



Girl Guides  
of Canada  
Guides  
du Canada

# Special Rally Day Scrapbook

## The Piccolo

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EXTRA EDITION

### Girl Guides Rock Montreal on Rally Day



Sparks being interviewed by CTV news at the McCord Museum in Montreal.

Over 1200 Girls and leaders attended festivities in Montreal on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 as part of GGC's nation wide Rally Day to celebrate 100 years of Guiding in Canada.

Participants toured Montreal via metro and bus to join in activities across the city as well as at base camp at Ecole Villa Maria.

Girls and women, ranging in age from 5-year old Sparks to Trefoil Guild members in their nineties, connected with old and new friends. Ac-

tivities included visits to the McCord and Redpath museums, the Canadian Center for Architecture, as well as discovering the Old Port, Plateau and Chinatown areas of the city.

At the Villa, Trefoil members and guests enjoyed a tea, watched a movie about a Canadian Centennial Year Guide camp, entitled *Trefoil on the River*, which was recently "re-discovered" in the Guide House archives and listened to a taped interview with Lady Baden-Powell. Conversations reminiscing about days gone-by were frequently overheard.

Near the end of the day, after members completed their city-wide activities, the hall at Villa Maria swelled to capacity with girls and their leaders returning for more festivities.

A giant birthday cake was served to the jubilant crowd, while a movie from National showing girls in action around the country as well as a fashion show featuring old uniforms from the Montreal Guide House archives entertained them.

Provincial Commissioner Joanne Millette gave a brief speech. Her words 'you will never forget this day' probably understates the moving effect the end of day campfire had on those present. With the lights out, girls waving their glow sticks high in the air, members young and old sang along heartily to old campfire favorites. A fitting end to a glorious day, but only the beginning of a new century of Guiding.



Thanks and praise for a day to remember!



**Saturday May 15th, 2010, National Rally Day,  
was a day to remember!**

**Many THANKS to all those who made it possible.  
To all the Guiders who came with girls THANK YOU!  
To all the GIRLS who came with Guiders THANK YOU!  
To the many Volunteers who came to lend a hand THANK YOU!  
To the Trefoil Guild who planned the tea and Fashion Show THANK YOU!  
To the Centennial Committee who dedicated themselves to planning the event THANK YOU!**

**We showed Montreal who we are and we did it with style**

**HERE'S TO ANOTHER 100 YEARS OF FUN AND FRIENDSHIP!**



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# Street Art





*Montreal is the perfect city for a photo safari. Our many beautiful statues provided an interesting backdrop for fun and memorable pictures, as we can see from this sampling of awesome shots!*

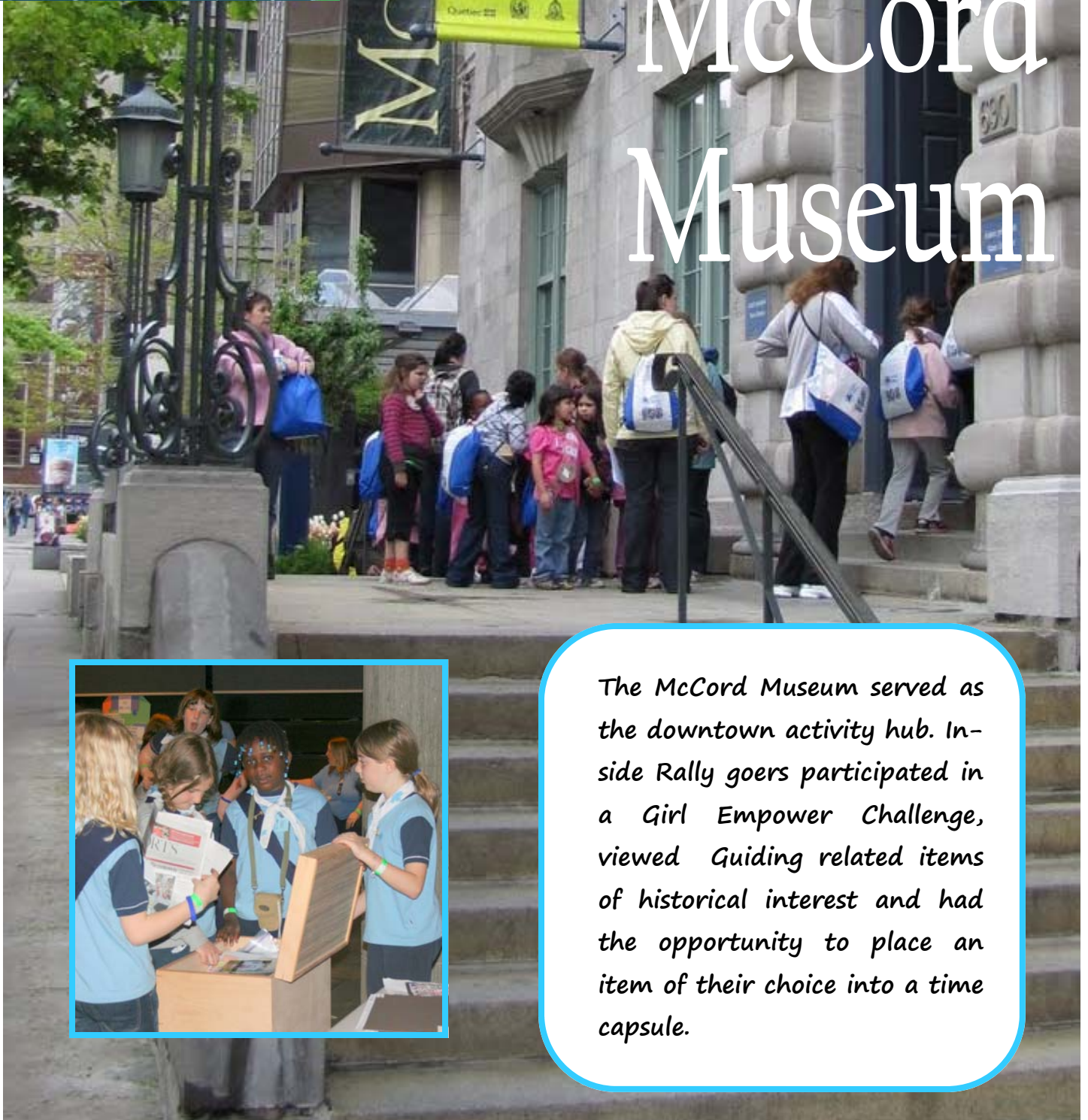


# Exploring Montreal





# The McCord Museum



*The McCord Museum served as the downtown activity hub. Inside Rally goers participated in a Girl Empower Challenge, viewed Guiding related items of historical interest and had the opportunity to place an item of their choice into a time capsule.*





# Exploring the Redpath



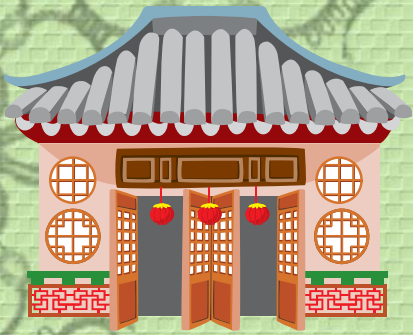
*With its fascinating and impressive dinosaur bones, animal skeletons, shells, fossils and more, the Redpath was a Night in the Museum...in the daytime!*





Chinatown's exotic sites, dragon beard candy and fun shopping provided a unique experience for all ages. Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Trex and their leaders made the trip and had a blast. So many smiling faces made for happy pictures too. Also on the Chinatown route was a trip to the Taiwanese library. Although it required Girl Guide tracking skills to find it, once there an interesting presentation about this beautiful island country where Girl Guides is a big part of life and a complimentary Chinese fortune cookie were waiting!







# Rallye Décou-Verte Making it Green



- Using public transit - some went STM all the way!
- Using charter buses & trains not lots of vehicles
- Using email for paperless communications
- Recycling drinking boxes event packing material
- Packing kits in reusable shopping bags

- Using foot-power!
- Event packsacs made from re-cycled materials



and...  
closing  
with a  
**Green**  
wave!



## **What it takes to make a Rally Day Successful....**

### **THE RALLY DAY “TALLY”**

**1200 participants**

**580 at the Redpath Museum**

**660 at the McCord Museum**

**760 in the Old Port and Old Montreal**

**650 in Chinatown**

**32 groups photographed in Chinatown**

**15 rally routes**

**900 glow sticks**

**1500+ photos - and counting**

**570 - empower flowers**

**1400 handmade rally icon pins**

**60 balloons**

**20 cakes x 60 pieces**

**900 juices**

**1000 fortune cookies**

**200+ Free Bagels - thank you St. Viateur Bagel Bakery**

**40 lbs. cake icing**

**18 months worth of meetings**

**Thousands of e-mails**

**10 more sleeps (1000 mails there alone!)**

**Countless smiles**

**1 time capsule (to be opened sometime in the future)**



# Ecole Villa Maria





# *Celebrating 100 Years*





# Rally Day Address

By Joanne Millette, QC Provincial Commissioner



**I want to welcome everyone here today to our fantastic Rallye Décou-Verte. I am sure that this is the first time that most of you have been in a room with this many Guiding sisters. I want you to look around, and I want you to understand that there are a lot of us here today but this is only a very, very small part of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. We have 10 million members in 145 Countries. I also want you to take a moment to think about the importance of this day and the fact that you are here to share it with your Guiding Sisters. I promise you, you will never forget this day!! In the last 100 years 7 million girls and**

**young women have been involved with Guiding in Canada. We are the original activity based organization for girls in this Country.**

**Your Guiding sisters across Canada are also celebrating today. From a sunrise ceremony in St. John's, Newfoundland to a sleepover this evening at BC place in British Columbia; this is one very big party!**

**I am so proud to stand here this afternoon and look out at all of your smiling faces and to know in my heart that Guiding will make a difference in your life. I am also very proud to see the many generations of Guiding that are present in this room. This is quite a collection of Guiding members!! This Rally has been a great success and that was no accident, it was due to the extremely hard work of a very dedicated event team, chaired by Susan Sayer and Valerie Zaloum. They have been working on this fabulous day for over a year. I think that we all need to thank them.**

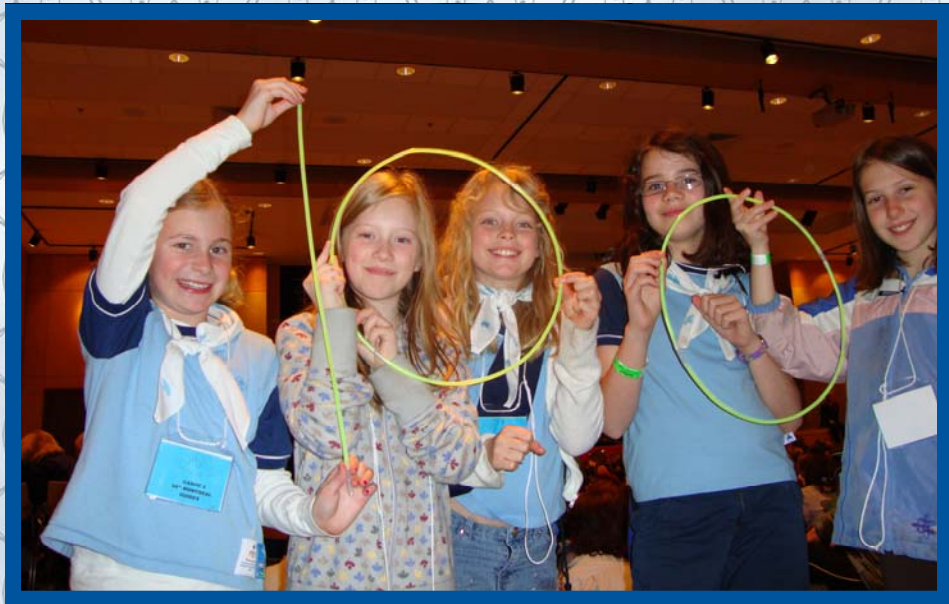
**In closing I would just like to say, Girl Guides of Canada–Guides du Canada is poised to take cutting-edge initiatives in the areas of girl empowerment, the environment and community safety. As GGC enters into its second century, it will continue to give girls and young women a voice; encouraging you to be innovative and to speak out and take action on issues that matter to you.**

**Our movement is strong and growing and I am proud to say that:**

**Girl Greatness Starts Here!!**



## The Festivities at Ecole Villa Maria.



**In January 2010, Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada unveiled a new Promise to its Members. Led by our Provincial Commissioner, we recited the promise in unison for this special occasion, united in our journey into the next century of Guiding.**

### The Promise

for girls Brownie age and older and adult Members:

I promise to do my best,  
To be true to myself, my beliefs and Canada.  
I will take action for a better world  
And respect the Guiding Law.

*(Brownies say: And respect the Brownie Law)*

*Please note that the Spark Promise remains the same:*

I promise to share and be a friend.



*“ Our principles will always remain the same because they are founded on everything that is right and good needed in every nation.”*

**Lady Baden-Powell, 1960**

Quote from the interview with Lady B-P by Montreal broadcaster Paul Reid played during the Tea.



*What you had to say...*



*...with words  
& smiles*

## Sparks

Thank you for an amazing day that we will never forget.

## Brownies

14 Girls chanted GO HABS GO over and over and over! It was so spontaneous! We were swept away by the moment...it was enchanting. People heading down to the metro were laughing and cheering.

The girls will have made wonderful memories that will stick with them

I would just like to say how wonderful the day was. As well my girls cannot stop talking about it.

We had girls that have never been on the metro before and some had not been to the Old Port either.

## Guides

Everyone had a blast and our girls were so excited and so proud to be a part of the whole day that they rarely took a break from singing "everywhere we go."

We were impressed with how well the girls were and how many of the adults had smiles on their faces.

Saturday can be summed up in one word...WOW!!!

From meeting at the bus, the bus/metro ride all the way to the journey home, it was so fun, rewarding and just fantastic.

We did soooooo much stuff and had a great time doing it!

The experience, the memories and the day were all magnificent! There was yummy cake, a great campfire and finding friends amongst the crowd!!!

The kids had a lot of fun in Chinatown and we all enjoyed meeting our fellow girl guides on the streets/metro of Montreal.

## Pathfinders

My favorite part was the Habs monument next to the Bell Center. I hope we do something fun like this next year.

Thank you for the absolutely amazing day. I will without a doubt NEVER forget it.

I learned a lot of new things and saw a lot of the city I live in.

I really enjoyed getting to know the uniforms they used to wear!

I liked the free bagels and the scavenger hunt made me like a tourist in my own city, which I really enjoyed.

My gang of pathfinders had only one thing to say "IT WAS AWESOME!!!!!!"

## Rangers

Congratulations to all who worked so hard to make the day spectacular! Everything was great!

-They had the chance to see and discover a few things that Montreal has to offer.

*We must have taken part in what is probably the world's biggest wide game ever!*

## Trefoil

The Trefoil Tea was a wonderful way to touch base with guiding people I haven't seen for over 8 years.

From the Fashion Show, Paul Reid's interview, the campfire and everyone there, I enjoyed every moment.

## Leaders

I was as proud as can be watching those beautiful young girls full of poise and self-confidence represent us to the world!

When the afternoon was over and we were headed to the Villa Maria Metro Station, there were literally hundreds of us in uniform. Most of the girls singing, now that was a choked up moment for me!

The sea of blue leaving the Villa and heading to the metro was very impressive and gave you a warm feeling.

Seeing the Pathfinders speaking with grace and composure both on the screen and publicly was amazing.

It was an amazing experience and so wonderful to be part of such an historic event.

Personally it is my 1<sup>st</sup> year as a leader and it really did hit me; "Girl greatness starts here."

I really empowered the girls about EVERYTHING and I cannot tell you enough how big that went over.

Our girls certainly had a blast and would do it all again next week, to do the things we didn't get to do.

The girls had a great bonding experience.

It was great to see a lot of ADULT sisters in Guiding I had not seen for a long time.

Many generations were represented and that was amazing.



## Presenting the Decades of Guiding

Many people probably don't know that we have our very own archives located at Guide House. Over the years, Guiding memorabilia has been lovingly and carefully preserved by the Trefoil Guild. Most of the artifacts were donated by members or their families so they could be available for future generations to see. How lucky we were that they were presented for display during Rally Day either at the McCord Museum or at Ecole Villa Maria. After all, what better opportunity than a Centennial Celebration can there be to show off our social history? A few more photos and articles have been made available for this Decades of Guiding feature. So, in addition to viewing some "long lost" treasures, here's your chance to see anything you missed on display for Rally Day.

### 1910's

*" I am a Guide from 1910. I belong to the very first Canadian Girl Guide company in St. Catharine's, Ontario. Our leaders take us hiking and swimming and we learn the joys of outdoor adventuring. Some of our mothers have doubts about it, but we survive the heat and the mosquitoes just fine. The \$2 dollars we spent for 10 days of camping was well worth it."*



**Photos: Top:** Pathfinders presenting the "Decades of Guiding" on Rally Day at Ecole Villa Maria, Montreal. **Above Right:** A Guider modeling a replica of a 1910 uniform on Rally Day. Note the authentic leather gauntlets and hat. **Above left:** The 1st Toronto Company, circa 1912. Photo from the GGC book *Celebrations*.

# 1920's

*" I am a Guide from the 1920s. In the '20s, staying tuned to the radio is becoming a major part of life in Canada. Our whole unit looks forward to listening to the radio each night. We have a Girl Guide radio show where our Chief Commissioner talks about items of interest for Guiding, and lots of campfire songs are sung by Rangers."*



**Honor Flag Team, 8th Montreal Co. 1926.** This is one of the oldest photos in the archive. Names are listed on the back of the photograph. Standing: Patricia Budden, Betty Dodd, Neville Birchall, Isabelle Barclay (holding flag), Jane Leggat (supporting shield), Phoebe Nobbs, Berys Gilmour. Sitting (l.to.r) Charlotte Stairs, Doey Benson, Captain, Anne Hyde, Nancy Johnson. Photo taken on front lawn of the Benson's house on Ontario Ave., Montreal.

# 1930's

*" I am a Guide from the 1930s. These years have been hard for Canadians and the world. We are living through the Great Depression and there are many without jobs. Guides everywhere are trying to help families in need. Girl Guide companies are running Christmas Toy Shops. In a time when many are suffering as a result of the Depression, tens of thousands of children receive unexpected and very welcome toys for Christmas thanks to girls in Guiding.."*



These crests commemorate the coronation and visit of George VI, the first reigning King of Canada to visit North America.



## Morin Heights, Quebec

The following article appeared in *The Canadian Guide* magazine, a national publication for girls first published in January 1949. The following article appeared in June of that year as part of a feature on permanent campsites across the country. Although published in 1949, the unknown author was reminiscing about experiences she had as a camper during the 1930's. The photo to the left which appeared along with the article is undated.



Morin Heights in the Laurentian Mountains about 50 miles north of Montreal has been the Montreal Divisional Campsite for many years. It is a beautiful and well-equipped campsite alive with activity and rich traditions. The following was written by an old camper.

It is over 15 years since I spent my last summer at Morin Heights, but from all accounts it is still very active and giving girls as much happiness as it did for me for five years. In those days we were allowed to go for the whole summer and school closing was that much more exciting with the thought that in a few days we would be at Guide Camp with all the summer ahead of us. At first there was just one big main camp the tents beautifully set in horseshoe formation from the shore of the lake. The large marquee or dining tent was in the centre of the camp with the cookhouse off to one side. Later the camp was divided into five

smaller groups, each camp being named after an Indian tribe such as : Iroquois, Mohawks, Hurons, Eries, and Algonquins. The Hurons occupied the original main camp and the others were spread out over the property within a three-quarter of a mile radius of the lake. Each camp had its own dining tent and was run as a separate unit.

The camp was situated in wooded land about four miles north of the village and we used to travel to and from the station in hay wagons, singing ourselves hoarse all the way. At the entrance to the camp there was a barn where we were given palliasses and helped ourselves to straw. Our camp dresses were navy blue, similar to the new official camp uniforms, except that we wore them very short like gym tunics. Most of us sported rubber boots with a skull and cross-bones inked on the turned down cuff. Raids and tricks were played on the other tribes and our knowledge of stalking was put to very active use. Creeping and crawling on our tummies through the bush on a raid

seemed much more fun than learning the stalking positions from a book and practicing them in a church basement.

Senior campers who held their Canoeist and Swimmer medallions were allowed to go on overnight hikes and canoe trips. These were the goal of every ardent camper. These trips were kept to small parties of three or four Guides with one Guider. Each girl carried her own bedroll and groundsheet in a horseshoe around her neck and a knapsack on her back. By the time we had hitched a frying pan and pot to our belt and distributed all the food around our persons each of us felt like a Daniel Boone on an exploring trip. Carrying this full hiking kit with a happy heart never seemed as great a burden to us as carrying a bag of groceries from the corner store in the city.

What magic it all seemed! Finding a suitable campsite, collecting firewood, cooking supper, and finally curling up in our blankets and watching the stars twinkling above and the ember of the fire slowly dying away.

## 1940's

*"I am a Guide from the 1940s. The Second World War is affecting everyone. My company collects scrap metal to help the war effort. We collect tinfoil, lead wrappings from tea packages and toothpaste tubes. Because metal is so valuable, our enrollment pins this year are made of cloth. We are also taking courses in First Aid, Morse Code, Radio Telegraphy, Home Nursing, Motor Mechanics and other skills.*

**Photo Right:** Red Guide tie and tenderfoot ribbon instead of a pin to save metal for the war effort. Also shown are shoulder ribbons and uniform buttons.





# 1950's

*"I am a Guide from the 1950s. Although the war has been over for years, there is still a lot of international tension. Our leaders stress the importance of Guides being prepared to be of service in emergency situations. We are training to be resourceful and capable in the face of local and national emergencies."*



Princess Elizabeth as leader of the swallow patrol, Windsor Castle, 1942

## The 1950's



The Little House emblem was modeled after the play house of the Royal Princesses



Homemaker



Laundress

### Badges of the Little House Emblem

I expect you know about the Little House on the emblem and how we came to have it for such an important badge don't you? About how our Queen, Elizabeth II, when she was the Princess Elizabeth graciously gave permission for the Girl Guides to use it. When the two Princesses were quite young the people of Wales built the tiny model house for them. They furnished it perfectly and put it in the garden near Windsor where the Royal family was living then.

It was just big enough that the Princesses could walk in the door and into all the rooms and really keep house in it. It had chairs and dishes and brooms and everything made to scale and the two little girls just loved to sweep and dust and cook in it and make up beds and air the satin comforters out the tiny windows.

So you can well imagine that Her Royal Highness who had been a Girl Guide herself, was delighted at the idea of an Emblem representing the six Homecraft Badges, the womanly ones, Child Nurse, Laundress, Cook, Hostess, Homemaker and Needlewoman, and she gladly gave her consent.

The passing of any one of these six badges gives a girl poise and a sense of real satisfaction and accomplishment. She knows each one of them acquired takes her a step nearer maturity, nearer to someday being an efficient, gracious chatelaine.

The badges are practical and simple. There is no book learning or imagination involved but real down to earth action with a mop or a duster. There is spit and polish involved and a good deal of elbow grease and the sooner a homemaker learns to use lots of it and sing while she is doing so and enjoy herself, the happier she will be when the years roll along and she inhabits the house of her dreams.

Some girls learn all these things at home from their mothers and how lucky they are! They will think these six badges as easy as pie and that's fine. But others are not so lucky. They may have servants at home who do all the work and never give them a chance to learn anything. They may have indulgent mothers who spoil them by letting them be lazy and selfish. They may be sent away young to boarding school and not have much home life. Or they may have mothers who are careless or indifferent or never had a chance to learn the best way to wash or iron or cook. For the sake of these people we are going to publish a short article on each of the Little House Emblem Badges. Just enough information to answer their questions and help them to get busy and roll up their sleeves for action.

*From the January 1955 issue of The Canadian Guide, a monthly newsletter for girl members.*



Hostess



Cook



Needlewoman



Child Nurse



A Canadian Guide c. 1951

The above was part of a shadow box display at the McCord Museum on Rally Day. The badges are part of the collection in the Guide House archives. Those shown represent the requirements to earn the Little House Emblem which was designed to honor the life size play house of the royal princesses, who were also Girl Guides.



## Selling Cookies in Verdun, 1953

This photo appeared in the March 1953 issue of *The Canadian Guide*. The caption explained that the cookies were sold through pre-orders since girls were not allowed to sell on street corners.

## COMPANY CAMP IN QUEBEC

By Beverley Cartmill, Montreal, P.Q.

In September, the 105th Montreal Company started planning for a company camp which was to be held in the following July. We did not think this too early as we knew there was a lot ahead of us, and we wanted to 'be prepared' to meet it.

Our first job was to choose a place where we could go, and to decide on some money-raising events. After much discussion and investigation we chose a beautiful spot near Magog, Quebec. As we did not want to spend too much money, we set about getting information on where and how we could rent camping equipment. We found everyone co-operative and willing to help us all they could. In order to save the Guides some money, we held candy sales, military whists, a tour of a plant in Montreal, and various things. We had wonderful co-operation from the community and soon found things rolling along smoothly. All the preparation of getting the ground equipment ready, planning our events and working individually on ideas for a wonderful camp, took almost all our time, and by the time May rolled around we started planning menus and programs. The Patrol Leaders planned the menu, (a delicious one too) and the Guiders planned the program. One of our leaders made a very good duty chart which proved to be so very helpful. Nearly every Guide did at least one small thing and we found that with everyone helping, it was not so bad.

About a week before camp we held a camp meeting. There, we named our camp, "Kippawa" (hide-away) and our five tents, "Blackfeet", "Hozojis", "Horzolos", "Tecumseh" and our store tent "Kyawa". We really had fun preparing what we were going to do. On the Saturday before camp five Guides shopped for our food, and five others packed it. As we had a friend to take all the luggage to camp on Sunday, we had nothing left behind except ourselves.

Monday morning July 15th, found us all happy, but minus a leader who unfortunately had had an accident the day before and could not come to camp. It was to have been her first *The Canadian Guide*, June-July, 1955

year as Junior Guider and we all knew she would do it well so we really felt sorry for her.

For one whole week, we found ourselves living under the stars. What fun it was to cook outside, rain or shine, and have bon-fires and sing songs. We felt so independent, as though we were the only humans around. We swam, worked, played, passed tests, and had a wonderful time.

I don't think that any Guide of the 105th Montreal Company will forget this experience and we thank everyone who helped make it a success, no matter what they did, and we want to shout it out to other companies to try company camping. "It's FUN!"



Camp Kitchen, Magog, Quebec

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The above article was published in the June-July 1955 issue of *The Canadian Guide*.

# 1960's



A fashion show featuring vintage girl and adult uniforms was one of the highlights of Rally Day events at Ecole Villa Maria. In addition several uniforms were showcased at the McCord museum. The above navy adult uniform dates from the 1960's.



Above: 1960's Leader uniform on display at the McCord museum.

For details see section 66; Policy, Organization and Rules.



**DRESS.** Light navy twill with long sleeves and four pockets. Sizes 10, 12, 14, 16, 18. Price ..... **\$6.80**

**BERET.** Navy with trefoil crest in yellow attached. Worn with crest directly and large. Price ..... **\$1.55**

**BELT.** Brown leather with trefoil buckle. Adjustable. Sizes 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44. Price ..... **\$1.65**

**BRIEFS.** Navy guaranteed not to shrink—Made from highest quality septic—correctly sized—durable—anti-price. Sizes small, medium, large. Price ..... **75c**

**SOCKS.** Nylon-navy blue steri-septic S-T-R-E-T-C-H. Fits sizes 8 1/2-11. Price ..... **55c**

**TIE.** Triangular broadcloth in open, red, black, white. Red and Grey is for Salvation Army Companies. Price ..... **50c**

**PURSE.** Small brown leather pouch to be attached to belt. Price .. **85c**

**LANYARD.** Worn under the collar with whistle attached and clipped to belt. Worn only by Pack Leaders (brown), or by Patrol Leaders (white). Price ..... **30c**

**WHISTLE.** Nickel plated metal especially for the Girl Guides Association. Price ..... **50c**

**SWIVEL.** Extra one for attaching to belt. Price ..... **20c**

**CARDIGAN.** See page 8.

Look smart in Uniform for Jubilee Year

For details see section 72; Policy, Organization and Rules.



**DRESS.** Navy twill with long sleeves and two pockets. Well made style for the adult figure. Worn with a four-in-hand tie. Sizes 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44. Price ..... **\$7.85**

**DRESS.** Good quality navy material, worn instead of the twill dress or suit. Sizes 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44. Price ..... **\$12.90**

**SUIT.** This basically, simple, well-tailored uniform suit has been designed in good quality gabardine cloth.

**SIZE CHART**

bust measures	33	35	37	39	41	43
waist measures	24	26	28	30	32	34
hips measure	35	37	39	41	43	45
<b>ORDER SIZE</b>	12	14	16	18	20	22

**REGULAR SUIT** is designed for a person of height 5'4" to 5'7".

**TALL SUIT** is designed for a person of height 5'8" to 5'10".

**PLEASE ORDER BY SIZE 12, 14, 16, 18, 20 and 22, REGULAR or TALL.** Price ..... **\$30.30**

**SHIRT.** Obtain locally, not stocked at the Stores Dept.

**BELT.** Brown leather with trefoil buckle—Adjustable. Sizes 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44. Price ..... **\$1.65**

**BERET.** Smart, navy felt, official design—Comfortable and secure. Sizes: small, medium, large and large X. Price ..... **\$5.20**

NOTE: A Provincial hat pin is obtained from your Provincial office, and is not supplied with the hat.

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Above: 1960's Brownie uniform on display at the McCord museum. Note the accessories.

Top right and center: Brownie and Leader uniform pages from the 1960 Jubilee year catalog.



*A Tribute to  
Jean Youngson*  
1909-1986



This photo showing Jean Youngson, Captain of the 33rd Montreal Company, in the center, appeared in the September 1953 issue of *The Canadian Guide*. The afghan was made in honor of the coronation of Elizabeth II and was presented to imperial Headquarters in London.

Jean Youngson, a Montreal Guider, who died in 1986 at the age of 77, was a generous benefactress of Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada. She bequeathed \$500,000 for international travel by Guiders as well as additional funds to Quebec Council. Guiders and girls of more recent times probably heard her name in connection to Youngson House while camping at the Lac Adair property (sold in 2009) or the Jean Youngson Campfire site at Wa-thik-ane in the Quebec Laurentiens. Her legacy is a testament to her belief in the principles of the organization and her hope for its continued positive impact on girls and women.

The article below, written by Daphne Montefiore, appeared in the September-October 1991 issue of *Canadian Guider*.

Jean Darling Youngson joined the 14<sup>th</sup> Montreal Company at Trafalgar school for Girls in 1926 and remained active in Guiding all her life. While a member of the 14<sup>th</sup> Company, Jean attended the first National Camp in British Columbia. Thus began her deep affection for camping.

On completing school, Jean immediately became a Guider and later Captain of the 18<sup>th</sup> Montreal Company at St. Columba House. She shared her passion for the outdoors and camping by creating opportunities for “her girls” to camp at Wa-thik-ane, the Provincial Campsite in Morin Heights. Jean camped frequently with her company and, in later years, camped a weekend a year. Later, as Mrs. Youngson, Jean

persuaded the Westmount Rotary Club through her Rotarian husband to “lend a hand” at Camp Wa-thik-ane. The Rotary Club undertook to build the marquees and docks at the camp, many of which are still in use today.

After war service with the Canadian Red Cross, Jean started the 33<sup>rd</sup> Montreal Company in Notre-Dame de Grace which she led for 25 years. “The 33<sup>rd</sup> Company was renowned throughout Montreal for the special fun and friendship the Guides shared and especially for the number of badges and cords they earned,” recalls Daphne Montefiore, a longtime Guider and former member of the National Council.

“The 33<sup>rd</sup> is also remembered for the extraordinary amount of

service the company contributed to the community.”

Other positions Jean Youngson held included Guide Trainer, Records Secretary and Deputy Provincial Commissioner for Quebec. No matter what position Jean held, she continued to lead her Guide Company – even after she was confined to bed due to declining health.

In 1967 Canada recognized Jean by awarding her the Canada Centenary Medal. In 1975 Jean was awarded the Medal of Merit by the Girl Guided of Canada – Guides du Canada. A year later, she was awarded an Honorary Life Membership to celebrate her 50 years in Guiding.

Jean Youngson’s commitment to Guiding will endure. Today

Guides at all levels can enjoy the Youngson Campfire site, Wa-thik-ane as well as Youngson House at Lac Adair, Que., as a result of Jean’s bequest. Former Chief Commissioner Joan Howell expressed the gratitude of all Girl Guides of Canada – Guides du Canada when she said; “Through Jean Youngson’s thoughtful and generous bequest, Guiding will continue to be an enhancing experience for girls and women. Guiding will always provide opportunities for girls and young women to be responsible citizens able to give leadership and service to the community.”



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Juste un petit courriel pour vous féliciter de ce succès: je pense que tout le monde était très satisfait de l'événement au musée. Un grand nombre de participantes sont même allées visiter les expositions.

Je ne m'en étais pas cachée : j'avais peur du nombre de participantes. Mais qui aurait pu dire après leur passage que 680 filles sont venues au musée ?? Les espaces étaient extrêmement propres, et les filles très disciplinées et polies ! Le rêve pour tout organisateurs d'événements !!

Je suis fière d'avoir pu participer à votre réussite.

Orélie Brûlet

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Thank you  
for taking all  
this time for  
planning this very  
amusing event . I  
really enjoyed getting  
to know the uniforms  
they used to wear !  
Thank you! -Lara-  
-rox-

Thank you for  
planning this 100  
year event. I had so  
much fun. I liked the free  
bagels and the scavenger  
hunt made me like a tourist  
in my own city, which I really  
enjoyed. THANK YOU!  
Olivia  
Raco

Thank you very much  
for such an amazing day!  
I really enjoyed doing  
the scavenger hunt and  
loved the Bingo.  
I learned a lot of new  
things and saw a lot of the city  
I live in. :)

Thank you for the absolutely  
amazing day. I will, without  
a doubt, NEVER forget it.  
I especially liked the scavenger  
hunt and Chinatown. Thanks  
for a great day!  
-Alexa-

Thank you for devoting a bit of your time  
to plan this fun day for us! It was a lot of  
fun! My favorite part was the hubs monument  
near the Bell center. I hope we do something  
fun like this next year!  
-xoxo-Sarah-



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