



The Magic of Winter Camp

Harry Potter Camp of Witchcraft and Wizardry (Otherwise known as Snow Trails) Wrap Up



Another Session at Hogwarts Camp of Witchcraft and Wizardry has come to an end and what a session it has been!

We were fortunate to have the perfect weather for our classes which included:

- Herbology (Snow shoeing in the woods)
- Potions (volcano making in the snow)
- Care of Magical Creatures (a creature Scavenger Hunt)



We were also excited to hold the Yule ball at our camp this year; a party and celebration of all things magical!

Among many other classes and activities (Sledding, quinzee building, star gazing, etc.) the students had a fabulous time (and the teachers too of course!) We hope all the students took home as many skills and memories as we did!



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HIGHLIGHTS

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- [Register for Sparks in Space!](#)
- [Learn about our new PC - Elect!](#)
- [Design a Guiding crest!](#)

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Volunteer Opportunities

Since 3-year terms became the rule across almost all appointed positions in GGC, the chance to become involved in the activities and processes that make Guiding prosper will be more accessible to even more members than before. Our ongoing learning and sharing activities, through training, program events, social networking and Symposium, have made it possible for more members to have a greater appreciation of how Guiding brings its empowerment to girls and women, and how we truly do take action for a better world.

Nominations are now open for several positions, both on Provincial Council and in Adviser roles in service of our organization and our members of all ages. Please consider how you, or how some of those amazing women you know, might be able to do great things for all of us. You can apply for yourself, or encourage a great candidate to apply – or be the one to nominate her!

Nominations are now open, and applications or nominations will be accepted through March 30.

For more information, contact nominations@guidesquebec.ca, or speak with a local commissioner, or perhaps a woman currently holding the [position](#) to learn more about it.

Québec Council openings for May 2017

- Deputy Provincial Commissioner(s)
- Elected Member – Youth Chair
- Elected Member - at large

Québec Adviser openings for May 2017

- Cookie Adviser
- International Adviser
- Program Adviser
- Safe Guide Adviser
- Training Adviser



Formal [position descriptions](#) are available through links on the QC website – these descriptions are the same across the country, though the implications of size, needs and priorities are distinctly ours within Québec. Applications are on the same page.

Nominations can be made by email to nominations@guidesquebec.ca



Valerie Zaloum, Provincial Commissioner | pc.cp@guidesquebec.ca

Welcome RoseAnna Cirino, Our new PC Elect!

I have been active in Guiding since I became a Girl Guide at the age of 9 in Fabreville, Laval. I was the only Italian girl in the whole district, as Guiding was not an Italian thing to do. At the age of 18, I took on the role of Brown Owl in Ste. Rose District, to later become the Division Commission of Laval, and then Area Commissioner of Chalet Area — while still unit Guider for the Brownie and Pathfinder units in Fabreville.

At the time, as AC, I had married and had three children under the age of four, and moved to Rosèmere. Here, I opened a Spark unit for my daughter and her preschool friends and was a Cadet Guider. I later became DC on and off until today, but have always continued to be a Pathfinder Guider.

I am a passionista of Guiding, camping, friendships, and travelling.

In my community of Rosèmere, I am the go-to person. Need something done? Ask RoseAnna! (President of coop pre-school, Beaver Leader, soccer coach, school committee, tennis director, event planner for the soccer association, and GGC).

I thrive when helping in my community and getting involved in everything the kids do, and I never miss a game or event — I'm the biggest cheerleader on the planet!

I have adopted so many sisters in Guiding over the years. Some have taught me a new song, a skill, or a new way of doing something. And I, in turn, have paid it forward to many girls and my fellow Guiding sisters over the last 43 years. My goal is to empower today's girls to strive for and reach Girl Greatness, and to give them the tools to stand tall and confident in their everyday lives and challenges.

I have camped annually with Guiding at Lac Adair, Wa-Thik-Ane and many other provincial sites. I have travelled with girls to Saskatchewan to *Discovery* and to Our Cabaña in Mexico.



My strength: Recruitment and administration

My weakness: Not always patient

My passion: Volunteering

My hope: That we can work together to make us even greater!

My pet peeve: Unanswered emails

My belief: That the best gift a parent can give her daughter is Guiding

My dream: That every girl in Québec becomes a Girl Member

Congratulations to **Sophie McCafferty** from the St. Lazare Trex who was chosen as first ever representative from Québec on the **National Youth Council!**



What does Wa-Thik-Ane Summer Camp have to offer?

Hiking • Swimming • Canoeing • Rowboats • Games • Challenges
 Friendships new and old • Terrific dining • Cooking lessons
 Sleeping in tents or under the Stars • Nature

...all wrapped up in the serene and quiet beauty of acres of wooded land and beautiful waterfront.

Registration is now open on the GGC Quebec Website. Just follow the link to [our newsletter](#) that has all the information about what is happening this year and the links to register!

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!



New this year: Wonderful Week at Wa-thik-Ane for Guide Units

Would you like to have a week-long camping experience with your Guides, but either do not have enough interested girls or available Guiders? Problem solved!

The week of July 2-8 is reserved for Guide Units to come to camp. You can have as few as 1 girl and 1 Guider or as many as you like. All program and meals will be provided, as well as waterfront.

Here is a flyer to distribute to your girls ([FR|EN](#)). We've left it in Word format so that you can add any additional information you'd like. [Here](#) is a document with some more information for you as an interested Guider. Deadline to register: March 31.

Questions or for further information:

Please contact Pam Godfrey at dpc.cpa-pamg@guidesquebec.ca.



WWWTA - July 2017						
Dimanche/Sunday	Lundi/Monday	Mardi/Tuesday	Mercredi/Wednesday	Jeudi/Thursday	Vendredi/Friday	Samedi/Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
					Wee Camp 1	
Wonderful Week for Guide Units						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Brownie Camp Week 1						
Guide Camp Week 1						
Pathfinder Camp Week 1						
Ranger Camp Week 1						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Brownie Camp Week 2						
Guide Camp Week 2						
Pathfinder Camp Week 2						
Ranger Camp Week 1						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
				Wee Camp 2		
3 day Spark/Brownie camp						
Adventure Camp						
Guide Camp Week 3						
30	31	1	2	3	4	5



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

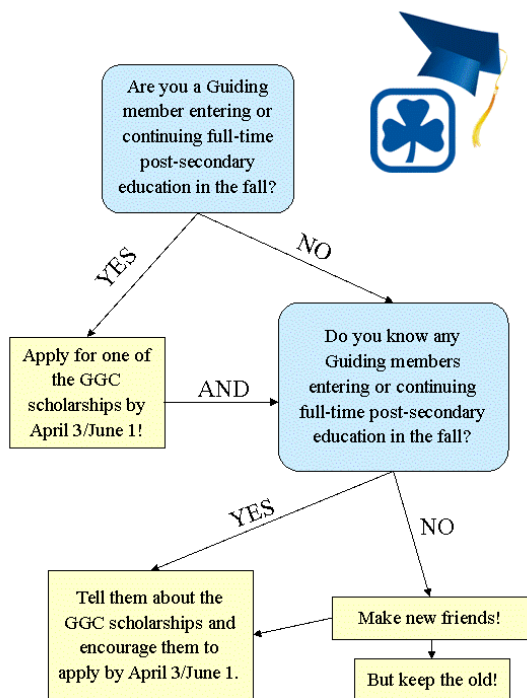
Still haven't booked your unit or district spring camp?
No need to panic, there are still some sites left at Wa-Thik-Ane!

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
June 2-4	X		X	X	X	X	X	
June 9-11	X	X	X	X		X		
June 16-18	X	X	X	X			X	
June 23-25		X	X			X		

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

Property Committee | labouchette@guidesquebec.ca

Guiding Scholarships



Both National and our provincial council offer scholarships to current members in Guiding pursuing post-secondary education. Read all about them and find out how to apply!

National

[Information and application](#)

Question? scholarship@girlguides.ca

Deadline: April 3, 11:59 pm EST

Provincial

[Information and application](#)

Questions? dir-operations@guidesquebec.ca

Deadline: June 1

Applications can be filled out in French or English.
Remember: you'll never be chosen if you don't apply!

Challenge of the Month: [Expelliarmus Challenge](#) from the UK

Accio witches! Gather your girls and take a journey like no other: the Expelliarmus Challenge developed by a UK Guider.

Become a Hogwarts student. Travel to Hogwarts; have the sorting ceremony; attend classes such as Defense Against the Dark Arts, Transfiguration, Care of Magical Creatures, Potions, and more!

Perfect for a magical camp weekend or a year long challenge, like a real year at Hogwarts. With an abundance of different activities, your girls will surely find something to love.



Recent Challenges of the Month:

September: BC's [Rainbow Revelry Challenge](#)

October: [Cross Canada Challenge](#)

November: BC's [CSI Challenge](#)

December: Alberta's [Exploring Canada Challenge](#)

January: Nova Scotia's [Camp Challenge](#)



What's coming up?

- Wednesday February 22nd - [WAGGGS Thinking Day Activities](#)
- March 2017 - [Engineering Month](#)
- 2017 - [Canada's 150th Birthday](#)
- Montreal turns 375! (A perfect time to discover the wonders of Quebec with the [Québec, c'est la fête](#) challenge)

Outside of Guiding

Canada Day Challenge



Know a girl aged 8-18 who loves Canada? Encourage her to participate in the Canada Day Challenge! Draw it! Snap it! Write it! How do you view Canada?

From the Government of Canada website:

"We are looking for entries that celebrate Canada's culture and identity, illustrate young Canadians' vision of the future, and reflects their exploration and participation in their community."

The Challenge closes March 31, 2017. Participants require parental or guardian permission before entering. The top entry from each category will win a trip to Ottawa to participate in the 2017 Canada Day celebrations.

Find more information [here](#).

Save the Date: A Theatrical Day with **Geordie Productions** theatre for all audiences

You are invited to an exclusive Guiding performance of Geordie Productions' *Water Weight*

Synopsis: "On a hot summer day, when they wanna stay cool... all the kids go on down to the towns swimming pool! A grade seven girl with a chubby little puppy, and a grade eight boy with a feisty feline friend, throw insults at a pool and spin out into a whirlwind of adventure. The magical swimming pool comes to life to make both their deepest wishes rise to the surface; as the boy starts to grow and the girl starts to shrink, everything begins to flow out of control! A show for children that plays with size while looking at issues with self-image; reminding us all that every water drop is a little bit different."

What: A performance exclusively for Guiding members, including a Q&A with the performers and a short tour of the historic building.

Where: Monument National Theatre, 1182 Boul. St-Laurent, Montréal, QC H2X 2S5

When: March 25. The activities will run from 1-3, arrival 12:30 pm.

Who: Spark, Brownie and Guide Patrols with Guiders covering ratio (a minimum of two Guiders is not necessary as there will be other patrols there). This is not a family event.

Cost: Free for at least two Guiders as per yellow ratio and \$12.50 per girl and additional Guiders (includes an event crest). (NB. Depending on how you coordinate your day, yellow ratio may not be necessary for your group)

[Flyer](#) for families available here (prints 3 per page).

Register your patrols [here](#) by **March 3**. Spots are very limited so register early to avoid disappointment!



Guest Speaker Spotlight: Riverdale Reaches for the Stars!



Riverdale welcomed members of the Astronomy clubs The Lunatics and the Laval Astronomy Club. We gazed through telescopes at the moon, a double star, constellations, and even a few planets!! The girls were amazed to learn that Canadian Astronaut Roberta Bondar was a Girl Guide and even took Girl Guide Cookies to Space!

We would love to see other units highlight visits for great programme, please send in your meeting ideas & pics to program & maybe your unit will be highlighted in the next Piccolo!



Recent Spotlights

May: Skateboarding workshop

June: Fauna Foundation

September: Olga Gross, professional freelance harpist

October: Montreal Police Services

November: Karate Sportif

December: Local florist

Sparks in Space — Registration Now Open!



What: A provincial event where girls from across the province will gather to learn about space science and make new friends.

Who: Sparks in patrols with their Guider(s)

When: April 1 from 9:00-4:30

Where: ~~SPACE!~~ Summerlea United Church (225 50e Ave. Lachine, QC, H8T 2T7)

Cost: \$10 for girls, free for Guiders

Registration: Done online [here](#). **Deadline** March 17.

SG forms: Available [here](#).



St. Patrick's Day Parade — March 19, 2017

This has always been a popular event for Girl Guides and once again we will have a group walking in the parade this year. It is a great opportunity to show off our flags and be seen with our green. We are permitted a maximum of 100 participants, if you would like to walk in the parade with your unit, please register with us so that we can keep track of the number of participants. Parents and siblings are welcome but no pets. Wagons are useful for Sparks as it is a long route. So polish the brass on your flags, unfurl your banners, and show off your Irish green pompoms - everyone loves a parade! A St. Patrick crest will be available for a cost of \$2. The money will be collected at the parade where the crests will be distributed. Those registered will get more info about where and when the line-up is on parade day.

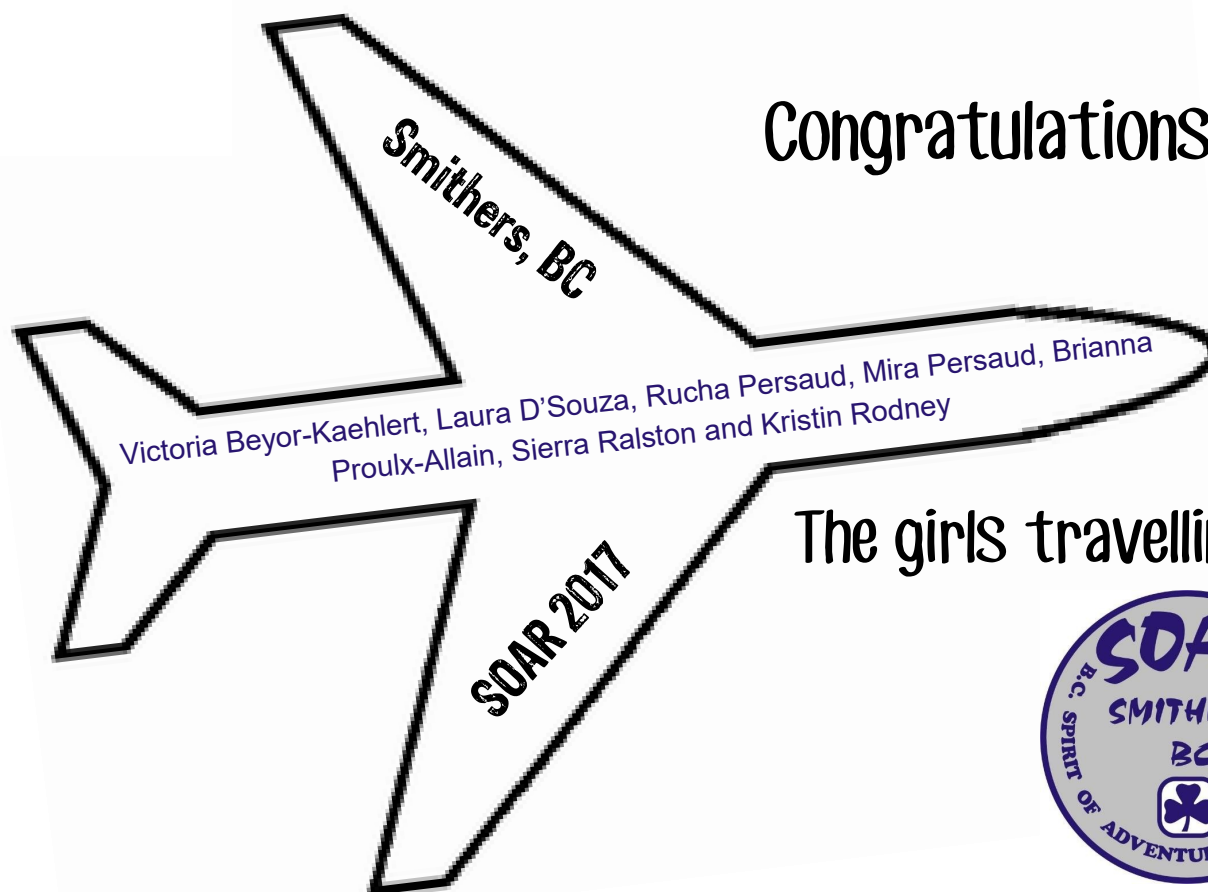


To register, please send the information requested below to Angela Whelton-Quinn at awheltonquinn@gmail.com by March 3, 2017:

- Unit name
- Name of Contact Guider
- Phone number
- Email
- number of participants
- number of crests @ \$2.

Charyl Hyndman, Program Adviser; Emily Lillies, Deputy Program Adviser | programme@guidesquebec.ca

Congratulations to...



The girls travelling to



Thinking ahead...

While the destinations for the 2018 Nationally Sponsored trips won't be known until the summer, there is no time like Thinking Day and the wrap up months of the Guiding year to excite the imaginations of Rangers and Pathfinders with the opportunities for travel in GGC!

Applications are due mid-October, leaving very little time to get the girls on board at back-to-school/back-to Guiding season BUT you can promote the idea of travel NOW!

HOW?

- Invite girls or Guiders who have travelled on sponsored trips to a meeting
- Have girls do a bit of brain mapping to explore their talents that they can share on a travel (or a job) application
- Test drive the application process with your Unit
- Share or have girls research all the great info on line about World Center opportunities

They will be prepared to check out those travel ops just as soon as they are published in July...and oh, the places they might go!! (with a little encouragement from the women in their lives)

For questions or hints, or to hook up with past travellers - contact international@guidesquebec.ca

International Adviser | international@guidesquebec.ca

Design-a-Crest Contest

Guiders are you looking for a fun filler at your meetings this month? The Design a Crest contest is open. We are accepting designs by ALL members. The selected design will become the membership crest that all members in QC receive next year. How cool! Since this year is Canada's 150th anniversary, we're looking for a crest with that theme.



Why not use this as an opener or closer for your meeting? Tip: print out this [handout](#) and encourage your girls to create a design during your meeting. To get their creative juices flowing prompt them with some ideas for the design - What's your favorite thing about Canada? What do you love about Girl Guides? What does being a Canadian Girl Guide mean to you? When they're done, scan or snap a pic of the designs with the girls' names on them and send them to communications@guidesquebec.ca by March 30.

Sara Ogilvie, Member Services Coordinator | mbr.services@guidesquebec.ca

Training News

Leadership and Learning are indispensable to each other.

John F Kennedy

Congratulations to all of our members who attended the many personal development sessions offered this year at Symposium! Your learning opportunities translate directly into great programming for our girls!

If you are interested in a training in your District contact: training.formation@guidesquebec.ca

Joanne Milette, Training Adviser | training.formation@guidesquebec.ca

Cookie News

Spring Cookies will be arriving in March, it's never too early to start planning your cookie events with the girls. Remember to put them on the cookie map too! If you're looking for activities to do there are lots of resources on the internet! Check out our [provincial website](#), [Member Zone](#) and our [Pinterest board](#).

Cookie all stars

Cookie all-stars site will open in February please don't leave it to the last minute to enter the girls information. Once you have entered the information National has asked if you can you go back and check in a few days as there have been problems in the past with information not being stored. Remember: It is only Contact Guiders who can enter the information for Cookie All Stars.



Helena Green, Cookie Adviser; Kelly Vandzura, Deputy Cookie Adviser | cookie.biscuit@guidesquebec.ca



There is only one email address where you should send Safe Guide assessments and questions:
sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca



CONGRATULATIONS !!! to all Guiders who have completed **SAFE GUIDE TRAINING** at the DC Day and the Symposium 2017.

REMINDER

Many Spring camp or spring activities are in the planning right now.

- Give new or different guiders the opportunity to do the paperwork so they get a new experience.
- For a **YELLOW ACTIVITY** send SG.1, SG.2, SG.3, SG.4 and SG.5/7 if applicable to sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca **14 days** in advance to be assessed.
- Pay special attention to the SG.4. Use Appendix H to help you and add **your own situation**. Your assessor will provide you with the Provincial emergency contact for GGC.
- Make sure First Aid qualifications, PRCs and A.7s are recorded in iMIS.
- If the Assessor requires more information, please provide them with it ASAP to help ensure your activity is reviewed promptly.
- Guiders, please pay special attention to the H.1 (medical form) of your girls when planning an activity. Make sure that it is filled properly especially allergies section. Also the name of the person picking up the girl after an activity should be written down **on the back of the H.1**.
- If in doubt, ask or consult the Safe Guide document



Louise Triggs, Safe Guide Adviser | sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca

Treasurers' Trove

Updates

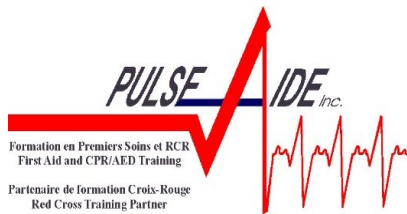
The Québec Financial Package for 2017 has been posted on the website, ready for download. There are many other documents available for you to consult to make your job easier.

Unit Annual Financial Reviews

Copies of Unit Annual Financial Reports and completed related Financial Review Checklists are due to the office as soon as possible.

District books were due to the office by Jan 31. If you haven't sent them yet, please do so ASAP. Remember to forward Tax Rebate Requests for Operating Costs with the original receipts also. These should be totaled for the District, as the office will only issue one cheque per District. The office will not write cheques for under \$20, so please wait until next time if your total for the District is less. Operating cost rebates can be requested on receipts up to four years old.

Claire Morier, District Treasurer Support Specialist | finances-support@guidesquebec.ca



Red Cross First Aid Courses

from Pulse Aide Inc.

Tailored to the needs of GGC

as per Safe Guide July 2016



Complete details of First Aid Requirements for Safe Guide Activity Levels are found in the Safe Guide document, **July 2016 update**, found on the Girl Guides of Canada national website. Please note that online e-learning courses are not acceptable. Also, in Quebec, blended learning courses (online courses with an in-person hands-on learning component) are not available from the Red Cross as there is no French counterpart to this national program.

Pages of interest in [Safe Guide 2016](#) relating to First Aid include, but are not limited to, pg 9-13 & 30-33.

N.B. All Guider First Aid Qualifications must be entered into iMIS before sending your event paperwork to Safe Guide for assessment (sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca).

Course Schedules

Course schedules are created to meet participants' needs, so please contact pulseaideinc@gmail.com to let us know if you or your District are looking for a First Aid Course this Guiding year. Every effort will be made to try to schedule a course at the location and time that is best for you and/or your District.

EFA - Emergency (8 hour) and SFA - Standard (16 hour) First Aid Certification Courses

- These courses include the current Red Cross Manual and a Red Cross Certification valid for three years
- Both these courses include Level "C" CPR and AED.
- These courses are usually given the same weekend, with Emergency First Aid on the Saturday and Standard First Aid both Saturday and Sunday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. both days.

EFA - Emergency or SFA - Standard (8 hour) First Aid RECERTIFICATION Course

***PRE-REQUISITE:**

- * **All Participants must have** a CURRENT (not expired) Red Cross Certification at the time of the course
- * **All Participants must bring** their own First Aid and CPR Manual, 2011 edition, to the course
- * **All Participants must review** the content in the manual BEFORE coming to the course
- This course includes recertification of your existing certification (EFA or SFA) for three years
- This course is given on either a Saturday or a Sunday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

UPCOMING COURSES IN 2017 – dates and locations confirmed:

EFA or SFA First Aid Recertification (8 hours) Sun. Feb. 12th, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. **\$90 Lachine**

*NOTE PRE-REQUISITE ABOVE

Emergency First Aid (8 hours) Saturday, February 25th, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. **\$105 Lachine**

Standard First Aid (16 hours) Sat. & Sun., Feb. 25th & 26th, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. **\$125 Lachine**

EFA or SFA First Aid Recertification (8 hours) Sat. Mar. 18th, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. **\$90 Lachine**

*NOTE PRE-REQUISITE ABOVE

Upon completion, GGC – Quebec Council will reimburse 2/3 of the cost for active Guiders

For details and to register, please email Joan Lax at pulseaideinc@gmail.com.

Joan Lax, Pulse Aide Inc | pulseaideinc@gmail.com



Sparkies Stuffie Health Certificate

Stuffie Patient Name: _____ (Owner's name here)

Next of Kin: _____

Weight: _____ (Owner's name here)

_____ Too Much _____ Too Little _____ Not enough

Ailing Stuffie Symptoms:

_____ Loss of Limb _____ Arm _____ Leg _____ Old Age

_____ Shuffling/Hesitation _____ Weakness of Seams _____ Colour Loss

2-3: Hug Stuffie Twice Daily
Bed Rest with Owner _____

Date: _____

Examined By: _____ S.D. (Sparkies Doctor)

2nd Montreal Sparks held a "Stuffie" clinic where a former Spark leader and current medical student conducted a thorough examination of all of the ailing stuffed pals and taught the Sparks about the importance of good health, what happens at a check up and what do to in case of an emergency.

The 36th Montreal Brownies and Riverdale Sparks and Brownies made Valentines for Vets. Way to show the love!



Read about the 2nd Lakeshore Pathfinders' sleepover on the [blog](#)!



Riverdale Guides completed the *Girls Count* challenge and learned about financial literacy.



Secteur Argenteuil Guides and Pathfinders went winter camping at Parc Régional Bois-de-Belle-Rivière



Riverdale District visited Medtronic and participated in numerous exciting STEM activities. Read about their visit on the [blog](#)!



The Riverdale Sparks and Brownies visited the Timberlea Vet clinic and learned all about X-rays, ultrasounds, pet dental care, arthritis and broken bones!



The Quebec Trefoil Guilds continue to volunteer with Hugs for Hope – The Goodman Cancer Research Centre. These handmade full size artic-fleece pillow blankets are donated to cancer patients currently going through treatment. One of the side effects of chemotherapy is being cold even in the warm summer months. These full-size blankets give cancer patients comfort and encouragement.

February 18	Brownie Super Hero Academy Day
February 18-19	2017 Quinzee Sleepout
February 22	World Thinking Day
February 25	Booking site opens for Cookie Days in Canada
March 3	Deadline to register for Geordie Production's Water Weight
March 16-23	Spring Cookie Delivery
March 17	Deadline to register for Sparks in Space
March 25	Water Weight : Geordie Productions exclusive Guiding performance (Sparks, Brownies and Guides)
March 30	Deadline to apply for adviser and provincial council positions
March 31	Deadline to register for WWWTA for Guide Units
April 1	Sparks in Space
April 3, 11:59 pm	Deadline to apply for a GGC scholarship
April 8-9	Cookie Days in Canada
May 4	AGM
May 12-14	First available weekend for camping at Wa-Thik-Ane
June 1	Deadline to apply for a GGC-QC Scholarship
July 2-8	Wonderful Week at Wa-Thik-Ane for Guide Units
July 7-30	Wonderful Weeks at Wa-Thik-Ane (WWWTA)



The nomination period for **Girl Greatness Awards** is open! Looking for a quick, easy and meaningful meeting to run? The [Girl Greatness Award](#) instant meeting is available in both French and English. Wouldn't it be neat for a girl in your unit to be recognized for her confidence, courage, resourcefulness or drive to make a difference in the world?

Feeling confused about the Girl Guide App? Not sure how best to use it? Need some help troubleshooting? Check out Emily's [presentation](#) from Symposium. It's got lots of helpful hints and tips to help you get started with the app or get the most out of it if you're using it already!

