



A Year of Provincial Events

One of the things that has characterised this year has been a slew of branch-specific provincial events. For Sparks there was *Sparks in Space*, for Brownies, *Brownie Superhero Day*, for Pathfinders, the *Quinzee Sleepout* and *Snow Trails* (they alternate years with Guides) and the Guiding year finished with a fantastic event for Rangers: The Great Canadian Ranger Race!

The Great Canadian Ranger Race

On May 27th Rangers from around the province came together to enjoy a day filled with questions and answers and of course, a scavenger hunt in the Old Port.

Girls spent the morning asking about things like how to balance being a leader with being a student, opportunities abroad with WAGGS, putting your guiding skills on a CV and LINK to name just a few! They brainstormed the kind of events they would like to be involved in and have for themselves and they got to know the Youth Chair in the am during a focus group.



They made sandwiches for the homeless in the old port for us to take with us on our scavenger hunt after lunch, an idea that they had because they are just that awesome! And of course... the race! Girls had a blast running around the Old Port and getting photos for their scavenger hunt before

being treated to ice cream by the leaders. Evening was spent with some down time and getting the chance to visit with Ranger friends they don't always get to see. All in all, the day was super fun and we can't wait to do it again!

Thank you to Mary-May Hubert, Michelle McKenzie, Sarah Di Milo and Lisa Labelle for a wonderfully planned weekend and to all the Rangers who attended for making it so memorable!

- Gigi Cordeiro



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HIGHLIGHTS

- What to know for the Gros Dodo
- Be a Girl Guide Ambassador
- Check your Spring Checklist
- and more!

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We Are Only Leaders

(author unknown)

We are not experts. We're your next door neighbours. We're not perfect, we are just parents like you.

We don't have any more spare time or energy than you do, we all work full time and juggle our families and our schedules and try to keep it all together as best we can.

The only difference between us is that we believe in what Girl Guiding has to offer. So much so, that we contribute our time, our miles, and our talents to help our girls and your girls grow in Guiding.

We complete Safe Guide forms, budgets, and registrations, and fill our homes with boxes of paperwork that you will never see.

We are required to take many hours of training as well as attend various meetings so that we can meet our greatest challenge - providing a variety of programs which meet the needs and interests of very individual girls.

We try to involve parents who want us to understand that they don't have the time to drive on outings or help at meetings. We rejoice at the generosity of others.

Sometimes we find ourselves going in too many directions, We run out of steam. We have memory lapses. Communication lines break down. Time slips by, but that doesn't mean we don't care.

So many evenings we spend on the phone, seeking advice and support from other leaders when disappointments or problems occur. "How do I keep my girl's attention?" "What are your ideas for the ceremony?" "How do you work with girls in different grades?"

Our dining tables are covered with bits of rope, menus, trip permits, craft supplies, paper work and badges for each and every girl in the unit. A couple of them won't show up, and don't think to call and let us know. Sometimes we feel unappreciated.

Yet, these girls can fill us with pride at their determination and accomplishments. Their smiles light up a room; and when they say "Thank You" it makes it all worth it.

We help these girls build relationships. Some struggle more than others. Considerate, loyal, helpful, friendly... is encouraged by the Girl Guide Promise and Law. Sometimes we too must learn these lessons over and over again with the girls, but we are willing to keep learning.

Please be patient if we appear distracted or frustrated or overwhelmed at times. Forgive us if we are not the kind of Leader you would be if you had the time. Instead, provide us with encouragement or offer your help.

We are, after all, only mentors...role models...leaders. Volunteers who have taken an oath to give these girls, your girls, the most precious gift we have to offer - the gift of time.



Membership Pins 20 years +

20 Years

Rachel Bachmann
 Brittany Batten
 Stacie Bouchard
 Rebecca Chaput
 Catherine Critchlow
 Holli Drum
 Vicki Johns
 Emily Latulippe
 Sarah Marceau
 Andrea Munster
 Christina Rene de Cotret

25 Years

Jennifer Baldwin
 Andrea Blouin
 Kirsti Harris
 Elaine Keeble
 Diane Oki
 Barbara Richard
 Paula Turner
 Lesley Von Roretz

30 Years

KellyLee Bourget
 Heidi Shapiro
 Wendy Thomas

35 Years

Dawn Coffey
 Danielle Duquette
 Lynn Mooney

40 Years

Wendy Hauck

45 Years

Sinclair Harris
 Joanne Millette
 Kirsten Vice

50 Years

Mary Austin
 Lynn Dahl
 Margaret Martin

55 Years

Louise Triggs

60 Years

Nancy Shaw

Shining Star 10 years as a Unit Guider

Cynthia Brophy Harris
 Catherine Critchlow
 Linda Cyr-Almanza
 Holli Drum
 Melanie Duffin
 Chantal Fedele
 Heather Harper
 Irene Hausknot
 Elizabeth Hynes

Vicki Johns

Laura Jones

Shannon Lemm

Caroline Moffard

Samantha Morlock

Denise OBriain

Sara Ogilvie

Christina Rene De Cotret

Laurie Richard

Jasmine Shaar

Heidi Shapiro

Mélanie Shaw

Stephanie Swinburne

Paula Turner

Jo-Anne Watier

Guiding Light 25 years as a Unit Guider

Heather Barwick

Carole Blais

Angie Kruller

Gladys McCaig

Pauline Owczar

Gold Thanks

Emily Lillies

Sophie McCafferty

Nicole Murray

Marissa Schembre

Bethan Wardrop

Certificates of Appreciation

Anita Scott

Tracey Brennan

Holli Drum

Debbie Paish

Leslie Chapman

Sue Cole-McKenzie

Sarah Di Milo

Jessica Ganten

Janet Pompura

Elizabeth Benoit

Jutta Bouchard

Nancy Duffina

Elaine Millar



2016 AGM Awards

Lindsay Milner

Stephanie Swinburne

Dawn Coffey

Claire Morier

Ellen Gauthier

Team Award

The Guiders of the Guiding Mosaic 2016 Patrols

Janice Douglas

Helena Green

Charyl Hyndman

Laura Litvack

Heather Martin

Michelle McKenzie

Cynthia White

Wa-Thik-Ane 90th Anniversary Celebration

Lydia Berryman

Stacie Bouchard

Joanne Cardinal

Ellen Gauthier

Kirsti Harris

Sinclair Harris

Mary-May Hubert

Charyl Hyndman

Carol Kelly

Angie Kruller

Shannon Lemm

Annette Levasseur

Michelle McKenzie

Connie Morgenstern Ernst

Susan Sayer

Kelly Vandzura

Susan Welsh

WAGGS Western Hemisphere

Twinning 2020 Project

Lori Labelle

Sophie McCafferty

Commissioner Award

Annie Girard

Wendy Hauck

PCs Honours Award

Bronze

Carole Blais

Donna Collister

Gigi Cordeiro

Esther Keller

Lisa Labelle

Joan Lax

Michelle McKenzie

Nancy Shaw

Patricia Tellis

Kelly Vandzura

Silver

Helena Green

Mary-May Hubert

Elizabeth Knowles

Gold

Joanne Cardinal

Pam Godfrey

Wendy Hauck

Charyl Hyndman

Angie Kruller

Joanne Millette

Gold Merit Award

Sophie Bacchi

Deborah Dumoulin

Medal of Merit

Helena Green

Lori Labelle

Cecilia Cherry

Quebec Award

RoseAnna Cirino

Hannelore Rene de Cotret

Susan Welsh

Québec Provincial Commissioner's Award

Charyl Hyndman

Elaine Keeble

Angie Kruller

The Sovereign Award – formerly the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award

Louise Triggs

Beaver Award

Valerie Zaloum

Honourary Life Award

Pam Godfrey

Volunteers

aren't paid, not
because they're

worthless

but because they're

priceless!

Fall Fun Day 2017

******SAVE THE DATE – Saturday September 30, 2017 at Camp Wa-Thik-Ane in Morin Heights******

Information and forms for the Fall Day Camp will be in the August Piccolo. Please start talking it up with your unit/district now before units close for the summer. Looking forward to seeing you there!

We will be looking for Guiders to be part of the planning team for this event. No experience necessary, only enthusiasm and a smile required! First planning meeting will be in August. A call out to Guiders will go out in the coming months.



Summer Camp at Wa-Thik-Ane

We need volunteers for the Guide site from July 16th to July 22nd, the Guide site from July 23rd to July 30th and the Pathfinder site from July 16th to July 22nd. If you cannot do a whole week, that is okay. Come for a few days if that is all you can manage.

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

Joanne Cardinal, Camping Adviser | WWWTA@guidesquebec.ca

WA-THIK-ANE Job Opportunities

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 Standard First Aid is an asset
- Must demonstrate a knowledge & understanding of Safe Guide procedures (GGC Risk Management) for water activities.

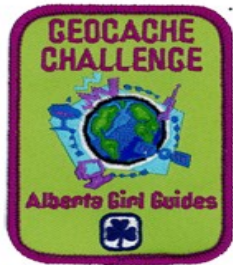
- Ensure that campers for whom you are responsible are well supervised in a safe & healthy manner at all times.
- Prevention of emergency situations & where this fails the timely & effective resolution of emergencies.
- Reside at Camp.
- Responsible for own transportation

Interested candidates should forward CVs to: dir-operations@guidesquebec.ca.

Qualified candidates will be called for an interview.

Property Committee | labouchette@guidesquebec.ca

Challenge of the Month: Alberta Geocaching Challenge



Get out and explore with the [Alberta Geocaching Challenge](#). A great way to have fun in the great outdoors this summer while still learning something new!

Geocaching has one rule: take something, leave something. Girls will learn about the different kinds of geocaching while using the worldwide geocaching map to find treasures all over. Girls can create their own cache, learn about maps and coordinates, and record their finds online to the geocaching database.

Happy Hunting!

New Québec Maple Syrup Challenge

Given the success of the QC Chocolate challenge, it was only logical to think that we needed a new foodie [challenge](#).

Maple syrup is a staple across the wonderful country that is Canada. Tap into one of our national icons, learning about its history, where it's produced, what you can make with it and much more!

All branches must complete Option A or B, and up to 9 challenges. Sparks must complete 3 other challenges, Brownies 5, Guides 7, Pathfinders and Rangers 9.

- Learn about Maple Syrup around the world
- Find out how maple syrup first came to be
- Visit a sugar shack or make your own
- Make maple syrup playdough
- Bake with maple syrup
- Plays games, act and make crafts
- And much, much more!



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

From the Office

Contracts/Agreements and Insurance

All contracts (for meeting space, sleepover locations, camp locations, etc.) **must** be signed by the PC or her designate (Director of Operations) - no exceptions. The agreement should include a summary of terms and conditions. Guiders are requested to send them as early as possible to admin@guidesquebec.ca.

GGC also requires **proof of liability insurance** in order to sign contracts. For facilities or service providers not regularly used by GGC, we request a copy of their general liability insurance (certificate or summary of policy) at the time the contract or rental agreement is negotiated.

- Insurance policies will need to be renewed on a yearly basis
- Churches: we are looking for liability insurance on the building



Key Details to Remember for the Gros Dodo



Join the [Facebook event](#) to stay up to date with information and updates.

We're looking for volunteers to be part of the Gros Dodo team. We will need a logistics team for different parts of the event for a few hours, or for the whole experience, please [contact us!](#)



Got questions? [Email us](#) and keep an eye on the [FAQ page](#). It's being updated as new questions come in.

Deadline to [register](#) your patrol: June 30

Girls must be registered for the 2017-2018 Guiding year by June 23!

Safe Guide templates [here](#).



Deadline to [purchase](#) game-only tickets: June 30

Families don't need to go through the unit. They can purchase these tickets themselves.

Many of the event activities are being planned and run by a team of Rangers. Contact [Helena Green](#) to get involved with that!



Spotlight on PR

Have you ever been out and about and noticed a group of girls and/or women and thought to yourself “They should be Girl Guides!”? Or maybe you’ve been at a loss for words when it comes to explaining why it is that you volunteer?

How can you let others know of the great benefits of Guiding? Remember we are all walking, talking PR – we are Girl Guides of Canada, the organization. You never know who you might run into this summer!

How to Be a Good Girl Guides Ambassador *(Taken from the Member Zone Media Kit)*

You never know who you are going to meet. That is why in business they encourage you to have an ‘elevator pitch’ ready, which describes your organization in 1 minute. The same is true with Guiding. Every time you meet someone and they ask about Girl Guides, it is your opportunity to tell them what we are all about. With a ‘Guiding elevator pitch’, it is easy to do.

Think of yourself as an ambassador. What can you say to people to get them excited about Girl Guides? You could tell them about our service projects, shoreline cleanups, the fun you have or the adventures your unit goes on. Or, you could tell them about the history behind our famous cookies or how each cookie sale empowers girls and gives them new skills! The choice is yours. Just remember you have a small window to pique their interest. Tell them something they can relate to. If you are speaking to a parent, it is the perfect time to share how Girl Guides has brought you out of your shell and/or helped you make friends. If you are speaking to someone who enjoys being active, tell them how Guiding has taught you to ‘rough it’ in the wilderness.

To get your creative juices flowing, here is an example of a ‘Guiding elevator pitch’.

Guiding offers girls an opportunity to make new friends, challenge themselves, explore the world and have fun while doing it! We’re so much more than cookies. We encourage girls to contribute to their communities and help them become confident, resourceful and courageous young women.

Feel free to add some talking points to your elevator pitch as well. Think about the numerous opportunities Guiding offers and speak about those.

Here a few to get you started:



Travel
Friendship
Volunteering
Fun
Environmental Awareness



Camp
Scholarships
Literacy
Life Skills
Exposure to STEM



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Spring Checklist

You're a **STAR!**

Look over this list, check it twice and then take a break! Relax and enjoy your summer knowing that you have enabled girls to be their best.

End of Year Checklist:

- ☐ Celebrate the girls' advancement with a ceremony and invite the parents.
- ☐ Thank the parents for their help.
- ☐ Nominate fellow members for awards.
- ☐ Have all the girls' records up to date and all badges presented.
- ☐ Encourage re-registration and promote online registration.
- ☐ Promote Guiding summer camping opportunities & upcoming events – [Le Gros Dodo!](#)
- ☐ Have a year-end party.
- ☐ Organize your meeting/craft supplies for the fall.
- ☐ Ensure all paper work is in order and submitted, including forms retention.
- ☐ Have all financial records ready for audit and hand in as requested.

Have a great summer!

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

Especially for DCs

June	
Cookies	Fall cookie order is due to Province
Recruitment and Registration	Continue working with your district on a recruitment plan Verify with the city if submissions of registration information can be included in the fall community activity brochure, if applicable.
Closing	Mid-year financial reviews to be done Collect unit books as they close. District books are due to the Treasurer Support Specialist. Year-end district event- present special awards (see the QC Awards Booklet) Reflect on the past year and all that was done. How successful do you think the year has been? What would you like to try differently?
Thank-You's	Be sure to thank all Guiders for the time they spend and let them know they are appreciated. Do not let anyone leave without a thank you!
July/August	
Unit Meeting Places	Arrange/reserve/confirm unit meeting places, times and starting dates with city, school, church, community centre, etc. Advise imis@guidesquebec.ca of district start dates and location changes where applicable
Recruitment and Registration	Screening: Start the process early for new Guiders so you are not scrambling to do PRCs in September. Keep in touch with girls and parents and encourage registration
Guiders	Keep recruiting at the pool, soccer field, etc..!

If you have any questions about your responsibilities (or anything at all!) please email Sarah and Lisa at dc.voice@guidesquebec.ca.

Has your unit contributed to the CWFF?

Can you do more??

Gone are the days when pennies can make a difference - why, they aren't even money anymore! The notion of \$1 per member CWFF donation has been around for over 20 years. While not wanting to officially set the goal higher, it would be great if every unit could increase their energy on this worthwhile cause. Many units focus on February Thinking Day time for this effort, but as the Guiding year ends, it is a great time to consider an added CWFF donation as you close your books for the season.

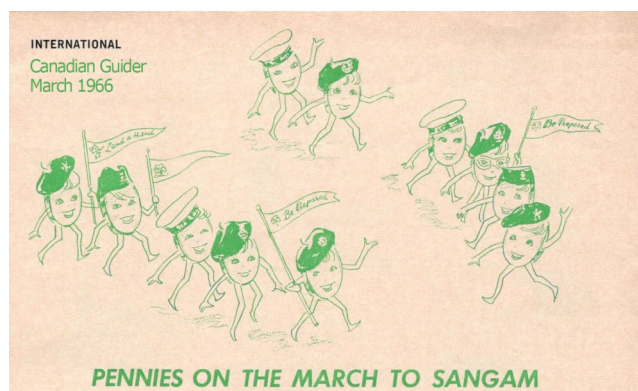
What does GGC do with CWFF money?

The Canadian World Friendship Fund (CWFF) supports GGC member travel as well as Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting outside of Canada, through a contracted process whereby WAGGGS proposes projects to GGC to undertake in the year ahead. This process became necessary in order for GGC to be compliant with Canadian Revenue Agency rules for sending money outside the country.

This permits us to support Global Guiding, with funds flowing through WAGGGS to projects that GGC has approved following negotiations with WAGGGS.

For 2017, WAGGGS will undertake:

1. Embedding the WAGGGS educational methodology in MOs (Member Organizations) of the Africa and Asia Pacific Regions;
2. Redesigning the WAGGGS leadership development offering;
3. Sponsoring 3 MOs to attend the World Conference;
4. Designing and delivering new delivery models for networking, sharing, and co-creation;
5. Membership Growth in the Western Hemisphere;
6. Administration (a small portion)

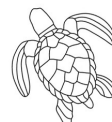


These are high level topic descriptions, but rest assured, girls and women around the world will directly benefit from the many projects that are funded through CWFF. And your effort helps!

International Trips

The international travel opportunities are [posted](#) and what a diverse and interesting collection they are.

Which one might the Pathfinders and Rangers near you "colour in?" Applications open in September, but dreams can start as soon as you like!



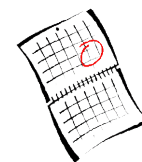
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Mid-Year Reviews

A reminder that books are due to the office as soon as possible after the “close” of the Guiding year! Details were in the May Piccolo.

If you have questions, please reach out to me. Enjoy your summer!



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Safe Guide News

Safety at the Gros Dodo

When talking to your parents about the Gros Dodo, if they raise safety concerns, here is the Safe Guide Statement:

Given recent events in Europe, parents should be assured that Guiding always makes our plans with the safety of all foremost in our minds, using our Safe Guide procedures. Guiders will be provided with safety guidelines while they are exploring the city on Saturday. Once inside the stadium in the evening, there will be full security provided by The Alouettes, plus we will have our own security detail who will be on duty throughout the night.

Ticks

You may have heard the on news recently that the incidents of ticks with Lyme disease are spreading across the country. It is especially important that we, as supervisors of children, are current about precautions, checking for the presence of ticks and proper removal. The main points are:

- Wear insect repellant with DEET
- Wear long pants, long-sleeved shirt, socks and shoes. Tuck pants into socks and tuck shirt into pants
- Examine your clothing and entire body after activity in the woods
- Remove any ticks following instructions
- Consult a Doctor if there are symptoms



Here is a link to [Health Canada information](#) and [Government of Québec](#).

Safe Guide is updated annually and comes out in July. Please watch for it and note the changes. If you are planning on being super-organized and doing some paperwork for fall activities over the summer, please ensure you are using the latest version of forms. In particular, there will be a new H.1 (health form) for the fall.

Please note the Safe Guide e-mail address for form submission or questions: sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca

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

GGC Québec 2017-2018 Scholarship Recipient



Congratulations to **Beverly Brown** who is pursuing the Nursing Program at Champlain College.

Beverly is a Guider with the 110th Girl Guides. We wish her well in her studies.



Units around the province celebrated the end of the Guiding year with...

Special activities



82nd Montreal Guiding Unit at Laser Quest



Northern Lights District at Upper Canada Village



Secteur Argenteuil's end of year campfire



St. Lazare Guides in Ottawa



Spring Camps



Northern Lights Mom and Me Spark Camp



Riverdale District Camp



Montreal West—Monklands District

And advancement ceremonies!



Secteur Argenteuil



Laval-Mille-Iles District



NDG - Monklands District

June 15	DC/Adviser/Council Evening
June 23	Deadline for girls to re-register if they want to attend the Gros Dodo
June 30	Deadline to register for the Gros Dodo
July 7-30	Wonderful Weeks at Wa-Thik-Ane
September 16-17	Le Gros Dodo
September 30	Fall Fun Day

*Please note that
there is no July
Piccolo.
See you in August!*

*The Québec provincial
office will be closed
Friday June 23 and
Monday July 3.*

*Note that the 2017-
2018 girl registration
fee is \$140. There has
been some confusion
lately with people
thinking it's \$175.
That's in Ontario!*



Congratulations again to Katherine from Northshore District for winning the Design a 2017-2018 Membership Crest contest!

Need to contact an Adviser or council member? Download an updated contact list [here!](#)

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