



All kinds of adventure!

Québec sent a group of members from across the province to represent our perspective at the **GGC National Conference**, April 11th and 12th. Delegates looked at recent research on girls and surveys of our members, and explored many topics including our programs, member needs,



living our mission, and providing a great Guiding experience. We shared Girl Greatness moments from young women from across the country. The team returned inspired and informed, and their participation will have an impact on the future of Girl Guides – in Quebec and Nationally!



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Festi Guides Fun!

Here at home members and visitors were treated to a **taste of Guiding in Québec** with the fourth annual **Festi-Guides** event, this year held in Dollard-des-Ormeaux's Centennial Park! A beautiful, sunny day saw girl members and their families as well as non or soon-to-be-members try activities and challenges like orienteering, camping skills and science activities! See [page 3](#) for more!

Read more stories from across Québec on [page 12!](#)

Young Women's Forum

5th Annual Young Women's Forum

The Young Women's Forum is gathering members ages 15 to 35 who want to share their knowledge and shape the future of Guiding in Québec. Featuring a keynote address by **Maya Johnson**, reporter for CTV News.

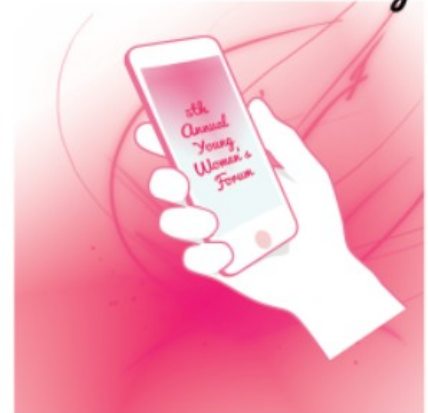
Our Topics: My Identity, My Social Media






Getting Your Message Across



Have Your Say



-  **When:** Saturday, June 20, 2015
from 10am – 3pm
-  **Where:** The Yellow Door
3625 Rue Aylmer, Montréal, QC
-  **Who:** Rangers and Guiders: ages 15-35

Keynote Speaker: Maya Johnson, Reporter for CTV News. An intrepid reporter from a young age, Maya blazed a trail for herself in the Montréal media industry, freelancing for CTV as a university student.

Our Topics: Here is a taste of the sessions open to the girls and Guiders that will give you the opportunity to discuss topics of interest for young women, as well as to learn new skills that will be great additions to your CV. These sessions will be done as interactive exercises, presentations, and discussions.

Getting Your Message Across

Public speaking skills, properly conveying a message, body language, tone, intonation, clarity, etc. (Interactive exercise)

Have Your Say

Discussing upcoming opportunities for girls and young women members to have an impact on the National Guiding program. (presentation & discussion)

My Identity, My Social Media

If you could create a message to deliver to the world about your identity as a young woman, how you define yourself and how guiding might have influenced it - what would it be? (interactive exercise)

Get to know other young women from around the province and discuss what matters to you. The YWF is all about sharing your knowledge, your skills and is an opportunity for you to help shape the future of Guiding in Québec.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Stacie Bouchard at dpc.cpa-Stacie@guidequebec.ca
Hope to see you there!

~Stacie Bouchard & Sarah DiMilo & Diana Rice

A Festi-Guides Thank You!

A fun day was had by all who attended **Festi-Guides** in Dollard des Ormeaux on May 2nd. Many, many thanks to the organizing committee and those who volunteered on the day: Guiders, Guides, Pathfinders, Rangers, husbands, sons and daughters. It took many hands to put a day like that together.

Thank-you to Argenteuil District and Hayes-Apple Valley for coming as groups and to all of you who attended with your children. We gave out about 250 passports to kids, but there were just as many adults and many who chose not to take passports.

There were swaps, cookies, camp blankets, crafts, games, photos, marshmallows, just to mention a few activities. Books were collected for the *Words in Action* National Service Project. The weather could not have been nicer.

If you did not make it this time, you missed a great day!

-Pam Godfrey, Deputy Provincial Commissioner



[Take a look at the online photo album!](#)

Photos by Candis Steenbergen, Dora Hemsworth, Ali Moenck, Helena Green



Outdoor Adventure Leadership Camp Weekend!

Take advantage of this “pre-Guiding year” opportunity to participate in the always popular and fun OAL camp weekend. For your convenience arrival is Saturday morning and departure is midday on Sunday. Enjoy the camaraderie and Guiding spirit that this event provides.

- Dates:** Sept 12 – 13, 2015
Where: Camp Wa-Thik-Ane – Morin Heights
Sites: Stavert, Huron and Cree
When: Arrival- Saturday 8:30AM
Departure- Sunday 2:00PM
Registration Deadline: August 28, 2015



Full kit lists and more information will be sent to participants closer to the event date.

Please address all questions to Joanne at: training.formation@guidesquebec.ca



[Registration form can be accessed here](#)

Tent Camping:

Are you ready to take your girls on that outdoor camping experience but you just don't know where to start? You have never put up a tent and just don't know where to begin. “Tent Camping Training” will give you the confidence and skill needed to enable your girls to help plan and execute a fun filled safe camp.

During this interactive tent camping experience we will cover:

- Planning and Packing
- Tents and Tarps
- Kitchens and Cooking
- Activities and Program

You will be sleeping in canvas tents on floor boards on Huron site.

Residential Camping:

Have you taken your girls residential camping (camping in a building)? Have you organized an overnight or weekend camping experience? Do you want to feel more confident in working as a team leader and delegating tasks? Well then “residential camp training” is for you.

During this interactive camp weekend we will cover:

- Leadership styles/ Key areas in Safe Guide that relate to planning and running camp/ Supporting girls to challenge themselves.
- Camp Planning
- Food and Nutrition
- Camp Life

You will be sleeping in bunk beds in the dormitory room at Stavert lodge.

Joanne Millette, Provincial Training Adviser | training.formation@guidesquebec.ca

Our Guiding Family



Gladys McCaig

District Commissioner
HAYES-APPLE VALLEY

Be inspired!

Leadership is a big part in the role of District Commissioner, and engaging Guiders on all levels is how District Commissioners get the best out of their volunteers. Gladys has been key in keeping Hayes-Apple Valley thrive through challenges and change. She understands and cares very much for the ladies and girls in her district. If you attend a district meeting, you will certainly share a few laughs. Gladys can kick-start any idea as long as it is fun for the girls!

Her go-to resource

Provincial office, Dawn, Piccolo, Dropbox, Canadian Guider, Member Zone, girlguides.ca

Her Eureka moment as District Commissioner

Geez.....I have done this before!

What she had to learn on the fly

Being DC second time around. Gladys was Commissioner from 1985 and 1990, and again from 2007 to the present.

Best activity with her Guiders

BBQ in the summer, an Ottawa trip and most of all CAMPS!

The biggest undertaking as District Commissioner

Rallying Guiders to attend district meetings to share

ideas and express their creative abilities.

TOP TIP

“Always listen to your Guiders”

At District Meetings, you will find

Different ideas and voices and laughter.

Now is a good time to

Get to know different leaders and District Commissioners ☺

WE WOULD LIKE HER TO KNOW That she has helped shape Girl Guides in the communities around her and has done so with passion and a strong sense of purpose. We are thrilled that she travels to Montréal to join us on DC days. Thank you Gladys.

Elaine Keeble, DC Support Specialist | dc.cs-support@guidesquebec.ca

Cookie News



Don't forget to order [your cookie ribbons](#)! The order form is available on the [Cookie Resources](#) page of the QC website!

Reminder to cookie orderers!

The deadline for mint cookie ordering is in June, before your final district meetings, think about how many mint cookie cases your district will be ordering!

Helena Green, Provincial Cookie Adviser; Kelly Vandzura, Deputy Cookie Adviser | cookies.biscuitst@guidesquebec.ca



From the Camping Committee

Quebec Fall Day Camp 2015

SAVE THE DATE – Saturday October 3, 2015

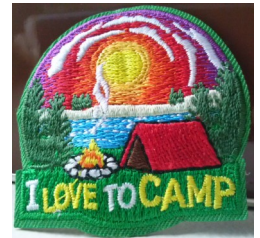
Event will take place at Camp Wa-Thik-Ane, Morin Heights

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.

Last year we had almost 400 participants (max capacity) even with the rain! Be sure to get your Unit Registration Form in early to guarantee your spot. 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 July.



Looking forward to seeing you there!

ADVANCE NOTICE – GUIDE PROVINCIAL WINTER CAMP 2016

Location and Date to be determined

The first ever Quebec Guide Provincial Camp in March 2014 was a huge success so we are planning to do it again! Please take this into consideration when planning your Unit or District winter camps for winter 2016.

Planning for this event will start shortly after the Fall Day Camp.

We will be looking for Guiders to be part of the planning team for this event. Guiders from all branch levels are welcome to be part of the planning team. Familiarity with the Guide Program would be an asset but is not required. A call out to Guiders to be on the planning team will go out in the September Piccolo.

Provincial Scholarship

Who can apply?

Any registered Québec Member of Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada who is entering or pursuing post-secondary education (in any field of study) on a full-time basis. The scholarship is open to members only and is based on your active Guiding and community involvement.

Deadline for the Provincial Scholarship:

June 1st, 2015

[Application information is available on the Québec website!](#)



- Annette Levasseur, Provincial Awards Specialist | awards.reconnaissance@guidesquebec.ca.



Spring Registration

As of May 1st, all current girl members are able to [register online](#). From June 1st, new girls and families will be able to register online. The 2015-2016 membership fee for all girls is \$135.

Contests!

The district and unit registration contests are running until May 31st! Get your girls to register before May 31st to increase your chances of winning. Think of the ways your district or unit could spend some extra cash!

District Registration Contest

Three district prizes awarded based on % of existing girl members who register between April 1 and May 31.*

- 1st place \$200**
- 2nd place \$150**
- 3rd place \$100**

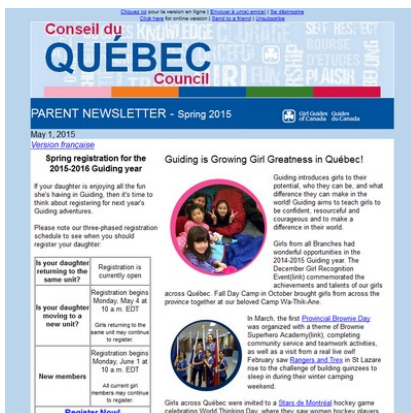
Unit Registration Contest

Three unit prizes awarded based on percentage of existing girl members who register between April 1 and May 31.*

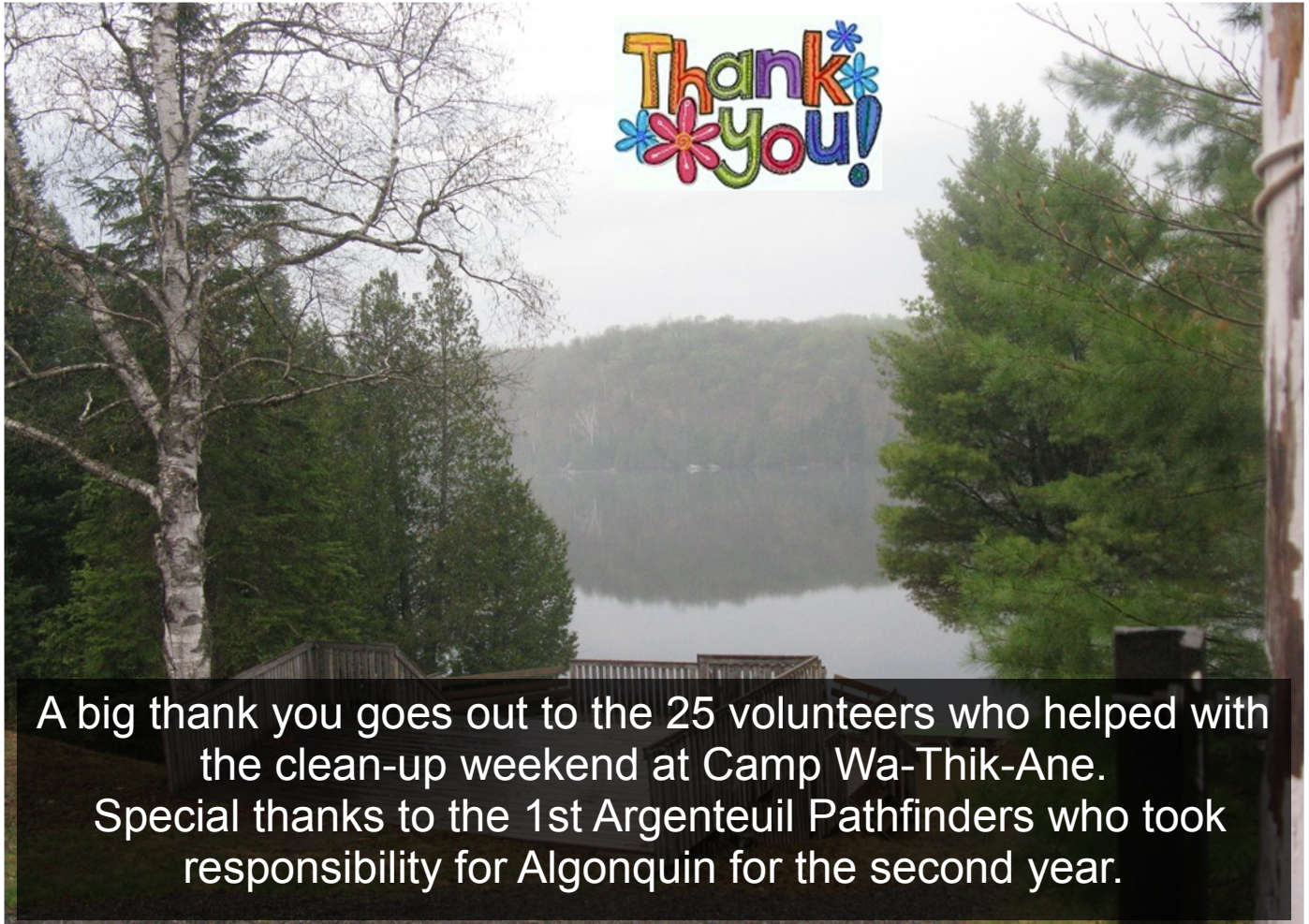
*Final amounts determined on a sliding scale based on unit size, up to \$100

*Results will be based on the number of existing girl members who re-register for the 2015-2016 Guiding year between April 1 and May 31. Districts and units will be automatically considered, no entry form is needed.

All girls (new and returning) who register before June 30th will receive the Spring Membership Crest! Adult members who pay their membership fees for 2015-2016 will also receive the crest. It arrives with other fun goodies, register soon, surprise your mail carrier!



Families were sent the Spring Parent Newsletter at the beginning of May. Take a look at the web versions here! [English](#) / [French](#)



Lifeguards Needed at Camp Wa-Thik-Ane



WHEN

- Weekends: Fri. evening, Sat. & Sun. until noon
May (2 or 3 weekends)
- June (4 weekends)
- July - possibility of Wa-Thik-Ane summer camp
(3-4 weeks)
- August - on call
- September (4 weekends)

CREDENTIALS NEEDED

- 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 knowledge and understanding of Safe Guide procedures (GGC risk management) for water activities

DUTIES

- Ensure that campers for whom you are responsible are well supervised in a safe and healthy manner at all times
- Prevent emergency situations and where this fails, resolve emergencies in a timely and effective manner

Interested candidates should forward CVs to: dir-operations@guidesquebec.ca; those qualified will be called for an interview.

Annette Levasseur



Opportunity— it knocks!

GGC Québec Council held their 2014 AGM May 7th. Alison Van Der Wee, a Pathfinder Guider, gave an inspiring presentation about [her recent time at Sangam](#) and the many ways Guiding had impacted her life. Thanks to all who attended and congratulations to those who received awards!

Opportunity: the word comes from roots meaning opening or passage, and many old adages caution us against missing out on an opportunity: it will knock but once, it won't come 'round again, seize the day – she who hesitates is lost!

Our Guiding community was particularly responsive, ready and reactive to opportunities in 2014. Members took the lead and the initiative, and truly stepped up to openings that presented themselves. From all these courageous first steps we saw:

- Guiding travelers and scholarship winners
- Girls and Guiders on television, radio, and in the news
- Program adventures in new and exciting places,
- Enthusiastic sharing of Girl Greatness, across social media and among ourselves
- Community support sustain us in our celebrations
- Encouragement pour in from friends in our adversity
- Women of our community pledge to make a difference for Guiding
- at home, across Canada and around the world!

We're taking and making opportunities, and doing nothing less than our best,



Take a look at the [photos from our May 7th AGM!](#)



Guiders are superheroes!

Photos by Helena Green, Ali Moenck

Mid-Year Reviews

The Guiding year is winding to a close, and while most of you will have a break from doing Guiding books over the summer, there is one job left before you can relax! The time for the mid-year report has come.

All Treasurers should balance their books at this time in preparation for the fall. Your mid-year report will cover the period from Jan 1, 2014 to the spring “end” of the Guiding year, the exact date of which will vary depending on your unit or council, usually in May or June. Doing this now will help you to close your books at the end of December, as everything should balance and make sense for the first half of the year, and it will be done while you still remember what happened!

Unit and Trefoil Guild Books: Financial Books should be collected by the District Treasurers, who should check that everything balances, is reasonable and clearly explained. Please send copies of the Annual Financial Report and

Financial Review Checklist to the office.

District Books: Please have your books reviewed by another District Treasurer and send the Annual Financial Report (half year) and filled out Financial Review Checklist to the office or send everything (receipts, bank statements, spreadsheet, Annual Financial Report, etc) to the office and we will find a reviewer.

It would be greatly appreciated if reports were received at the office as soon as possible after the end of your season, preferably by the end of June.

Once you have had your books reviewed, simply carry on from where you left off. Remember that you will have to submit your books, including all receipts etc. for the *entire year* when you submit your books for the Annual Financial Review in January.

For **Units and Districts** where the treasurer is changing over the summer, a full independent review must be done now.

Dawn Coffey, Treasurer Support Specialist | finances-support@guidesquebec.ca

Safe Guide News

Want to save time?

- When you fill out your [Safe Guide forms](#) for your activity, please use the current forms (July 2014)
- Don't forget to fill out the top of the SG.3 if you are using a TPSP (third party service provider) and if you are doing any water activity
- Make sure you provide the iMIS numbers of the Guiders on your form
- In the location section, if you are camping at Wa-Thik-Ane, indicate which camp site you're using
- On page 2, don't forget to fill out the section on the right hand side with an X in the appropriate box of all the forms you are sending
- Finally, make sure your forms are sent together and on time —i.e. no later than two weeks before your activity.



It's time for swimming!

Refer to the [Swimming](#) section of Safe Guide. The swimming planning chart on page 80 will tell you the level of your activity. Check your general supervision ratio for swimming on pages 83 and 84. For a yellow level activity, make sure your W.1 is with your SG.3 when you submit it to sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca for assessment. Fill out the right side of the SG.3 with an X in the appropriate box. If you are not camping/swimming at Wa-Thik-Ane, be sure to send you forms and your WA.1 on time (at least two weeks ahead of your activity) as you will need the approval of a special Water Assessor

Charter school buses: Many groups use charter school buses for transportation to and from camp. Charter buses are considered a TPSP as indicated on [page 66 of Safe Guide](#). Planning with your TPSP on page 68 will help the Responsible Guider to provide the Assessor with: The name of the bus company and their phone number

- A contact name for the bus company
- Confirmation that proof of insurance has been provided to the provincial office
- Ensure the right hand side of the SG.3 has been completed with an X in the appropriate box



Louise Triggs, Safe Guide Adviser | sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca



Lakeshore Guides learned the lost art of needlework during a sock monkey project! [Read more on the QC blog!](#)



Guiding in our communities!

Shoutout to Cassy Glen!

A Pointe Claire Guide who was recently recognized by the Governor General as a Caring Canadian! See the [article from the Montréal Gazette!](#)

Way to go!



Earth Day Clean-up in Pointe Claire!




Pointe Claire and Valois Dorval teamed up with the Scouts to clean up Terra Cotta Park in Pointe Claire for Earth Day. "The day was chilly, but a lot of trash (including some suitcases and mattresses!) was collected and we all helped to make the park a little greener!" Great work everyone! -[Pointe Claire Facebook Page](#)



Have you got a great story for the Quebec blog or the Piccolo? Send it with some photos to communications@guidesquebec.ca

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
June 1st	Online Registration open to all girls, including new girls
June 20th	Young Women's Forum
July 5th – 25th	WWWTA begins!
September 11th to 13th	OAL Training Weekend
September 19th	September DC Day
October 3rd	Fall Day Camp
October 25th	Montreal Impact Day <i>Save the date!</i> 

We love your photos!

District camps and advancement ceremonies are great chances to take photos of your unit or district.

Get some [photo tips from the National GGC blog here!](#)

Hey Guiders! – Please share your Cookie selling pictures with us at Cookies.biscuits@guidesquebec.ca

Share the fun!

