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- [Fall Day Camp recap](#)
- [New provincial project: Guiding in 50 Objects!](#)
- Training for New Guiders scheduled
- [Call for applications: QC Council Secretary](#)
- [Name the WTA mascot!](#)
- A new GGC QC Facebook group



Aviva Community Fund
Supporting what's important to you



Girl Guide Camp
Wa-Thik-Ane - Help...

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Do you cherish your memories of Camp Wa-Thik-Ane?

We need your VOTES to help ensure our beautiful waterfront can be enjoyed for our members for generations to come!

Click [HERE](#) to vote today and every day until November 25. We could win funding from the Aviva Community Fund to make some much needed repairs to our boats, to replace our docks and purchase new paddles and lifejackets.

- * [Connect](#) through your Facebook account or register to vote with your email address—it just takes a minute!
- * 'Like' the new [Camp Wa-Thik-Ane Facebook page](#), invite others to join and share the link to vote: <http://www.avivacommunityfund.org/ideas/acf18858>

We must make it into the top ten to qualify for the semi-finals! Please help spread the word in your units, your districts, your communities and online!

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GUIDER SYMPOSIUM 2014

Guiding in the New Millenium



Le guidisme du nouveau millénaire

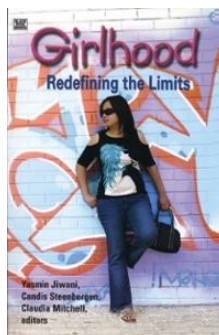
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

JANUARY 18, 2014

Champlain College, Saint-Lambert

- New approach this year with a café exchange on the topics of **Creative Camping, Turning Girls Ideas into Meetings, GGC Challenges, Community Visibility and Service, Social Media, Making Parents Loyal to Guiding, Connecting with Today's Girl**
- Afternoon branch-specific workshops: **Creative, Active, Engaging—Upping the Girl Meeting Experience** ★
- This year we're asking you to bring your **ALL STAR TEAM!** It could be a district team or a Committee team... Design your team pin or badge and wear it proudly on the big day—details to come!
- Registration information coming soon, details in the December *Piccolo* and the GGC-QC website

- We'll take a look at 'today's girl and her world' with guest speaker Guider **Candis Steenbergen**, author of ***Girlhood: Redefining the Limits***



Guiders from Laval show their Guiding spirit at the 2013 Symposium

Do you have any contacts that might be able to help us collect items for swag bags or door prizes?

[Please let us know!](#)

Would you like to help build new program content for Québec?

Québec Girl Program Annex



The province of Québec is both unique and distinct within Canada. Last January, a Guider workshop at Symposium looked at Québec Pride and created a collection of topics that will help units explore some aspects of Québec life. The focus was on items that were uniquely Québécois—things that set us apart from other countries and from the rest of

It's time to turn these topics into a full Québec Guiding Program Annex!

All members are welcome to contribute to an ongoing program building workshop and to share their thoughts and ideas by posting them to our “by invitation” Facebook **event page**. To access your invitation and the event page, join the [GGC-GduC Québec closed Facebook group](#), or simply send us an email at programme@guidesquebec.ca to let us know you'd like to participate.

On **Monday, December 2, between 7-10 p.m.** there will be a “live” exchange time on the event Facebook page, using posts as the means to exchange ideas in real time to all guests who are on-line - a kind of **virtual workshop**. Attend in your ‘jammies if you like!



In the meantime, please check out the page and have a look at the building framework. Put on your thinking caps for branch-specific program ideas that you propose that will meet program objectives. Submit them by posting to the event site and they will be part of the discussions on the 2nd of December – and who knows? They may help form the basis of the newest pages in Québec Guiding programming!

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Voulez-vous participer à la création de nouveaux éléments de programme pour Guides Québec?

Une annexe de programme Guide —signé Québec!



Le Québec est unique au Canada, ainsi que dans le mouvement Guide. Au cours d'un atelier au colloque 2013, les cheffaines présentes ont assemblé une collection de thèmes qui soulignaient la fierté Québécoise, avec l'emphase sur des éléments qui expérimentent certains atouts qui sont uniquement Québécois.

C'est le moment que ces idées se transforment en activités de programme pour les Guides du Québec!

Toutes les membres sont invitées à contribuer leurs suggestions au projet par l'entremise du site Facebook – vos idées peuvent être « post-ées » à la **page événement** rattachée à la page [« groupe fermé » de GGC-GduC Québec](#). Pour accepter votre invitation et accéder à la page événement, joignez-vous à notre [groupe](#) ou contactez-nous au programme@guidesquebec.ca et votre invitation vous parviendra!

Lundi, le 2 décembre de 19h à 22h il y aura une session d'échange en direct, via “posts” entre participantes branchées - un atelier virtuel, sans changer vos pantoufles!

D'ici cette date, allez consulter la page d'événement et jeter un coup d'œil à la structure de base – et réfléchissez comment vous proposerais ces concepts par activité avec nos jeunes membres de tout âge! Toute soumission au site avant l'atelier du 2 décembre s'ajoutera aux discussions – et, qui sait, fera partie du nouveau programme.

Guiding in 50 Objects

A new Québec program project. How to get started?

- * Visit the [web page](#) for this new Québec program project and download the [Activity Guide](#).
- * Browse the GGC-QC [Pinterest site](#) for inspiration.
- * Have your say and tell us which crest design concept you like best! [Click HERE to vote](#).

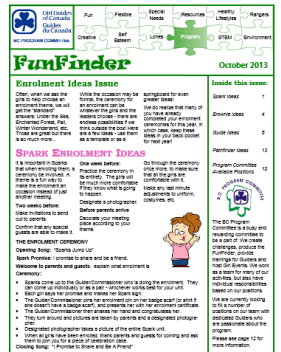


Looking for program ideas?

B.C.'s *FunFinder* might have just what you're looking for.

Take a look at this great resource for **enrolment ceremony ideas**, how to integrate **STEM** programming into your meetings and different **themes** you could incorporate into your program.

Download a number of FunFinder issues [here](#).



Take a trip down memory lane... After a long absence, the Centennial Special Edition of *The Piccolo* is again available in our [archives](#)!

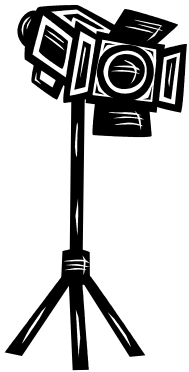
Hardly seems like 3 whole years ago when 1200 members gathered in celebration of 100 years of

Guiding. Where were you on May 15, 2010?

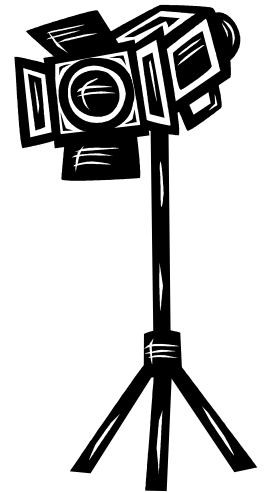
[Have a peek!](#)



How to have fun with a purpose with girls? [Watch this video](#) and hear what our WAGGGS sisters Girl Scouts USA have to say!



Putting our Girls' Achievements in the Spotlight



Sunday, December 8, from 2-4pm

Girl Recognition Event

Hosted by Valois-Dorval District
at the Sarto Desnoyers Community Centre in Dorval
(1335 Lakeshore Drive, Dorval, QC, H9S 2E5)

Attention Guide, Pathfinder and Ranger leaders!

- * If you have girls in your unit who earned an award in the 2012-2013 Guiding year, it's not too late! **Email the provincial office now** at imis@guidesquebec.ca with the girl members' names and iMIS numbers
- * Girls whose awards have been recorded in iMIS will be receiving invitations soon
- * Treats will be provided
- * Guest speakers will be presenting on their recent travel experiences within Guiding:

Hannah Quinn - Our Cabaña for the Western Hemisphere Regional Conference

Daphne Sauvé - Our Chalet



Girl award recipients at the 2012 event in Pincourt



(left) Member Meghan V. is presented with her Canada Cord certificate and pin at the top of the Bluff at Camp Wa-Thik-Ane at sunrise on June 16, 2013. What a special moment for her and her Guider, Joan Lax! Keep your eyes peeled for a guest **blog** entry about this "keeper" memory.

SOAR 2014 participants selected

Our GGC Québec representatives have been chosen for the SOAR (Spirit of Adventure Rendez-vous) 2014 event in Enderby, B.C. We're pleased to announce the following participants:

Guiders:

Valerie Zaloum
Robin Goudreault

Alternates:

Esther Keller
Mary-May Hubert

Girl Members:

Anja Eickemeyer
Erika Malnasi
Jillian Quigley
Michelle Malnasi
Serina Itri

Many thanks to everyone who applied! Don't forget to visit the [International & Travel section](#) of our provincial website for other opportunities.

DESIGN A CREST CONTEST!

Be part of history and design the
2013-2014 GGC Québec Membership Crest!



Every girl member who registers for the 2014-2015 Guiding year will receive the crest, possibly created by you! Here are the guidelines:

1. There must be a trefoil in your design.*
2. The following bilingual text must appear: '**Québec Guiding 2014-2015—
Guidisme Québec 2014-2015**'
3. Email your crest design to communications@guidesquebec.ca before January 31, 2014.

* The winning design may be adjusted to comply with GGC Brand Standards

Let the spirit of Guiding inspire you!

The winning entry will be featured in *The Piccolo* and the winner will receive \$30 to spend shopping at the Girl Guide store!





What is a Link member?

A Link member can be any young woman in Guiding aged 18 to 35 years old. Link is an open forum for young woman to connect with one another. It's a place for those who are unable to commit to a unit or for those who are looking to be a part of Guiding outside of being a Unit Guider.

What's the objective?

The purpose of this group is for young women to have a place to get together in a relaxed and informal setting. Link members can have the opportunity to work on brainstorming ideas for their unit meetings, can begin or continue work on a service project, or can just be there to socialize and discuss all aspects of Guiding.

Some Link events or activities may include pub nights, travel, skiing, ice skating, rock climbing, hiking, camping, horse-back riding, white water rafting... and anything else you can think of!

What is the time commitment?

Whatever amount of time that you can commit to being a Link member. You don't have to participate in all the events, or be at all the meetings.

Why should I be a Link member?

If you are a young Guiding member who is looking to have some fun and to meet more young Guiders, this is the place to be! If you are unable to commit to regular weekly meetings or are looking for opportunities within Guiding for yourself, Link may be what you are looking for.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Amber LeBrun
Link Specialist | amberlebrun@hotmail.com | 514-296-8811

Qu'est-ce qu'un membre de Link?

Un membre de Link peut être n'importe quelle jeune femme âgée de 18 à 35 ans qui est membre des Guides. Link est un forum ouvert pour les jeunes femmes pour se connecter les uns aux autres. C'est un endroit pour ceux qui ne sont pas en mesure de s'engager dans un unité ou pour ceux qui cherchent à participer dans des activités du Guidisme en dehors d'être un responsable d'unité.

Quel est l'objectif?

Le but de ce groupe est pour les jeunes femmes d'avoir un endroit pour se réunir dans un cadre détendu et informel. Les membres de Link peuvent avoir l'opportunité de travailler sur des idées pour leurs réunions d'unité, commencer ou continuer à travailler sur un projet de service, ou socialiser et discuter tous les aspects du Guidisme.

Certaines activités peuvent inclure des soirées au pub, des voyages, une journée de ski, le patinage, l'escalade, la randonnée, le camping, l'équitation, le rafting... et toute autre chose que vous pouvez imaginer!

Quel est l'engagement de temps?

Quel que soit le temps vous pouvez consacrer à être membre de Link. Vous n'avez pas à participer à tous les événements ou être à toutes les réunions.

Pourquoi devrais-je être membre de Link?

Si vous êtes un jeune membre des Guides qui cherche à s'amuser et de rencontrer plus de jeunes membres des Guides, c'est l'endroit où tu veux être! Si vous ne parvenez pas à s'engager dans des réunions hebdomadaires ou vous êtes à la recherche d'opportunités au sein du Guidisme pour vous-même, Link peut être ce que vous recherchez.

S'il vous plait n'hésitez pas à me contacter si vous avez des questions.

Amber LeBrun
Link Specialist | amberlebrun@hotmail.com | 514-296-8811



Link Bowling Extravaganza!



WANTED: *Young women in Guiding interested in a fun night out!*

When: Thursday, November 21 from 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Where: Montreal Forum, 4th floor, Forum Sports Bar (corner of Atwater and Ste-Catherine streets, Atwater metro)

Why: A night of fun with other young Guiders and transitioning members

Cost: \$8 per person per game (shoes and tax included)



For questions, or to RSVP, please contact:

Amber LeBrun, Link Specialist
amberlebrun@hotmail.com | 514-296-8811

***Link!** A place for young women to have fun
and share in the **sisterhood of Guiding***

In case you missed it...

From our [GGC Québec Blog](#):



[Nothing finer... than a glorious weekend at Wa-Thik-Ane](#) by guest blogger Pamela Rice

[Welcome to the 2nd Mount Bruno Guides!](#)

by guest blogger Emily Koehler-Lemaire

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Ghoul's just
wanna have fun!

Mount Bruno Girl
Guides celebrate
Halloween!



(above) Liesse District enrolment ceremony
Did you know they have their own [Facebook page?](#)

56 leaders from Lakeshore, Riverdale and Valois-Dorval districts came together the first week of November for branch-specific trainings and fellowship.

They got the chance to be girls for a night and try their hands at new activities, meet new friends and learn new things.

Lakeshore, Riverdale & Valois-Dorval training PED Week!

The first ever PED week was a roaring success with newbies and veteran guiders alike learning new ideas to bring back to their meetings.

With each district hosting a branch training on a different night, leaders had the opportunity to spend time on issues and challenges that pertain to their specific branch.

Thank you to all the hostesses, facilitators and participants! Submitted by Nissa Grant, Lakeshore DC



UNIT INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

From time to time, we get requests from groups wanting to connect with units here. We have two such opportunities at the moment:

⇒ **Brownies:** A Girl Scout troop in Pennsylvania would like to send a Juliette Gordon Low (founder of Girl Scouts USA) paper doll to different countries. They're learning about geography and history in school and their troop leader is trying to bring it all together by teaching the girls about Low's vision and how it travelled around the world. They also want to know about how our units came together and about our different customs.



⇒ **Pathfinders:** A senior group from Illinois, composed of 14 year old girls, are considering a trip to Montreal to tour and possibly camp at Wa-Thik-Ane next summer. They'd love a unit to help them plan.

If your Unit would like to exchange with either of these groups, let us know at international@guidesquebec.ca so we can put you in touch with each other.



NEW INDEPENDENT TRIP OPPORTUNITY

XPLORE14 is an international camp set for July 30–August 6, 2014, hosted by Girlguiding Ulster. Set in the beautiful Irish countryside, surrounded by the lakes and forests of the Fermanagh Lakelands, the XPLORE14 site at Castle Saunderson is the perfect place for an outdoor-action-packed summer camp! Read more on their [website](#).

First Aid Training

Are you First Aid certified? These trainings by **Pulse Aide Inc.** are tailored to the needs of GGC as per the latest Safe Guide. They are based on the Canadian Red Cross First Aid and CPR/AED Program Standards for 2013, and include the current Red Cross manual and a Red Cross certification valid for 3 years from the end date of the course. Visit the [Training](#) section of the Québec website to learn more.

UPCOMING COURSES:

Location: NDG

- **Emergency First Aid** (8 hours)
 - Saturday, November 23, 2013, 8:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m., \$100
- **Standard First Aid** (16 hours)
 - Sat., Nov. 23 and Sun., Nov. 24, 2013, 8:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m., \$120



For details and to register, or to book a course for your own district or Guiding community, email Joan Lax at pulseaideinc@gmail.com



Safe Guide: our risk management program!

Safety is the responsibility of all!



NEW GUIDERS:

It is compulsory for new Guiders to complete the Safe Guide training within the first six months of becoming a leader.

Guiders who cannot attend a face to face training have the possibility to do it online. Contact the provincial office (admin@guidesquebec.ca) for instructions and a PIN.

Upcoming Trainings:

- ⇒ Many Guiders are due to have completed their Safe Guide training in the months of January, February and March 2014
- ⇒ If you would like a Safe Guide training in your district, start making a plan by talking to your District Commissioner

For **YELLOW** assessments, it is compulsory to provide an **SG.1 with a schedule of activities, SG.3, SG.4 and SG.5** (if applicable). Forms must be sent to sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca 14 days in advance of your activity.

Also, it would be appreciated if all forms are sent together and if the Responsible Guider has indicated iMIS numbers for all adults participating in the activity.

Questions?

Contact:

Louise Triggs, Provincial Safe Guide Adviser, at:

sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca

Treasurers' Trove

For Unit and District Treasurers

Signing Officers:

If you haven't updated them yet, please do so now. This must be done for all unit and district accounts every year. This must show in district minutes, although if there are no changes, you should not have to visit the bank.

Budget for Districts:

Please include it with your next district minutes. It is a good idea for units to do a budget too, but it is not required.

Year-end:

Year-end is December 31, which is coming soon, so make sure your books are up to date before the holiday rush! That will make it easier to wind things up for December 31 when they must be closed for review.

Charging GST/QST for Unit Treasurers:

Many of you already know that we now have to charge GST and QST on some activities. I will be doing transition trainings for Unit Treasurers in most districts. The details will be explained, as well as the new forms which we will have to use. It will not be a long evening, and is only for those already familiar with the Excel workbook. Please make an effort to attend the training in your district. Talk to your District Treasurer or to me if you can't make it, as there might be another offered relatively close by. I hope to see you all soon!

As always, if you have any Guiding financial questions, e-mail me at finances-support@guidesquebec.ca

Dawn Coffey, Treasurer Support Specialist



(from the [November Guidepost](#))



Cookie All Stars

Don't forget to keep track of Unit and Girl Cookie Sales using the updated [Unit Tracking spreadsheet](#) until the site opens in the New Year.

How to track sales by Trex, Lones transitional members

These sales must be recorded manually after the registration site has closed. You will need to keep track of the following:

- Girl's name and iMIS number
- Total number of case sold
- Unit iMIS number and name
- Guider's mailing address

Updated GM 2016 camp credit information

The GM 2016 Camp Credit will be offered for the 2013/2014 and the 2014/2015 Cookie All Stars campaigns. If a girl does not end up attending this camp, an exchange will be offered in the form of a \$250 Future Shop Gift Card for every \$300 camp credit earned or \$125 Future Shop gift card for every \$150 camp credit. If the girl has registered for GM 2016, camp refund rules will then apply.

Fall 2013 Chocolatey Mint Cookie Campaign

The fall campaign was very successful, with many units unable to keep up with the demand for cookies. If you have cookies left to sell, use the [Cookie Finder Map](#) to let our avid cookie fans know where you will be selling.

Girl Guide Cookie Festive Wreath



Recipe Ingredients

- Plain greenery, Styrofoam or wire wreath
- Coloured bow
- Girl Guide cookies (any flavour) wrapped in iridescent basket wrap or cellophane
- Silver parcel 'string' (the type with stars, etc.) or ribbon

Method

Wrap the cookies in the basket wrap and attach the tinsel string or ribbon to the wreath at appropriate spots around the wreath.

Dress the wreath up to your own taste and place in a prominent place either on your door or in your house.

Offer your guests a piece of your wreath to take home.

You may have to replenish it quite often when people find out how good your wreath tastes! **ENJOY!**



Mount Bruno cookie sellers at IGA

Click [HERE](#) to discover more Girl Guide cookie recipes and download recipe cards!

Welcome, Fiona!

Please join us in welcoming **Fiona Best** as our new GGC Québec Council Secretary. We look forward to having her onboard!

Congratulations, Cathenna!

We are pleased to announce that Guider **Cathenna Michaud** from Lachine-St. Lawrence District has been selected by GGC Québec Council to attend the Brownie Super Program Training in Toronto on November 22-24.

The event is sponsored by GGC Ontario Council and will include workshops by The Disney Institute. Cathenna will have the chance to share her experience and ideas with us at the Québec Guider Symposium in January 2014.

Update on French program books

Printed French **Brownie** program books will be available for purchase by the end of the year. These translated versions will include the most updated material including all graphics. Spark and Guide books will be ready in the new year.

Other provinces have also expressed interest in purchasing these from us—once we have the books in hand we'll let you know how to order them.

Membership Growth

Congratulations to the following districts who have exceeded last year's girl membership numbers*, helping us to grow Guiding in our province:

- Hayes-Apple Valley
- Mille-Iles
- Northern Lights
- Northshore
- Riverview
- Thetford Mines
- Valois-Dorval
- Knowlton

*This is based on current estimates provided by the DCs

Here's a snapshot of where we are provincially:

2011-2012—**1807**

2012-2013—**1757**

2013-2014—**1565** *total registration

2014 budget requirement—**1800**

To meet last year's membership numbers, each unit must grow by 1.3 girls. To meet our budgetary target, we need to grow by **1.6 girls per unit.**

Thank you to everyone for your efforts in keeping Guiding in Québec strong!



Hats off to our members around the province who took part in Remembrance Day ceremonies in their communities. (left) Girl Guides in Lachute take part in their local parade.

GGC QC 2013-2014 Calendar

November 22-24	Eastern Regional Trainers Conference
December 8	Recognizing Girl Achievement (Girl Recognition event), Dorval
January 18	<i>Guiding in the New Millenium—Le guidisme du nouveau millénaire</i> - 2014 Guider Symposium, Saint-Lambert
February	Guide Winter Camp
February 22	DC-Adviser-Council meeting (half day)
May 1	GGC Québec Council Annual General Meeting
May 10	Festi-Guides, Rosemère
May 10	Camp Opening Day
May (tbc)	Young Women's Forum

October 11 was **International Day of the Girl** and Québec Girl Guides joined their WAGGGS sisters from all over the world in celebration.

It was an occasion to ask the question—***We need girls in the lead because...*** Here's what some of our members had to say!

*We need to be empowered! We can survive!
We need more attention!*

We need to make things equal!

We can help each other change the world!

On a besoin des filles qui mènent, car...

Elles ont des pensées différentes!

On a besoin de notre voix et opinion!



Secteur Argenteuil invited their local MP, Mylene Freeman, to a special Day of the Girl meeting. She inspired many with her words—“If you surround yourself with people who share the same beliefs as you and who care about you, you'll be surprised what you can achieve.”

Read about the highlights of this event in a [quest blog](#) by DC Sara Ogilvie.