



## Thinking Day Events!



Photos by : Valerie Zalouni, Ali Moenck, Stars de Montréal

Thinking Day 2015 in Montreal saw girls from around the city attending a Canadian Women's Hockey League game at the special invitation of the Stars de Montréal. The Stars and the Toronto Furries faced off at the Étienne Desmarteau arena in Rosemont—courtesy of a puck drop by Riverview DC Sarah Di Milo. Riverview girls, Ella, Naomy, Coralie and,

Marissa formed an on-ice colour party, led by their Guider and DC Sarah (pictured). The Stars played a great game—winning 5-1 Montréal! Afterwards, our group was invited to take a picture with the Stars on the ice. We decided to show our appreciation to the Stars by sharing some cookies—and they were kind enough to autograph the boxes. After the game the

girls were able to meet the players, get an autograph, and a picture or two. Monklands Guide Fredi chose to pose with four time gold medal Olympian **Caroline Ouellette** (pictured). See [Page 2](#) for more Thinking Day stories!



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See [page 11](#) for more district stories! Let us know what your unit or district is up to and we'll share your stories in next month's *Piccolo*!

Send your photos to [communications@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:communications@guidesquebec.ca)

# World Thinking Day Across Québec



Playing a game called Bulbul Volleyball from India. [Liesse District Facebook Page](#)



Riverdale District played Thinking Day twister– Sparks and Guides [Riverdale District Facebook Page](#)



(Above) Visiting Guider Maxine joined the Québec Unit for Thinking Day, sharing the UK Guiding Promise, badges and stories about Girlguiding Anglia.

Maxine hosts a radio show with her unit, and a section of her visit to Québec will be broadcast on the April 5th show. Listen with [this link!](#)



Northern Lights District Pathfinders hosted Thinking Day for the younger branches. Northern Lights Facebook Group



Guiders in Perù played the Thinking Day Board Game– See more photos on the [Twinning 2020 Perù Canada Blog](#).





This April, Girl Guides of Canada–Guides du Canada is inviting Guiders from all across the country, along with over 50 girl members, to play a leading role at our

**2015 National Conference: Programming for Girl Greatness.**

They will share their vision for the future direction of Guiding. This will be a unique event to connect with other amazing girls and Guiders and put everyone’s passion for Guiding into action.

Together, we will make Guiding even stronger.

Attending from Québec Council:

**Adults**

<b>Valerie Zaloum</b>	<b>PC</b>
<b>Pam Godfrey</b>	<b>representing Council</b>
<b>Sue Welsh</b>	<b>representing Staff</b>
<b>Elizabeth Knowles</b>	<b>representing Program</b>
<b>Joanne Millette</b>	<b>representing Training</b>
<b>Sarah DiMilo</b>	<b>experienced DC, Unit Guider, suburban</b>
<b>Sara Ogilvie</b>	<b>experienced DC, Unit Guider, rural</b>
<b>Claire Morier</b>	<b>new DC, Unit Guider, urban</b>
<b>Candis Steenbergen</b>	<b>new Unit Guider</b>
<b>Laura Jackson</b>	<b>new Unit Guider</b>

Congratulations to the Rangers selected to represent Québec at the National Conference!

**Rangers – from the National Selection**

<b>Emily Lillies</b>	<b>- Monklands</b>
<b>Olivia Makinson</b>	<b>- St-Lazare</b>
<b>Alexandra Meredith</b>	<b>- Northern Lights</b>
<b>Nicole Murray</b>	<b>- Lakeshore</b>



# Spring Registration

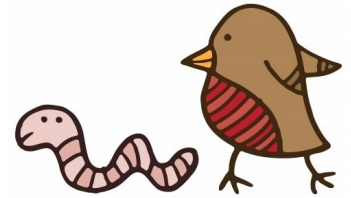
## 2015 Online Registration Dates:

**Wednesday, April 1st:** Girls returning to their current unit

**Friday, May 1st:** All current girl members including girls advancing to a new branch

**Monday, June 1st:** New members registering

\*New members may use paper registration prior to June 1



**New Pre-registration Incentive:** All girls who register between April 1 and May 31 will receive the 2015 'Early Bird' Crest

## District Re-Registration Contest

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

<b>1st place</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>2nd place</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>3rd place</b>	<b>\$100</b>

## Unit Re-Registration Contest

Three unit prizes awarded based on percentage of existing girl members who pre-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.

# Festi-Guides

*Set off on an adventure!*

Join us for this free event on **Saturday, May 2nd**, from 10am to 3pm in Centennial Park, Dollard-des-Ormeaux.

We'll be inviting families and the general public to discover the activities of Girl Guides in Québec.



With a circuit of different stations to explore— from camping skills, a game zone, activity booths from all the West Island districts.

Plan to come with your district, unit or family!

Contact Pam Godfrey at [dpc.cpa-pam@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:dpc.cpa-pam@guidesquebec.ca) for more information or to get involved!



**GGC Québec Council**  
invites you to attend the  
**Annual General Meeting**  
and dinner  
**May 7th, 2015**

Crown Plaza Hotel, Dorval  
660 Côte de Liesse, Montréal, QC

Cost: \$50 per person

Registration and cocktails: 5:30pm

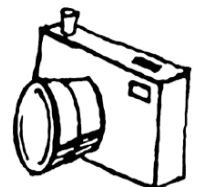
Order tickets at [info@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:info@guidesquebec.ca)

by April 23rd, 2015



*Calling all shutterbugs!*

Please submit your best Guiding photos from 2014 to  
[communications@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:communications@guidesquebec.ca) Submissions may be included in the  
AGM Photo Slideshow





# From the Property Committee

## Camp Wa-Thik-Ane is hiring for the spring/summer 2015 season!

### Lifeguard (1 to 3 positions)

-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)

-Minimum 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 speciality is preferred

-Current Standard First Aid is an asset

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

-Ensure that campers for whom you are responsible are well supervised in a safe 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](mailto:dir-operations@guidesquebec.ca).

Qualified candidates will be called for an interview.

### Volunteers Needed!

**Camp Opening** is May 8th to 10th.  
Contact the Property Committee to assist in opening Wa-Thik-Ane!

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



### Camp Wa-Thik-Ane – Availability May-June 2015

**May 15 -17**

All sites available

**May 22 - 24**

Cree

**June 5 – 7**

Iroquois and MicMac

**June 12 -14**

Algonquin, Cree and MicMac

**June 19 – 21**

Stavert, Cree, MicMac

**June 26 – 28**

Stavert, Algonquin, Cree, MicMac

Montagnais and Chippawa are available.

## From Council



*Québec Council has a wonderful committed and creative team!*

*Maybe all we're missing is you?*

The Québec Council is looking for candidates for the position of **Elected Member**, to replace a member who has completed her term. Would you, or a Guider you know be the right person to add to the Council, who reflects Guiding values and who brings her insights, experience and expertise in the management of the affairs of the province?

The candidate would commit to participation in Quebec Council meetings (up to 7 per year) and be responsible to review documentation and give feedback on proposals as needed. E-mail communication responsiveness is essential, as some Council business and decision making is done via ecommunication.

Download the [Application Form](#) on the Québec website on the [Volunteer Opportunities page](#).

Deadline for Applications: **March 31st, 2015**

Camp season is coming up and the camp dates for Summer 2015 are:



[Download the 2015 camp brochure!](#)

Registration is open until April 30.  
Register today!

Full summer camp details (including Registration Packages) can be found on the [Camping page](#) of the Québec website.

Questions? Email [wwwta@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:wwwta@guidesquebec.ca)

**Wee Camp Together:** (Mom and Me Camp)

- July 5-7, July 10-12, July 17-19
- \$170 for adult and child

**Brownie Camp** for girls ages 7-9

- Week 1: July 7-10, \$180
- Week 2: July 12-18, \$320

**Guide, Pathfinder, Ranger Camp** for girls ages 9 and up

- Week 1: July 5-11, \$320
- Week 2: July 12-18, \$320

**Adventure Camp** for girls ages 10 and up with an adventurous spirit

- July 19-25, \$420



New items this year include:

- an extra weekend of Wee Camp for the Moms and Sparks and Brownies
- Adventure Camp will have two sites. Both will offer two joint out trips. However, **Adventure Light** will have regular camp activities with extra independence and **Adventure Extreme** will offer more canoeing and kayaking time, an overnight to Mafking and some great tripping experiences.

We need YOU and lots of other volunteers to come share with us the great summer experiences of 2015 and make many lasting memories. We will be having our first meeting to start building the basics of our summer program on **Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015.** Location TBD. **Please note the revised meeting date!**

Are you interested? Come listen to what we have to offer on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March. If you have questions or cannot attend the meeting, email Joanne Cardinal at [jackson.mom@sympatico.ca](mailto:jackson.mom@sympatico.ca)

**Lakeshore District Girl Guides Pancake Dinner Fundraiser!**

CHRIST CHURCH, BASEMENT HALL  
455 Church Street, in Beaconsfield, Beaufort Village, XS: Fieldfare

Lakeshore District Girl Guides are hosting an all-you-can-eat Pancake Supper for \$5.00 per person in support of our Girl Guide activities as well as our campground, Wa-Thik-Ane.

For more than a hundred years, Girl Guides have helped girls learn new skills, have adventures, make life-long friends, learn about the world, gain confidence & independence, become all that they can be! And for the past 98 years, girls have been travelling to Morin Heights to camp, explore, cook, hike, swim, boat, laugh, sing, see the stars, and listen to the frogs & giggles shared with their new-found friends. A chance to discover just how capable they really are! We've held our last three district camps there, with our fourth annual in the works for this May!

Take the night off from cooking and come by to help support what we do and learn about Camp Wa-Thik-Ane, while enjoying a delicious dinner! The girls will be waiting!

**WED. MARCH 18TH**  
**TIME: 5:00-7:00PM**

For information, or reservations, please contact Carol at [clkbe1@aol.com](mailto:clkbe1@aol.com) or 514-630-1720



Girl Guides of Canada  
Guides du Canada

**Lakeshore District Girl Guides—**

*Pancake Dinner Fundraiser!*

Wednesday, March 18th, 5-7pm

Christ Church Basement Hall  
455 Church Street, Beaconsfield, Beaufort Village, XS, Fieldfare

**\$5.00** per person, in support of Camp Wa-Thik-Ane and GGC activities.

Take the night off from cooking and come by to support what we do, learn about Camp Wa-Thik-Ane while enjoying a delicious dinner!

*The girls will be waiting!*

For information or reservations, please contact Carol, at [clkbe1@aol.com](mailto:clkbe1@aol.com) or 514-630-1720



## THERE'S SOMETHING IN THAT BOX!



New [meetings-in-a-box](#) resources for all branches are available on the provincial website!

- **NEW!** [Inventing Badge](#) focus for Guides
- Engineering for [Sparks](#), [Brownies](#), [Guides](#), [Pathfinders](#)
- Space themed Meeting for [Sparks and Brownies](#), [Guides and Pathfinders](#)



## Interesting Contests from Historica Canada

### [Passages Canada's Imagine Culture photo contest:](#)

This year's theme: Cultures within us and around us. Participants are invited to submit photos\* that explore the cultural traditions in their family, school, or community, accompanied with a short 200-word caption. Prizes include iPads, gift certificates, and more. The contest deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>. \*Posters are also accepted for Elementary groups (K to 6). <http://passagestocanada.com/imagine-culture-contest/>

- Charyl Hyndman- Program Adviser- [programme@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:programme@guidesquebec.ca)



## How to run a successful reading event in 5 easy steps!



Unsure about organizing activities for the National Service Project –Words in Action? Check out the QC Blog for Esther Szeben's article on hosting a [Words in Action reading tent!](#)

See pictures from her event at the Dorval Library on [page 11](#).

## From the PR Committee:

### What PR tools are on the Québec website?

- Bilingual handouts on the PR tools and resources page:
  - 'At A Glance' handouts for each Branch– [Sparks](#) / [Brownies](#) / [Guides](#) / [Pathfinders](#) / [Rangers](#)
  - [Unit Support Cover Letter](#)– Make asking for help from parents easier (bilingual)
  - [Follow-up Email Templates](#)– Streamline your follow-up process with parents by grabbing text from these templates!
  - GGC-GdC - Québec Council Backgrounder– Outline the GGC organization and its impact
    - For girls in [English](#) and [French](#)
    - For women in [English](#) and [French](#)





# Our Guiding Family



Esther Keller

District Commissioner  
since 2013  
LENNOXVILLE, QUÉBEC

Esther Keller is a District Commissioner in Lennoxville and continues to provide an awesome Guiding experience for the girls by supporting and mentoring the Guiders in her District.

We had a chance to catch up with her and here are some Guiding tips she shared with us:

**Her go-to resource**  
Google images

**Her Eureka moment as District Commissioner**  
Delegate, delegate and delegate!

**What she had to learn on the fly**  
Conflict resolution

**Best activity with her Guiders**  
Tea Party and District Meetings

**The biggest undertaking as District Commissioner**  
Open house for public and District camps

**Her TOP TIP**  
"Always listen to your guts"

**Esther's Guiding mantra**  
BECAUSE I CAN

**At District Meetings, you will find**  
Snacks, peace and quiet

**Now is a good time to**  
Have a Guiders camp weekend with at least two months notice ☺

**WHERE TO FIND HER** Esther is busy getting ready for the upcoming Lennoxville St. Patrick's Day Coffee Party taking place March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Check it out!

You can find Esther on [Facebook](#).

## Guiding Mosaic 2016

**Do you have girls in grades 5 to 11 looking for adventure?**

Then encourage them to attend Guiding Mosaic 2016 - SPACES are still available!



**Guiders** – Have you thought of going with a **patrol** or as part of the **core event team**?

[Click here](#) for bilingual flyer to distribute to your girls! An information session can be arranged for parents/districts/ units upon request!

Email questions/requests to [GM2016@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:GM2016@guidesquebec.ca)

Check the website – [www.guidingmosaic.com](http://www.guidingmosaic.com)

**Guiding Mosaic 2016**  
July 9-17, 2016  
Camp Woods, Sylvan Lake, AB



*The Great Canadian Adventure – Make it yours!*

Check the GM website –  
[www.guidingmosaic.com](http://www.guidingmosaic.com)

[Download the bilingual flyer for parents!](#)

Have you nominated a fellow Guider or girl member for an award lately?

## Here's how to proceed:

- Request an iMIS Profile for the person you are nominating ([imis@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:imis@guidesquebec.ca))
- Complete the R.3P Form available at the [forms page of MemberZone](#) (PDF copy [HERE](#))
- Obtain the necessary letter(s) of recommendation. Attach the letters and the profile to the R.3 form.
- Forward these to your Commissioner or to the Awards Team ([awards.reconnaissance@guidingquebec.ca](mailto:awards.reconnaissance@guidingquebec.ca)) for approval.
- These can be read at a meeting, by telephone poll or by e-mail vote. Each member of the district or Awards Team votes to approve or not approve the award (must have a majority vote).
- If approved, the signature of the Commissioner is required along with the NAME OF THE COUNCIL.
- Send the R.3P to the Provincial Office for input into iMIS.
- Purchase the award.
- If the presentation date on the form differs from the actual presentation date, it is the responsibility of the Guider who signed the R.3P form to advise the provincial office of the change.
- Upon presentation of the award, the recipient can be given the letters of recommendation.
- The iMIS Profile must be destroyed.
- For Adult Awards, letters of recommendation must contain the following "buzz" words:  
*Quebec Award – Distinctive / Medal of Merit – Exceptional  
Gold –Outstanding / Silver –Excellent / Bronze –Dedicated / Thanks –Good*

For additional awards, consult Unit Support Resources in [MemberZone](#).



If you presented awards to your Guiders in the last Guiding year at your annual district function did you inform the office to update the Guiders profile? *It's not too late.* Please send in the updates.

For awards that *do not* require Provincial approval, we ask that the DC please send the information to [imis@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:imis@guidesquebec.ca). All awards presented at the Provincial Annual General Meeting (AGM) are updated through the office as they are recorded in the AGM minutes and approved and compiled by the Provincial Awards Specialist.

- Annette Levasseur, Provincial Awards Specialist | [awards.reconnaissance@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:awards.reconnaissance@guidesquebec.ca).

## Scholarships

### 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. Former Guiders are not eligible to apply. This scholarship 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!](#)

### National Scholarships

The National Scholarship Program is one of the ways that Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada (GGC) recognizes members who embody the Mission and Values of the organization.

Scholarships are open to girl and adult members who are pursuing post-secondary education at a recognized college, university or trades program.

**Application deadline: April 1, 2015**

Find more information on the [national website](#).

*Apply Now!*



The 10<sup>th</sup> Ste Genevieve Guides from Northshore district celebrated Thinking Day with a tea party and by playing the WAGGGS World Thinking Day Game. More of their photos are on the [WAGGGS Twinning 2020: Quebec Facebook](#) page.

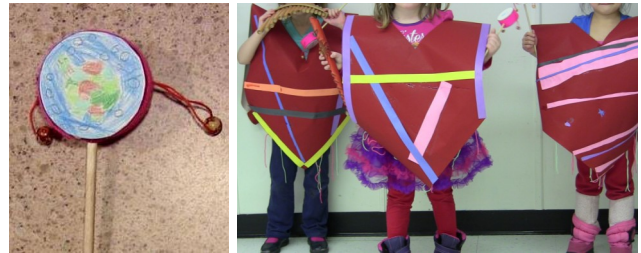
**Huge congratulations** to the following girls who have been selected to be part of the National patrols travelling this summer:

**Sea of Cortez, Mexico:**

*Marissa Schembre*, Lakeshore District  
*Michelle Malnasi*, des Monteregiennes District

Northwood Sparks spent an evening learning all about our new twinning partner Peru!

Photos: Dora Hemsworth, Northern Lights



Need some inspiration about Twinning activities? Take a look at our Peru partner [Rocio's Blog](#) or the [Twinning Instant Meeting for Guide BC](#)

Questions? Contact Lori Labelle, Provincial International Adviser | [international@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:international@guidesquebec.ca)

## Training News

### Leading Active Games with a Global Feel

Back by Popular Demand!

If you wanted to take this popular session at Symposium or if this is just the type of training that interests you, then come and join us:

**Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00 – 9:30 PM, Pine Beach Community Centre, Dorval

During this training you will learn more about: WAGGGS and games around the world, practical ways on how to include active games in your unit, being more inclusive in your games, leading games efficiently and learning what active games can teach our girls.

**This training is open to all Rangers and Guiders.**

If you would like to attend, please send an e-mail to: [training.formation@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:training.formation@guidesquebec.ca). Include your name, your **iMIS number (a must)**, your e-mail address, the branch you work with and your district. Please indicate "Active Games" as the subject.

**Deadline for registration:** Friday, March 20, 2015

**Location Information:** Pine Beach Community Centre is located at 1510 Ch Herron, Dorval Train Station – Pine Beach – two doors down, accessible by busses 211 or 203.



### Unplug and Play

Active games are a great way to get the girls moving. Are you looking for other ways to get your girls active and encourage healthy living habits? Check out this great program from "Participation" called [Unplug and Play](#). This offers a great challenge for girls of all ages and covers aspects of program in all branches! Take a look, it is a great reference: [participation.com](http://participation.com)

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





“Valois-Dorval and some visiting friends from Northshore held our first reading tent. We read to 32 children and had to spread out, we were so popular! Kids made owl bookmarks as a reminder about the importance of literacy, and the librarian explained to our girls why she specifically chose the selection of French and English books for this particular group story hour.” –**Literary Agent Esther Szeben**



**St. Patrick's Cheer!** At their January district camp Pointe Claire district made over 200 of these "tray favours" with a cheerful face and a hearty message for the patients of the Lakeshore General Hospital.

-Diane Oki.



“I learned so much about myself, WAGGGS and Girl Guiding around the world during this seminar, and I am so thankful that I was selected to go.”

Check out Pathfinder Guider Alison Van Der Wee's time at Sangam! [On the QC blog.](#)

## Snow Trails 2015— A Two Weekend Event!



Quinzee Selfie!



“Despite the -25°C weather, the girls were warmly dressed so they were able to spend most of the day outdoors. While most girls had been skating, snow shoeing and tubing before, for many girls, it was their first time cross-country skiing. And it was a first for everyone to try and build an igloo.”

- Patricia Tellis, Deputy Camping Adviser

[Read more on the QC blog!](#)



Don't forget to visit us online!



*Safe Guide: our risk management program! Safety is the responsibility of all!*

## UPCOMING SAFE GUIDE TRAININGS

### TRAINING



**Wednesday, April 8th**, West Island (Pincourt) Location TBD. Please register with

Joanne Cardinal [jackson.mom@sympatico.ca](mailto:jackson.mom@sympatico.ca)

For Guiders who cannot attend a face-to-face training, you have the possibility to do it on line. Contact the provincial office ([admin@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:admin@guidesquebec.ca)) for a PIN/NIP and don't forget to send a proof (certificate) to the provincial office at [imis@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:imis@guidesquebec.ca) when it is completed.

We are happy to acknowledge that already some of you have contacted the Provincial Office for your PIN.

For any information contact Louise Triggs at [louise.triggs@oricom.ca](mailto:louise.triggs@oricom.ca) or [louise.triggs@rocler.com](mailto:louise.triggs@rocler.com)

### Provincial Emergency Contact

When preparing your Safe Guide Forms for assessment it is not necessary to have on hand the Provincial Emergency Contact. This information will be provided to you by your Assessor. She will give you the name and phone number for your event/camp.

- Louise Triggs, Provincial Safe Guide Adviser | [sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca).

## First Aid Training

Here is an updated schedule for Red Cross Emergency and Standard First Aid Courses being offered to Guiders for the balance of this Guiding year. Non-members are also welcome, but their prices are \$125 for Emergency and \$140 for Standard First Aid.

Complete details of First Aid Requirements for Safe Guide Activity Levels are found in the Safe Guide document, **July 2014 update**, found on the Girl Guides of Canada [national website](#).

Pages of interest in Safe Guide relating to First Aid include, but are not limited to, pages 9 - 13 and 29 - 33.



### Red Cross First Aid Courses from Pulse Aide Inc.

Tailored to the needs of GGC as per Safe Guide July 2014



The following **Emergency and Standard First Aid Courses** include the current Red Cross Manual and a Certification valid for 3 years.

#### Location: NDG

**Emergency First Aid Course** (8 hours) Saturday, Mar 28, 2015, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. \$105

**Standard First Aid Course** (16 hours) Saturday & Sunday, Mar 28 & 29, 2015, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. \$125

**Upon completion, GGC – Quebec Council will reimburse 2/3 of the cost for active Guiders.**

The following one-day **Recertification Course** is only for those who hold a CURRENT (unexpired) Red Cross Certification. Participants must re-read their manual and brush up on the theory BEFORE attending the course! Certification is for another 3 years. The Red Cross Manual you received in 2012 is mandatory – a new one must be purchased well in advance of the course date (so you can study!) if you cannot find yours.

#### Location: St. Lazare

**Standard or Emergency First Aid Recertification** (8 hours) Sunday, **Mar 22, 2015**, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. \$85

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)

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## It's the most wonderful time of the year!

- Cookies will be arriving March 24-26; all Cookie Receivers have been notified of specific delivery dates
- Give your sales a boost with the [Cookie Finder map](#) by adding your event to the national map
- Cookie Day in Canada is Saturday, April 11 (and Sunday, April 12 in some locations); [click here](#) to find out how to book your slot
- Don't forget to report any cookie delivery incidents using the Cookie Delivery Incident Reporting and Request Form available through MemberZone
- Be sure to check out the [Cookie Resources page](#) of our provincial website for selling ideas and tools, advertise Classic cookies on the go with the ['Cookies on Board'](#) signs (left), available in French and English.
- Did you know that Girl Guide Cookies have their own Twitter account? It's a great tool to promote area and district events and happenings. Check out their tweets at [@GirlGuideCookie](#) and contact [wilsona@girlguides.ca](mailto:wilsona@girlguides.ca) if you have cookie-related events or news to share with their followers



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

## Treasurers' Trove

For Unit and District Treasurers

Several small notes this month:

- Many thanks to the District Treasurers who turned out to help review each others' books during DC Day.
- For those of the District Treasurers who did not attend, note that the District Financial Books should have been sent to the office by now!
- The unit and Trefoil Guild books should have been reviewed and the Annual Financial Reports and Financial Review Checklists should have been sent to the office.
- For books which have been reviewed (i.e. dnit books), we don't need copies of spreadsheets sent to the office, just the AFR and FRCs. But remember that you must keep all documentation (including receipts or copies of the receipts if the originals were sent in for taxation purposes as well as copies of the spreadsheets etc.) for 7 years!
- Don't forget your Canadian World Friendship Fund money! Your district should send a cheque to the Provincial office. It should be for at least all money you have collected if you had a special event, or minimum \$1.00 per member.
- Cookies will soon be here! Remember there **is a blackout on other fundraising for one month after the cookies arrive**. This allows our girls to concentrate on the best fundraiser available to us!

If you have any questions about Guiding finances, e-mail me at [finances-support@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:finances-support@guidesquebec.ca)

- Dawn Coffey, District Treasurer Support Specialist—[finances-support@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:finances-support@guidesquebec.ca)



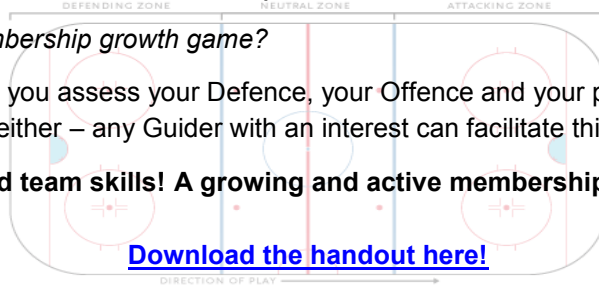
## Membership Coach's Corner

*How could you improve your membership growth game?*

This Coach's Worksheet can help you assess your Defence, your Offence and your particular skills on your team. This doesn't have to be a DC exercise either – any Guider with an interest can facilitate this coach's exercise!

**Check your defense, offense and team skills! A growing and active membership is everyone's goal and everyone can be winners!**

[Download the handout here!](#)



*All the World's a Stage— Including the Monklands District!*

### Announcing a new Guiding Extra Ops - Theatre Unit!

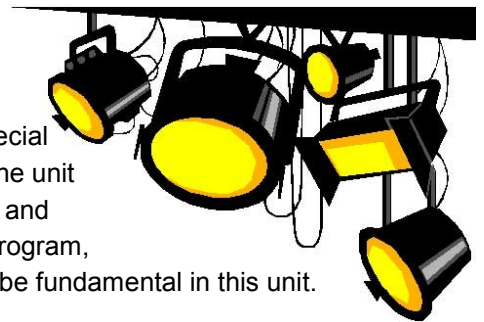
Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada - Québec Council will be opening a special Guiding unit this month in Notre-Dame-de-Grace. Open to all girls aged 9 to 15, the unit will focus on **drama and theatre** through a wide variety of activities, from games and team-building, right to performance. While it will not offer the traditional Guiding program, the values, respect and girl empowering aspects of the Girl Guide movement will be fundamental in this unit.

Meetings will be held on **Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at Trinity Memorial, 5220 Sherbrooke St. West.

The first meeting is scheduled for **March 23rd**.

Registration for the season through to the end of the school year is \$60.

Contact the Provincial Office for more details, or to register: [info@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:info@guidesquebec.ca) / 514-933-5839



## News from the Office

### Congratulations Rebecca!

Rebecca and her husband Eric welcomed their baby girl, **Juliette Elise Jaudin**, Saturday March 7th, at 7:22 am. Rebecca reports they are both doing well! Welcome to a future Spark!

## GGC Québec Council— Upcoming Important Dates

<b>March 14</b>	<b>Provincial Brownie Day—Super Hero Academy, Dorval</b>
<b>April 11-12</b>	<b>Cookie Days in Canada</b>
<b>May 2</b>	<b>Festi-Guides, West Island</b>
<b>May 7</b>	<b>Québec Council Annual General Meeting</b>
<b>May 8-10</b>	<b>Camp Opening Day at Wa-Thik-Ane Volunteers Needed!</b>