Community; Environment, Camping and Outdoors #18: Engineering and the Outdoors



3,2,1 Blast Off! – Share your favourite space themed activities with us and others around the world using **#WSW2017** and don't forget to tag us: **#ggcq** **@guidesquebec** **@girlguidesofcanada**

Fall Camping

Ellen Gauthier, Property Committee Chair | lacbouchette@guidesquebec.ca

Looking to book a weekend for a last minute fall camp at Wa-Thik-Ane? We've got lots of availabilities aside from the September 15-17 weekend!

Contact info@guidesquebec.ca to find out what sites are free!

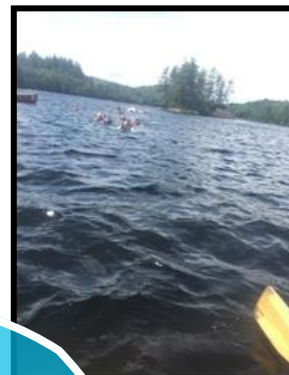
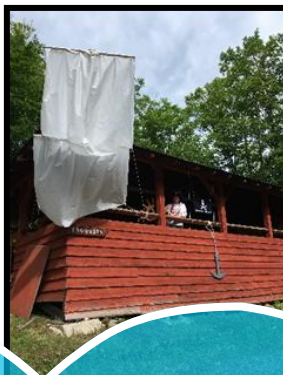


WWTA Recap

Joanne Cardinal, Camping Adviser | wwwta@guidesquebec.ca



Another summer camp season has passed, leaving a new trail of memories...



Thank you to all of you who supported and made it possible to create the wonderful memories and friendships that will be there forever. Without you, the hills and roads of Wa-Thik-Ane would not have come alive with the voices of songs, laughter and girls growing into our future leaders.



Safe Guide News

Pam Godfrey, Safe Guide Adviser | safeguide@guidesquebec.ca



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

You all should have received [The Guidepost](#) in your inbox on August 3. It contained the explanations of changes for Safe Guide as well as a link to the newest version.

Most things are unchanged. However, you should read it over. Here are a few notes:

- There is a [new H.1](#) (health form) for girls. Please make sure you are using the correct version this year.
- If you are planning a trip within Canada under 72 hours, the travel preauthorization form (SG.8) is no longer required
- All other forms are unchanged, so you can continue using the same version of forms
- The travel ban to the United States is still in effect.

As of September 2017 all activities must be planned based on the July 2017 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.

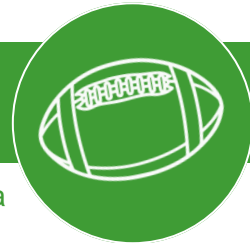
Safe Guide training is required of all new members within six months of joining Girl Guides.

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 for assessment at least 14 days in advance.

Le Gros Dodo Update

Le Gros Dodo Planning Team | legrosdodo@guidesquebec.ca



Please remember to read the [eblast](#) that was sent out in early July, get answers from your girls and return the patrol information sheet

You can expect an eblast with further information to come at the end of the summer.

Local Stories

Lizzie Knowles, Communications and PR Coord. | communications@guidesquebec.ca



Summer Guiding

Monklands District decided to try out summer Guiding this year. All Guides in the district were invited to weekly activities around the city. There wasn't one set meeting location, but instead they went to:

- Local parks (for a messy science night, to leave positive chalk messages, play cooperative games and watch *Shakespeare in the Park*)
- The Jazz Festival
- Montréal Complètement Cirque
- Mount-Royal

Girls could choose to register for the entire summer or for one meeting at a time to work around other family plans.

Still to come: Camp skills and biking/rollerblading!



Trip to Tadoussac

The 1st Valois-Dorval Pathfinders travelled to Tadoussac.

They went whale-watching, visited the Marine Interpretation Centre, cooked, hiked and saw lots of fun sights!

Read more about their adventure on the [blog](#)!



Pop-up Meeting

Riverdale district continued the tradition they began last year and held a pop-up meeting for Brownies in a local park.

What a great group, I'm so excited to start the year. We had so much fun, we didn't even notice it started raining part way through our meeting! We learned each other's name, tossed around some water balloons and shared what we hope we will be doing in brownies next year!

Members are always encouraged to submit photos and stories from your Guiding adventures! Please email photos along with a short description to communications@guidesquebec.ca.

Upcoming Events

August 30	Toasted Marshmallow Day
September 4	Labour Day (provincial office closed)
September 5	Applications open for nationally sponsored trips
September 9	Training Day
September 15	International Day of Democracy
September 16-17	Le Gros Dodo
September 24	Training Day
September 24 at NOON	Deadline to register for Fall Fun Day
September 25-30	Cookies Arrive
September 30	Fall Fun Day
October 1	Camp Clean-Up Day
October 4-10	World Space Week
October 9	Thanksgiving (provincial office closed)
October 11	International Day of the Girl
October 14	DC/Adviser/Council Day
October 14-15	Cookie Days in Canada
October 22	World Singing Day

Due to the many fall activities this year, please note that there are no plans for a provincially organized Impact soccer event.