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A Big Year Ahead!

#GetYourRedOn

Come get your **red** on at Symposium and continue the celebrations all year long with your unit!

Some ideas:

- Parks Canada sites are free for the year. Go check one out or camp there with your unit!
- Keep an eye out for themed programming from National.
- Go on an outing around Montreal or all the way to Ottawa!



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HIGHLIGHTS

- [Find out about winter camping opportunities](#)
- [Get new program ideas](#)
- [Register for Brownie Superhero Academy](#)
- [Take your unit to a Guiding exclusive play](#)
- And more...



For Pathfinders, Rangers and Guiders:

Have you heard of [Canada 150 & Me](#)? It's a unique multi-destination youth event and series of regional forums for young people between the ages of 14 and 19, to be held across Canada over a three-month period culminating in Ottawa the week before Canada Day. Applying involves answering the question: "What is Canada's greatest challenge or opportunity facing your generation?" Why not make answering that a part of your programming this year?

They're also looking for adults to judge the applications

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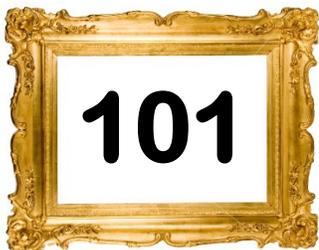
Here we are, on the eve of our best-attended Symposium event ever! This will be my third and last time at the helm (or was that the cockpit?) of this event and it reminds me why 3 years is a good length for a term such as the Provincial Commissioner gig. Over the three years, you can learn so much, you can really focus on bringing your best energy to the role, and you are done before you run out of steam!



The only way that the PC role can be effective is with the support of so many Guiders, in big impact roles, and in small enthusiastic supporting places – and that support, that passion for Guiding, and for making an impact on girls, on each other, and on our communities, makes the flow where all of our energy comes together and moves forward.

Thank you for all your energies! We will SO have a great day Saturday, thanks to the labours of so many people, each in their own specialty. This event comes together with input and comments of attendees past – and this Symposium will be followed by a survey to all participants, to help the team who will build the next event make that one greater and better still.

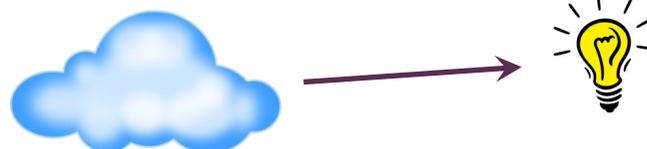
**A Learning Evening! An invitation to Council members, Commissioners....
and anyone who likes this kind of stuff !...or even if you don't!!**



BIG Picture 101 - What with so many recent changes in structure and connectivity nation-wide, who really knows what there is to know about Girl Guides of Canada and how its Big Picture works?! Holding the title of second-best informed member in the province on such matters, **Valerie Z** will be holding a training evening Thursday February 2 at the Provincial Office.

We'll be taking a closer look at that Big Picture, how things work, how information and ideas travel in GGC, how we are managed, governed and led, and how the Girl remains at the root of everything we do!

If your future holds dreams of great things for GGC, come see how to make dreams become reality. RSVP to planning.impact@guidesquebec.ca by January 30.



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

Two winter camping experiences are being offered for older girls in Guiding (and Guiders) this year:



Snow Trails	Quinzee Sleepout
For Pathfinders, Trex and Rangers	For more adventurous campers — 3rd year Pathfinders, Trex, Rangers and Guiders.
February 3-5, 2017, 7pm on Friday to 11 am on Sunday.	February 18-19, 2017, 9 am on Saturday to 11 am on Sunday.
Centre de Plein Air l'Estacade, 64 13e ave., St-Paul-de-l'Île-aux-Noix, J0J 1G0	Farmette in Saint-Lazare, 2189 Dynastie Est, Saint-Lazare, J7T 2C9
Cost: \$95	Cost: \$40 (for girls and Guiders)
This Harry Potter-themed camp is open to girls who love to be outside in the winter and would like to make new friends. They'll have some outdoor fun and challenge themselves to try something new and exciting!	During this overnight, girls and Guiders will build a Quinzee (made by hollowing out a pile of settled snow) and sleep in it.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Registration (EN FR) • Paperwork and parent information (EN FR) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Registration (EN FR) • Paperwork and parent information (EN FR)
Registration deadline: January 16 at 9 am	Registration deadline: February 1 at 9am
	
<p><i>In both cases, girls may register independantly from a unit.</i></p>	

Nova Scotia's Camp Challenge

Need a Guiding resolution for the New Year? Set a goal to complete Nova Scotia's Camp Challenge.

Start 2017 by challenging your girls at camp. Make some ice cream outside, try predicting the weather the week leading up to camp, sleep under the stars, and watch the sun rise.

This is the perfect opportunity for girls to help design their camping experiences. With so many options to choose from, your girls will find something they love, or something they've always wanted to do.

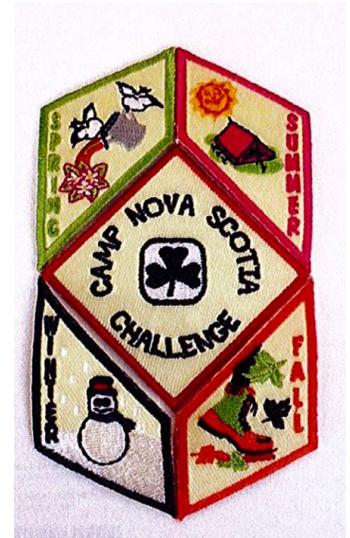
Recent crests of the Month:

September: For Sparks and Brownies — British Columbia's [Rainbow Revelry Challenge](#)

October: [Cross Canada Challenge](#)

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

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



What's coming up?

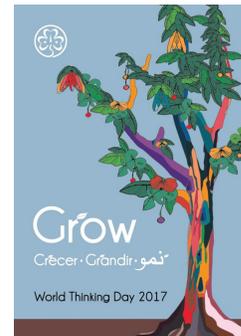
Tuesday January 31st - [Inspire your Heart with Art Day](#)

First week of February - [Eating Disorder Awareness Week](#)

Wednesday February 22nd - [WAGGGS Thinking Day Activities](#)

Canada turns 150 this year! (Programming coming soon)

Montreal turns 375! (A perfect time to discover the wonders of Quebec with the [Québec, c'est la fête](#) challenge)



Outside of Guiding

Know a Ranger, Trex, or Young Women (aged 16-25) who want to make a positive impact in their community? RBC is giving \$150 to young Canadians to make a difference with their #make150count campaign. Through the use of social media, those selected will be able to show how they've made a difference.

From the RBC website:

"Instead of looking back, we're looking forward, to the people who will shape Canada's future. We believe in the potential of young Canadians and want to empower them to act on their passions, hopes and ambitions – for themselves, for their communities and for Canada."

Find more information [here](#)



Brownie Superhero Academy day is back!

When: February 18, from 10 am to 4 pm

Where: Mountainside United Church, 687 Avenue Roslyn, Westmount, QC H3Y 2V1

Who: Patrols of up to 8 Brownies with one or more Guiders

How: Register your patrol online [here](#). SG1 and SG2 [forms](#) are available on the website.

*Registration and payment must both be received in order for your registration to be complete. Register early as this is a capped event that will fill up quickly. **Deadline: February 3***

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, so a scheduled arrival of 12:30 is recommended.

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. (NB. Depending on how you coordinate your day, yellow ratio may not be necessary for your group)

Flyer for families coming soon.

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

Consult Geordie Productions' [schedule of performances](#) if you wish to make it a family or Pathfinder/Ranger event on a different date. Geordie will be selling Girl Guide cookies at all their performances. If you are attending with your unit, find out how you can sell yours by contacting communications@guidesquebec.ca.

La journée m'enchante



La Journée m'enchante is an annual, worldwide event that aims to make a difference in the lives of individuals who may be lonely, ill or aging, through song!

Make a group of your unit or district, and find a place to share your song! A senior's residence, group home, or care facility in your community may be interested in a visit from girls, register your group with the website, and then put together your songbook for the event!

More information available [here!](#)

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Training News

PED Week 2016 Follow-Up

During the week of November 14th, the province, with help from some keen districts, held another successful round of personal development trainings that we lovingly call PED week. **Four sessions** which included: Leading Active Games, Games & Crafts with a Purpose, A Camping we will Go, and Girl Engagement were held in various locals. **56 Guiders** took advantage of these opportunities that were put together by **11 different trainers**. We asked trainers from each session to take a photo of the fun and if the smiling faces are any indication there were happy Guiders across the board. Next year one of these Guiders should be you! A big thank you to everyone who came out to participate and to all of the dedicated trainers for putting this together!



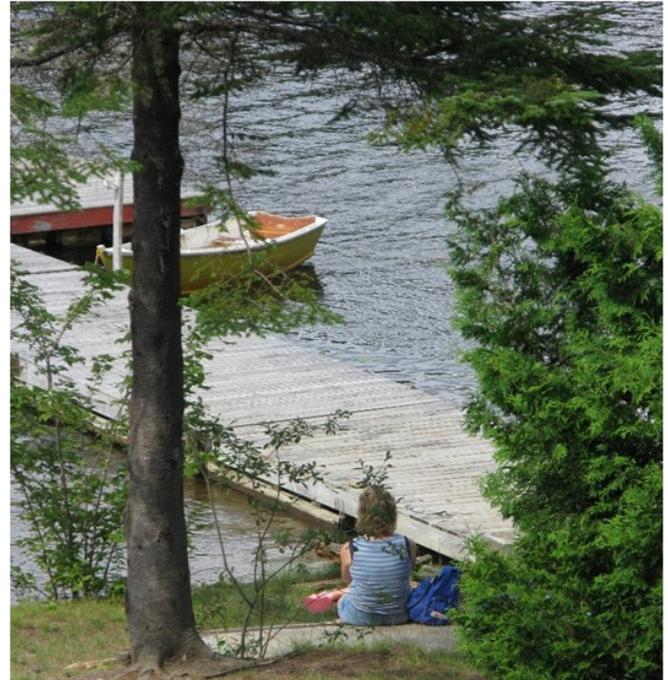
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Wa-Thik-Ane Reservations 2017

The rental procedures for [Camp Wa-Thik-Ane](#) have changed to optimize the reservation process with a positive revenue stream for our Provincial Camp! If you haven't already consulted with parents for best weekends to get their commitment, it's a good idea to do it now. Don't wait!

The first weekend available for reservation is May 12, 2017

- [Reservations for 2017](#) started on January 9, 2017. Only reservations received with a 25% deposit will be considered now and throughout the year.
- All reservation forms must have a 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice indicated.
- Site minimum charges are now in place on certain weekends = 75% of the site capacity charge for nights booked.
- There is a space on the reservation form to offer site sharing. (when you do not have enough people to fit the site capacity)



The reservations will be placed in order of receipt and all Responsible Guiders will be contacted in the following week (Jan 16-Jan 20) to acknowledge receipt of the reservation request and be advised if there is any conflict or contention with the reservation request.

Camp Wa-Thik-Ane Rental Rates for the rental season weekends from May to September are as follows:

Type of Rental	Guiding 1 night only	Guiding 2 nights or more
Site Rental	\$25.00/pp	\$15.00 pp 2 nights or more
Lodge Rental	\$350.00	\$315.00 pn
Pioneer Sites	\$10.00 pp	\$10.00 pp/pn
pn= per night pp= per person		

There will be site minimum charges imposed for certain weekends (May 26-28, June 2-4 and June 9-11) . (Ex: Huron has a capacity of 40 people. If you are booking for 20 people and if this is what you really want, you will have to pay for 75% of the 40 person capacity - not just for 20 people.)

** In these type of cases we are offering a site sharing option when and where applicable.*

All information and reservation forms are updated on the [GGC Québec website](#).

[Job postings](#) are also available on the website.

See [page 12](#) for a list of sites still available!

Now that we are in a new year, it is time to close up the books for 2016 and have them reviewed. This should not be too time consuming if the books have been kept up to date all year.

Make sure you include all supporting documents with your financial books when you give them to your District Treasurer (Units and Trefoil Guilds) or the Provincial Office (Districts) for review. This is the biggest cause for delays in returning the books, especially as we review the District books.

The deadline for submitting your books for review is January 31. This applies to both Unit and District books.

Remember that you must use independent reviewers (no signing officers, relations or business connections) for the Unit books. Usually this can be done at a book review gathering of all the Unit Treasurers in the District.

Be sure to use the available documents on the GGC Quebec website under Quebec Forms at: www.guidesquebec.ca. There are many guidelines and forms which may answer your questions.

This year, we will have the District Treasurers review each other's books in a similar format as we have in past. We will meet at the same time as the DCs in February, so you can carpool. Those who attend will be able to take their books home with them. Hope to see you all then!

In with the new year:

The Treasurer's Calendar is on the [website](#) with the forms, under "For Treasurers".

The 2017 Financial Package is currently available on the [website](#).

There is are always possibilities for financial trainings, so please don't hesitate if you'd like one organized.

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



Do you have any amazing pictures of girls being **bold**, **brave**, **confident**, **courageous**, demonstrating **leadership skills**, having **fun** or **making a difference** in the world. We're looking for pictures from girls and Guiders to be featured in the Annual Report. **Check out our photography Meetings-in-a-Box** to get your girls excited about taking pictures! [Camera Fun](#) (Sparks & Brownies) | [Capture the Moment](#) (Guides, Pathfinders & Rangers)



NEW GUIDERS



It is **compulsory for new Guiders to do Safe Guide** and the training must be completed **within the first six months** of becoming a leader.

For Guiders who cannot attend a face-to-face training, you have the possibility to **do it online**. Contact the provincial office for a PIN #. (admin@guidesquebec.ca) or phone 514-933-5839

Many Guiders are due in the months of **Jan. Feb. and March 2017**. There will be a face to face **Safe Guide Training at the Symposium on Jan. 14, 2017** at Champlain College in Longueuil. Contact the office **ASAP** if you want to register for this.



WINTER ACTIVITIES:

- Tobogganing/Sledding
- Skating/ Cross- country skiing
- Downhill Skiing/Snowboarding
- Nature walks/snowshoeing
- Winter camp



It's a wonderful time of the year to take your girls outside and have fun in a safe way. Guiders, please check:

- **Section 4 of Safe Guide Activity Guides** about the above-mentioned activities **on page 66 - 70**
- **Downhill skiing and snowboarding are Conditional Activities** please read carefully **page 8 and 157**
- **Winter camping** see section on residential camping **page 56 to 58**
- **TPSPs (Third Party Service Providers)** on **page 73 to 76** also provides some helpful information when applicable.

Enjoy the winter season!

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

- Let's get the paperwork on time to sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca
- New Guiders please find a way to do your Safe Guide





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 sometime 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 hr) and SFA - Standard (16 hr) First Aid Certification Courses

These courses include the current Red Cross Manual and a Red Cross Certification valid for three years. All 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 am to 5:30 pm on both days.

RECERTIFICATION Course (8 hr) for EFA - Emergency and/or SFA - Standard First Aid

*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 manuel 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 am to 5:30 pm.

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UPCOMING EMERGENCY AND STANDARD FIRST AID COURSES:

- Emergency First Aid (8 hours) Saturday, January 28, 2017, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. \$105 Lennoxville**
- Standard First Aid (16 hours) Sat & Sun. Jan. 28 & 29, 2017, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. \$125 Lennoxville**
- Emergency First Aid (8 hr) Sat. Feb 25, 2017, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. \$105 Lachine**
- Standard First Aid (16 hr) Sat. Feb 25 & Sun. Feb 26, 2017, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. \$125 Lachine**

UPCOMING RECERTIFICATION COURSES - Please note PRE-REQUISITES above:

- EFA & SFA Recertification (8hr) Sun Feb 12, 2017 - \$90 Lachine (location TBC)**
- EFA & SFA Recertification (8hr) Sat Mar 18, 2017 - \$90 Lachine (location TBC)**

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

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

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Everyone's
been busy!

Northern Lights District: Made crafts to donate to the senior's residence where they went carolling and collected donations for welcome baskets for a local women's shelter.

Laval-Mille-Iles District: Read about all the volunteering they've been doing around their community on the [blog!](#)

Lakeshore District: Read Pathfinder Sierra's [blog](#) about going to the Pointe-Claire Rifle Club with her unit.

Riverdale District: Hosted a successful winter wonderland enrolment.

Secteur Argenteuil: Held an Olympics-themed meeting and collected toiletry supplies for baskets that were donated to the Carrefour des Femmes in Lachute



Upcoming Events

January 14	Guider Symposium
January 16	Deadline to register for Snow Trails 2017
February 1	Deadline to register for the 2017 Quinzee Sleepout
February 2	BIG Picture 101 Training Session
February 3	Deadline to Register for Brownie Superhero Academy
February 3-5	Snow Trails (Pathfinders and Rangers)
February 11	DC/Adviser Day
February 18	Brownie Super Hero Academy Day
February 18-19	2017 Quinzee Sleepout
February 22	World Thinking Day
March 3	Deadline to register for Geordie Production's Water Weight
March 16-23	Spring Cookie Delivery
March 25	Water Weight : Geordie Productions exclusive Guiding performance (Sparks, Brownies and Guides)
April 1 or 8 (TBC)	Spark Day Event
May 4	AGM
May 12-14	First available weekend for camping at Wa-Thik-Ane

When will your unit be camping at Wa-Thik-Ane this spring?

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

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