



## Another great day out with the Montreal Impact

Submitted by Diane Oki and Shannon Jackson, Provincial PR Chairs

Montreal Impact Soccer Day on **Saturday, October 25** drew out over 300 members of Guiding and their families from across the city. Despite the changeable weather and the eventual downpour during the game, the opening ceremony was dry and almost sunny (as you can see from the pictures).



Photo credit: Diane Oki

33 girls formed part of the Honour Row and helped to cheer the players on to the field. The crowd was loud and enthusiastic as the Impact drew to a 1:1 finish despite a short overtime.

Before the game the PR booth had some fierce competitors trying to conquer its bean bag toss game, and a steady stream

of prizes, Guiding information and Impact crests were given out.

Thanks to Patricia Tellis, Zinovia Samonas and Mary-May Hubert for their help during the afternoon.



Photo credit: Mary-May Hubert

Tune in to **CBC radio's Daybreak show (88.5)** this Friday morning, **November 14 from 7—8 a.m.!** Girl Guides from **Valois-Dorval** and **Pointe-Claire** districts will be featured on the **live broadcast** from Fairview bus terminal.

(Right) Laval cookie sellers—See page 6-7 for more girls in action!



Photo courtesy of Sophie Bacchi

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**ATTENTION:** This is a *pre-boarding announcement* for all **Adult Members and Rangers\***



**Book your ticket soon!**  
 Details are coming in an eblast  
 and to the GGC QC website  
 later this month

## JANUARY 17, 2015

**Champlain College—Saint-Lambert**  
*Spread your wings and be part of this special event!*

**YOUR ITINERARY :**

<b>Check-in 08:30, boarding 09:00; Saturday, January 17, 2015</b>
<i>In-flight entertainment</i> —our guests: <b>Sharron Callahan</b> —GGC National Chief Commissioner and GGC International Commissioner <b>Pamela Rice</b> —GGC National Chief Commissioner-Elect They will share their experience of <i>The Wide World of WAGGGS</i> as delegates representing Canada at the recent 2014 World Conference in Hong Kong.
<b>Coffee and transfer to departure lounges</b>
<i>Free-flow sharing and presentations</i> on topics that have an international flair—a wide variety for all interests, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet the Chief</li> <li>• NEW Twinning project with Peru</li> <li>• Bringing the world to your unit</li> <li>• A preview—Guiding Mosaic 2016</li> <li>• Shopping at the “Duty Free”</li> <li>• Guiding travelers and their journeys</li> <li>• Actions for all ages for that better world</li> <li>• How YOUR Guiding story impacts YOUR world! (for Rangers* and younger Guiders)</li> <li>• SWAP MEET (learn more on <a href="#">page 4</a>)</li> </ul>
<b>Lunch service included</b>
<b>Your afternoon connecting flights—each with arrival YUL 15:45</b>
Choose your international and/or WAGGGS-related program session—details soon!

**Don't be left at home! Plan to join our chartered “flight” of fancy!**

*\*Including Ranger-aged Trex*

## TRAINING WEEK is here! November 17 to November 19, 2014



**Open to all Guiders**, regardless of branch or experience level. Join us for an evening of fun and learning. You are welcome to attend more than one training. Choose what interests you, [send us an e-mail](#) and join us on the evening of the event!

<p><b>Monday</b> <b>November 17</b></p>	<p><b>Getting Outside</b> - Playing outdoor games, appreciating nature in the city, exploring your local community, working on camp skills... Participate in a sharing session focused on the different ways to promote outdoor fun on a more regular basis as part of weekly meetings. There are lots of ways to connect program (all levels) and the outdoors. Come explore some of them with us!</p>	<p>Host: <b>Liesse District</b> YMCA St.- Laurent, 1745 blvd Décarie, St.-Laurent, QC, H4L 3N5, 6-8 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> <b>November 19</b></p>	<p><b>Girl Engagement</b> - How do we inspire our girls to realize their own potential through Girl Engagement? We will share what we do to enable girls to plan their own activities AND cover the program in a fun and</p>	<p>Host: <b>Monklands District</b> Wesley United Church, 5964 ave. Notre-Dame-de-Grâce, Montréal, QC, H4A 1N1, 6:30-8:30 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> <b>November 19</b></p>	<p><b>Event Planning</b> - Come and join us for a 'new take' on event planning! Participate in a session to become an integrative planner and add that special touch only you and a team can bring to any event!</p>	<p>Host: <b>Lachine-St. Lawrence District</b> Summerlea United Church, 225 50e ave., Lachine, QC, H8T 2T7, 6:30-8:30 p.m.</p>

If you would like to join us, please send an **email** to: [training.formation\(at\)guidesquebec\(dot\)ca](mailto:training.formation(at)guidesquebec(dot)ca) and include:

- training you would like to attend
- your name
- iMIS number
- phone number
- district
- branch
- years of experience as a Guider

- Joanne Millette, Provincial Training Adviser | [training.formation@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:training.formation@guidesquebec.ca)

## Link News

### UPCOMING EVENT:

#### Advanced screening of *The Hunger Games 3 - Mockingjay Part 1* -

Thursday, November 20 at 7 p.m. at the Kirkland Coliseum. Tickets are \$17 and must be purchased in advance.

For tickets and details, please email Stacie at [staciebouch\(at\)hotmail\(dot\)com](mailto:staciebouch(at)hotmail(dot)com)

Are you a member between the ages of 18 and 35? Click [HERE](#) to find out more about Link





Keep the following **weekends** free for **SNOW TRAILS**

## Québec Winter Camp 2015

For Pathfinders, Trex, Rangers and their Guiders  
February 13-15, 2015

## Québec Quinzee Sleepout

For 3rd year Pathfinders, Trex, Rangers and interested Guiders  
February 21-22, 2015

We are still looking for **leaders**.  
If you can help, please contact:

[camping@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:camping@guidesquebec.ca)

Thank you!

- QC Provincial Camping Committee

### It's not too late! Show your support for Camp Wa-Thik-Ane by purchasing a special edition crest!

Thanks to the generosity of [Zone West](#) in Maple Ridge, B.C., the first 500 crests have been made for us as a donation in support of Camp Wa-Thik-Ane. Crests are \$3.00 each plus shipping (when applicable). Download an [order form](#) and send it to [info@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:info@guidesquebec.ca).

Looking for other ways to contribute? Learn more about the ways to donate on the ['Ways of Giving'](#) page of our [Quebec website](#).



## *How do Guides make friends all over the world?*



Sometimes it's through  
Swapping, of course!

This year, Guider Symposium will hold a

### **SWAP MEET**

just before lunch! Participants are encouraged to bring (make, buy, create) at least a dozen swaps (aka camp hat crafts) to swap during our swapping time.



What's a SWAP?!

"Share **W**ith **A** Pal"

"Special **W**hatchamacallits **A**ffectionately **P**inned **S**omewhere"

"SWAPS" can trace their roots to POTLATCH, the Native American custom of a ceremonial distribution of gifts.  
(posted by Troop 40, Genesee Valley Girl Scouts)

Check out [Pinterest](#) for a million ideas!

See [Page 2](#) for more about Symposium 2015



Don't forget to recognize your girls' cookie-selling efforts with the

## Québec Cookie Ribbons!

They can be ordered at any time. Simply download the [ORDER FORM](#), fill it out and send it to: [cookies.biscuits@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:cookies.biscuits@guidesquebec.ca)

What to do with those last cookies still lying around?

Why not try one of these scrumptious treats!



Click [HERE](#) to take a look at some of the special creations and bakers and download the recipes for your collection!



Top left and above: **Pointe-Claire** cookie sellers (photo courtesy of Claire Morier); Left: Cookie sellers from **Northern Lights** District (photo courtesy of RoseAnna Cirino).

Check out page 6 for more photos from the fall 2014 campaign!

- Helena Green, Provincial Cookie Adviser  
 & Kelly Vandzura, Deputy Provincial Cookie Adviser  
[cookies.biscuits@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:cookies.biscuits@guidesquebec.ca)



Thank you to Guiders  
 Sophie Bacchi from Laval,  
 Claire Morier from Pointe-  
 Claire and Carol Kelly from  
 Lakeshore for sending us  
 these great shots!

Got more for our collection?  
[Send 'em in!](#)



Fresh from our [GGC Québec blog](#):

## Northshore Brownies Explore a 'Key to My Community' with a celebration of Aboriginal traditions

*Submitted by Laura Litvack, Deputy District Commissioner for Northshore District and Guider with the 2nd Northwood Brownies and 1st Ste Genevieve Pathfinders*

On October 27, as part of the **Key to My Community** the **2nd Northwood Brownies** got a special visit from Karonhienhawe, a Mohawk woman from Kanehsatake. She taught the girls about the Mohawk community and the roles that women play in it.



The girls also got to listen to some traditional instruments, including the Mohawk Water Drum and learned about how it represents the circle of life. As well, the girls were able to learn some traditional dances and songs, their favorite being the duck dance!

At the end, girls were able to see some Mohawk clothing, including a pair of leather moccasins.

A big thank you to Karonhienhawe as well as the [Red Urban Project](#) for helping the girls earn their **Aboriginal People in Canada** badge!



## Fall Gourmet Cooking Camp!

*Submitted by Joanne Millette, Guider with the 1st Northern Lights Pathfinder Unit and Provincial Training Adviser*

The weatherman was calling for a blustery rainy weekend but the **Northern Lights Pathfinders** had planned their fall gourmet cooking camp for the first weekend in October and a little wet weather was not going to dampen their spirits. The girls arrived on Friday night ready for their outdoor cooking adventure. Saturday morning they built their box oven and although they looked a little skeptical about its performance potential they were game to give it a try. We talked about methods for outdoor cooking and the changes that would be necessary considering the pouring rain. We are Girl Guides, the ability to adapt



was never in question. The fact that we had a kitchen shelter also helped.

By the end of the weekend the 12 Pathfinders had cooked in a box oven, reflector oven, stove pipe (tin can stove), Coleman stoves, and buddy burners. They made things like; angels in a blanket, cinnamon rolls in oranges, stir fry, pancakes, chicken burgers, fruit pizza, hash browns and much more. The leaders were very impressed and the girls were very proud...

[Continue reading on the GGC Québec blog!](#)

Check out our full [Fall Day Camp photo gallery](#)

Have you heard? [Lakeshore District](#) has their own Facebook page—[take a look!](#)



## Pointe-Claire District throw a Halloween open house extravaganza!

October 23—Combining Bring-a-friend, Open House and a district-wide Halloween Party, Pointe-Claire had about 65 girls in full costume bobbing for food, running relay races, making spider nests and ghostly votives and having a great time. The new bracelets were part of the loot bag given out at the end, with brochures and Free Meeting passes inserted in all friend bags. We have already had several unit visits following this event.

- Diane Oki, Guider with the 2nd Cedar Park Guides



### Girl Guides took part in Remembrance Day ceremonies around the province

Clockwise from left: **Valois-Dorval Girl Guides** (photo courtesy of Charyl Hyndman); **Secteur Argenteuil Girl Guides** (photo courtesy of Sara Ogilvie); **Pointe-Claire Girl Guides** (photo courtesy of Claire Morier)

Above: Halloween in **Laval** (photo courtesy of Sophie Bacchi); Below: Celebrations in **Valleyfield** (photo courtesy of Annette Massicotte)







Do you love reading and writing as much as you love Guiding?

Why not apply to be a **literary agent** for our upcoming literacy-themed **National Service Project**? Find out more [HERE](#)

[from the [November Guidepost](#):]

Aiming to put our words into action, the goal is to service communities across the country through book drives, backpack drives, volunteer reading programs and more!



## Brownie Activity Day—The Gathering of Ideas: November 17 at 7 p.m.

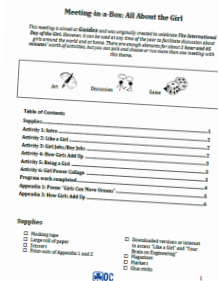
In late January or early February, QC Council would like to see a big one-day event happen for **Brownies** across the province. Take part in some brainstorming and join us, either in person **at the provincial office** or **live on Facebook** on the [event page](#). You can post your ideas and suggestions at anytime!

Looking for a last minute meeting idea?

We've got a **NEW meeting-in-a-box: 'All About the Girl'** (aimed at Guides)

Click [HERE](#) to check out the QC Meetings-in-a-Box series on our provincial website.

Have a meeting you want to share with us? You can **write to us** at: [programme@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:programme@guidesquebec.ca) or answer **these questions**.



## 16 Days of Action Against Gender-Based Violence campaign: November 25-December 10



This yearly campaign aims to raise awareness about and eliminate violence against women and girls at local, national and international levels. The 2014 theme is **conflict and peace**. Click [HERE](#) to learn more and download the **instant meeting kit**.

## Thinking Day 2015 WAGGGS activity packs available



The 2015 WTD theme is Millennium Development Goal (MDG) 8: **Develop a global partnership for development.**

WAGGGS has created a board game to help Girl Guides celebrate on World Thinking Day. Learn more and download the free activity packs [HERE](#).



## Don't forget about the [BC FunFinder!](#)

This resource published by the GGC BC Program Committee is full of programming ideas!





Starting this summer, GGC put in place new nationwide **police record check** procedures using a service called **Back-Check**. The process is completed online and requires applicants to submit information via the BackCheck website. **Reference checks** are also completed via BackCheck for most Potential Members. Here are some frequently asked questions about this part of the GGC screening process:

## BACKCHECK FAQ

### 1. What if I want a Non-Member Volunteer to get her police record check done through BackCheck?

BackCheck is a service that incurs a certain cost for the national and provincial councils; therefore it is reserved for Members and Potential Members. The process for Non-Members remains the same by default: a police record check request form is completed with the Screener and Non-Member, sent to the provincial office, and then sent to the SPVM. This takes about four months. It is possible to get a police record check for a Non-Member through BackCheck, however this person will be required to pay for the service by credit card; the unit or district may reimburse her if they choose to do so. A police record check using BackCheck costs \$23.00.

### 2. What if I prefer to go through my local Sureté du Québec office?

You can choose to have your Potential Members go through your local SQ office; in some areas it's just as fast as BackCheck. However, in these cases, the Screener must complete the reference checks. Therefore, the provincial office will need the original A.1, S.2, two S.3s, and the police record check to complete the screening process. If you are using BackCheck, the provincial office only needs the original A.1 and S.2

### 3. What is Online ID Verification?

During the process, BackCheck will ask the candidate certain questions in order to perform an online ID verification. This is simply to confirm the person's identity so the police record check can be processed, as opposed to requiring copies of the person's ID. It is not a credit check, but simply a way to confirm identification through personal information. The process is similar to any sensitive online transaction such as online banking or receiving a credit report, and the individual's credit score will not be affected in any way.

### 4. What happens when an applicant fails online ID verification?

Most people pass, but some individuals may not be able to complete the online process for various reasons. If an applicant fails online ID verification, they will be asked to proceed with in-person ID verification. This means that they simply need to print their BackCheck Consent Form (sent to them by email directly from BackCheck) and present it with two pieces of ID at any Canada Post office.

*For any other questions about BackCheck or if difficulties are encountered during the process, please communicate directly with the provincial office at [imis@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:imis@guidesquebec.ca) or 1-800-565-8111.*

Here are a couple of special moments captured at the **Liesse District** enrollment ceremony this past month. (More on the [Liesse District Facebook page!](#))

Do you have photos from your enrollment ceremony you'd like to share? Ideas for themes you'd like to tell us about? Send them to us and we'll include them in the next *Piccolo!*



# First Aid Training

Complete details of First Aid Requirements for Safe Guide Activity Levels are found in the [Safe Guide document, July 2014 update](#), found on the GGC national website. Pages of interest in Safe Guide relating to First Aid include, but are not limited to, pages 9 - 13 and 29 - 33.

**N.B. All First Aid Qualifications must be entered into iMIS [before](#) your Safe Guide Activity!**



**Red Cross First Aid Courses  
from Pulse Aide Inc.  
Tailored to the needs of GGC  
as per Safe Guide July 2014**



## UPCOMING COURSES:

### Location: NDG

- Courses previously scheduled for November 15 and 16 have been **postponed** due to lack of interest

### Location: Pierrefonds

- Emergency First Aid Course (8 hours): Saturday, January 24, 2015, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., \$105
- Standard First Aid Course (16 hours): Saturday, January 24 and Sunday, January 25, 2015, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., \$125

### **\*Upcoming in February or March:**

- Once dates for provincial camping events have been set, a date will be picked for a **one day recertification course** for those whose **Red Cross certifications** expire in March and April 2015.

For details and to register, or to book a course for your own district or Guiding community, please email Joan Lax at: [pulseaideinc@gmail.com](mailto:pulseaideinc@gmail.com)

# 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.

## It's budget time!

Please include it with your next district minutes. (Send them to [admin@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:admin@guidesquebec.ca)) 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.

## Taxation FAQ

As of January 1, 2015, please note that GGC Québec will no longer be charging taxes on Wa-Thik-Ane site rentals to units and districts.

The rules about when to charge taxes have not changed in

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any way: If you are holding an overnight camp, you must still charge the participants taxes on the participant fee for the camp. In the case of day events, if the majority of participants are under 14, you will not charge taxes, but if the majority are over 14, you must charge taxes if there is a participant fee. This does not change how you should use the forms in the GGC QC Financial Package. They all work (even better!) with this update.

Note that this does not affect the Wa-Thik-Ane rates for our summer camp (WWWTA), which means that participants must still pay the taxes on summer camp fees.

## Taxation Transition Training

I am looking at doing one in Lachine-St Lawrence in January, so if anyone missed out the first time around or wants to come again, let me know!

As always, if you have any Guiding financial questions, email me at [finances-support@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:finances-support@guidesquebec.ca)

Dawn Coffey

District Treasurer Support Specialist



# News from the Office

## GGC Québec provincial crests available to order

Crests are \$1.50 each. Fill out an [order form](#) (available on the Forms page of the QC website) and send it to us at [info@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:info@guidesquebec.ca).



## We're hiring!

GGC Québec Council is currently hiring for the following position:

**Communications Coordinator**  
(1 year maternity leave contract)

Details can be found [HERE](#) via [CharityVillage.com](http://CharityVillage.com)

## Girl Recognition Event

—November 23, 2014

Invitations have been sent out via email to all girls with a record of having received awards in 2014 (and their Guiders). If you believe anyone may have been left out, please contact us at [imis@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:imis@guidesquebec.ca)

## The Design-a-Crest contest will be back!

Details will appear in the December *Piccolo*.

## French program books now available for Pathfinders and Rangers

[Order forms](#) (for Québec members only) are available on the Forms page of the provincial website.



## GGC Québec Council—2014-2015 Important Dates

<b>November 17-19</b>	<b>Training Week for Guiders</b> —various locations; see page 9
<b>November 23</b>	<b>Girl Recognition Event</b> , Candiac
<b>January 17</b>	<b>Guider Symposium</b> , Champlain College—Saint-Lambert
<b>February 13-15</b>	<b>Snow Trails Winter Camp</b> (Pathfinders, Rangers, Trex and Guiders)
<b>February 21-22</b>	<b>Québec Quinzee Sleepout</b> (3rd year Pathfinders, Rangers, Trex and Guiders)
<b>May 7</b>	<b>Québec Council Annual General Meeting</b>
<b>TBD</b>	<b>Camp Opening Day at Wa-Thik-Ane</b>
<b>TBD</b>	<b>Festi-Guides</b>
<b>TBD</b>	<b>Young Women's Forum</b>