



The Piccolo

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Girl Recognition Ceremony

The ceremony recognized girls who earned one of five awards in the 2015-2016 Guiding year — The Lady Baden-Powell Award, the Canada Cord, the Chief Commissioner’s Award, the Girl Greatness Award and the Youth Commitment Award. These photos show Kelly receiving her Gold Chief Commissioner's Award (the highest award a girl member can earn), Ximena talking about how she earned a Girl Greatness award for courage, girls and Guiders who travelled to Sangam in India telling stories about their experience and the delicious and thematic cupcakes baked by Jennifer Cessford.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- [Register for Symposium](#)
- [Find out about exciting events coming up!](#)
- [Check-out the 2017 Camp Wa-Thik-Ane reservation procedure](#)
- [Read district stories](#)
- And more...



See the list of girls who were recognized on [page 8](#). Thank you for hosting, Lakeshore District!

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December 15 – more than just the snow tire deadline!

It is also the deadline for nominations for the position of Provincial Commissioner for Québec Council.

Have you a vision for the future of our Guiding community? Perhaps you volunteer alongside a great leader with organizational skills or an innovative spirit? Managing our province needs a broad skill set, and the team of volunteers on Québec Council already provides a wide range of expertise. Perhaps it is you, or a Guider you know who can step into the PC role for QC, to chair the Council and pilot the direction of Quebec Guiding over the next three years!

See the November Piccolo and the links below for more details on the position, and how to apply or nominate a candidate.



- [Volunteer Leadership Opportunity](#)
- [Position Description](#)
- [Application Form](#)
- [Key Leadership Competencies](#)



Have you shared your local strategies and blue sky dreams yet? The [Planners and Dreamers survey](#) is staying open until December 16. We'd love to hear from you!

"I'd like to see social organizations/institutions, schools, etc thinking of girls in the Guiding movement as assets to be involved with."

"Maybe districts can lead the way by taking on an issue - units can plan program around it, district activities can promote it or increase awareness of it."

The 2017 Guider Symposium will take place on Saturday **January 14** at **Champlain College** in Saint-Lambert. **Registration is now [open!](#)**



Morning opportunities include:

- Impact Your Community
- Tech-Talk, There's an App for That
- Up Your Game — Sell More Cookies
- Provincial Trefoil Guild Gathering
- DC Voice
- Enrichment Training Opportunities
- Great Programming Events Coming Up
- Show Your Wa-Thik-Ane Love!

Afternoon Sessions:

Safe Guide: Safe Guide training is required of all new members within six months of joining Girl Guides. This session is designed for new Guiders or anyone wishing to review their Safe Guide and feel confident in delivering exciting, fun programming to our girls.

Day Trips: Get your unit out of the meeting place and in your local community, the big city or out in the woods. Day trips give the girls the opportunity to take the lead, go green and be prepared without the extra commitment of an overnight. Share what works, learn what it takes to look wider and get your girls engaged.

Let's Talk...And Listen Guiding provides a safe haven to all its members, and is a particularly valued place for girls experiencing difficulties, including anxiety, eating disorders or actions of self-harm. Share insights and join us for an interactive experience from a professional in these matters, to be better informed when called upon to be that listening ear or helpful support.

Be Prepared, Not Scared - For Science! Doing science with your girls can seem scary if you feel like you don't know what you're doing. In this session we'll take a look at a number of fool-proof STEM-related activities you can use to wow your girls and get them engaged without feeling completely lost in the process. We'll share some useful resources and discuss ways to make experiments more girl-driven.

PR and the Girl Guide Brand: Ever Thought about the Girl Guide Brand? Be a GGC Brand Ambassador and grow Guiding. Join this workshop and learn the basics of branding, why organizations do this, and what value it brings. Get a sneak preview of some of the brand work GGC is doing. Let's work together to be GGC brand ambassadors, and bring more Guiding to your community!

All About Me: Branch-specific, hands-on activities from the "Free Being Me" and "Be You" challenges. Both challenges aim to help girls develop their self-esteem and self-acceptance, and offer opportunities for girls to create impact in their communities.

Opportunities on a Global Scale: There are many opportunities open to members of GGC which give you experiences at the world level of Guiding. There are conferences and camps, not to mention World Centres to visit or find employment. This session will explore what types of opportunities there are, how you can find out about them and how you apply or help one of your senior girls apply.

Travel: "It's a small world, after all...." so let's tell the Sparks and Brownies all about it! Help them understand that they are part of a worldwide organization. Find out how you can pique their interest in traveling without even leaving the meeting hall.

Joanne Milette, Training Adviser | training.formation@guidesquebec.ca

Guest Speaker Spotlight: Local Florist visits the Valois Brownies



The girls in first Valois Brownies had a great time exploring the career of being a Florist. Local florist Amanda Roberts was kind enough to take part in a meeting and teach our Brownies all about flower arranging and what it's like to be a florist.



We want to hear from you too! Send an email to programme@guidesquebec.ca and let us know who you've had the pleasure of inviting!

Recent Spotlights

May: Skateboarding workshop

June: Fauna Foundation

September: Olga Gross, professional freelance harpist

October: Montreal Police Services

November: Karate Sportif

Challenge Crest of the Month

Alberta's Exploring Canada Challenge

Stuck in the city? Find it hard to get your girls outdoors? Well step out into the great outdoors and discover over 100 years of National Parks from the comfort of your meeting place.

Explore the wonders of National and Provincial Parks. Learn about the history of the parks system, how an area becomes a National or Provincial Park, plan or maybe visit one near you.

Learn about your community as well as World Heritage sites (UNESCO). Research how parks and sites officially become recognized and have the girls make arguments for parks or heritage sites that are not officially recognized.



Recent crests of the Month:

September: For Sparks and Brownies — British Columbia's [Rainbow Revelry Challenge](#)

October: [Cross Canada Challenge](#)

November: [BC's CSI Challenge](#)

What's coming up?

Saturday December 10th - [Human Right's Day](#)

2017 — Canada turns 150 this year! (Programming will be available in January 2017)

2017 — Montreal turns 375! (A perfect time to discover the wonders of Quebec with the [Québec, c'est la fête](#) challenge)

If you were Superman you would be more powerful than a speeding locomotive.

If you were Wonder Woman you would have great reflexes and senses.

If you were the Black Widow you would be immortal
and be able to make yourself invisible...

What is your BROWNIE SUPER POWER???

SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH at Mountainside
United Church

Back by popular demand our **BROWNIE SUPER HERO EVENT**
Stay tuned! Details regarding registration etc will be coming soon!!!

For more info please email: programme@guidesquebec.ca



Save the Date: A Theatrical Day with **Geordie Productions** theatre for all audiences



Spark, Brownie and Guide units are invited to an exclusive Guiding performance of [Geordie Productions'](#) *Water Weight* on March 25 at the Monument National theatre.

Synopsis: "On a hot summer day, when they wanna stay cool... all the kids go on down to the towns swimming pool! A grade seven girl with a chubby little puppy, and a grade eight boy with a feisty feline friend, throw insults at a pool and spin out into a whirlwind of adventure. The magical swimming pool comes to life to make both their deepest wishes rise to the surface; as the boy starts to grow and the girl starts to shrink, everything begins to flow out of control! A show for children that plays with size while looking at issues with self-image; reminding us all that every water drop is a little bit different."



"The kids absolutely loved the show. I think they learned a lot about themselves and how to treat each other. They were especially appreciative of the fun and great puppet work and modern feel to the play. [...] Thanks for entertaining and teaching us!" -J.B. Vanier, Atlantic Ballet Theatre of Canada



The [QC Chocolate Challenge](#) has been updated. It's always the right time to run a sweet chocolate-themed meeting!

Charyl Hyndman, Program Adviser; Emily Lillies, Deputy Program Adviser | programme@guidesquebec.ca

Trefoil Guild News

Four of our Quebec Trefoil Guild members joined 350 TG members from across Canada at the 9th National Trefoil Gathering, June 2016, in St. John's Newfoundland.

"What an experience!" Daily activities included yoga, nutrition, genealogy, glass etching, square dancing, making ugly sticks, geocaching and high tea. Many of us took advantage to visit puffins, icebergs, small towns and lighthouses. The gathering finished with a jigs dinner and a 'screech in'.

Yes, our own Trefoil Advisor, Hanna, kissed a cod!

"The memories and friendships made at the gathering will stay with us forever." - Tammy Leclair, Hummingbird Trefoil Guild.



Who are we?

A Trefoil Guild is an adult-only group within GGC for women over 30 that keeps the Spirit of Guiding Alive!

Whether you're involved in a unit or not, Trefoil Guild is a wonderful opportunity to meet people to share your next adventure - whatever that might be!

When and Where

We have 4 active Guilds in Quebec:

- The Cabana Guild meets at different Restaurants in Pointe Claire or Dorval once a month for lunch. Contact Sheila Washer - 514 453-2714
- The West Island Guild meets once a month in Beaconsfield. Contact Ellen - 514 453-3734
- The Hummingbird Guild meets every other last Sunday afternoon in Greenfield Park from 2-4 P.M. Contact Hanna - 450 672-3180
- The Richelieu Mountain View Guild meets once a month in different locations in St Bruno at 7:30 P.M. Contact Donna - 450 653-6510



For all other information call or email Hanna at 450 672-3180 or trefoil.trefle@guidesquebec.ca.

Happy Holidays!!

Year-end:

The financial year end for all units and districts is December 31st, so now is a good time to make sure they are up to date before the holidays begin. The books need to be closed as of December 31st and then prepared for review.



Financial Reviews:

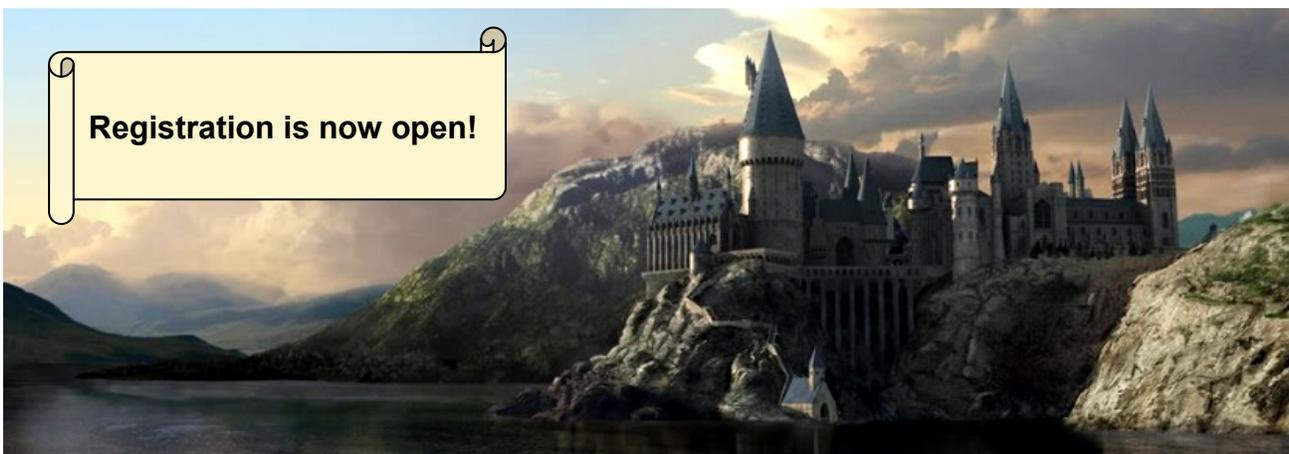
The *Financial Review Checklist* is available on the Quebec website and should be used for all units and districts:

- Unit books should be reviewed within the District, provided that those doing the review meet the requirements for independent reviewers as outlined in the Handbooks.
- District Treasurers should send the *Annual Financial Reports* and copies of the *Financial Review Checklists* for each Unit to the Provincial office.
- District books will be reviewed by the District Treasurers at a Book Review Day again this year. Please send all documentation (see list on the Annual Financial Report) to the office by **Jan 31, 2017**. We will probably meet in February, at the same time as the DCs, but I'll let you know.
- Books of Trefoil Guilds with their own bank accounts should also be reviewed at year-end. They should be treated as Unit books and reviewed within the District.

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

Claire Morier, District Treasurer Support Specialist | finances-support@guidesquebec.ca

Snow Trails



Snow Trails is a provincial Pathfinder and Ranger camp. This year it will take place at Camp L'Estacade on February 4-6. An eblast will be sent to families and Guiders soon.

- Online Registration ([EN](#) | [FR](#))
- Paperwork and parent information ([EN](#) | [FR](#))

Snow Trails Team | camping@guidesquebec.ca

The following girls were recognized at the Girl Recognition ceremony hosted by Lakeshore District on November 27. Congratulations to all of them for their hard work!

Lady Baden-Powell Award

- Adora Okeke-Marchand
- Alyssia Morin
- Abigail Estey
- Amy Lyon
- Faith Michaud
- Nicole Michaud
- Ella Yee Hartigan
- Isabella de Langen
- Victoria Bouchard
- Amber Gargul
- Laurie Ann Gedeon
- Zoe Suissa
- Zoe Pride

Natasha Aiken

- Grace Williamson
- Mallory Arns-Barlow
- Victoria Beyor-Kaehlert
- Kathleen Hynes
- Emma Beaulieu
- Paisley McFarlane
- Nicole Almanza

Chief Commissioner's Bronze Award

- Elizabeth Barnes

Chief Commissioner's Gold Award

- Kelly Johnson

Girl Greatness Award

- Ximena Ortega

Canada Cord

- Emma Swift
- Alexandra Gagliano
- Emilie Walford



The following girls earned their Youth Commitment Award for completing 10 years of membership as a girl and continuing on in Guiding

Nicole Almanza

- Kassandra Bourdeau
- Samantha Dixon

Ashley Hum

- Holly Law
- Brittney Nicoll

Marissa Shembre

- Sivasakthi Sivaaman
- Carmryn Sumsion

Wa-Thik-Ane Reservations 2017

The rental procedures for [Camp Wa-Thik-Ane](#) have changed to optimize the reservation process with a positive revenue stream for our Provincial Camp! If you haven't already consulted with parents for best weekends to get their commitment, it's a good idea to do it now. Don't wait!

The first weekend available for reservation is May 12, 2017

- [Reservations for 2017](#) start on January 9, 2017. Only reservations received with a 25% deposit will be considered now and throughout the year.
- All reservation forms must have a 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice indicated.
- Site minimum charges are now in place on certain weekends = 75% of the site capacity charge for nights booked.
- There is a space on the reservation form to offer site sharing. (when you do not have enough people to fit the site capacity)



The reservations will be placed in order of receipt and all Responsible Guiders will be contacted in the following week (Jan 16-Jan 20) to acknowledge receipt of the reservation request and be advised if there is any conflict or contention with the reservation request.

Camp Wa-Thik-Ane Rental Rates for the rental season weekends from May to September are as follows:

Type of Rental	Guiding 1 night only	Guiding 2 nights or more
Site Rental	\$25.00/pp	\$15.00 pp 2 nights or more
Lodge Rental	\$350.00	\$315.00 pn
Pioneer Sites	\$10.00 pp	\$10.00 pp/pn
pn= per night pp= per person		

There will be site minimum charges imposed for certain weekends (May 26-28, June 2-4 and June 9-11) . (Ex: Huron has a capacity of 40 people. If you are booking for 20 people and if this is what you really want, you will have to pay for 75% of the 40 person capacity - not just for 20 people.)

*** In these type of cases we are offering a site sharing option when and where applicable.**

All information and reservation forms are updated on the [GGC Québec website](#).

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

The **2016** version of **Safe Guide** is now available on the National Safe Guide web page along with an explanation of changes. **All Guiders** should read this document carefully before planning an activity as **you will need to refer to the 2016 version of Safe Guide. All previous versions are out of date. ONLY USE CURRENT FORMS for your activity.**

Safe Guide FAQ #12

When a unit hires a truck and float/wagon to put girls on in a parade, it is a **Yellow level activity**.

You will need to check that your driver is licensed and insured for this activity. Let the driver know that GGC has no insurance for their part of the activity; that they are responsible for maintaining adequate insurance; that any physical damage to the vehicle or liability is the responsibility of the vehicle owner. It is a good idea to ask the driver to provide a certificate of insurance on his vehicle.



When developing your supervision plans as part of managing the activity, consider the age of the girls who are participating and make appropriate arrangements. It may be a good idea to have a barrier around the edge of the float. It is likely that at the end of the parade it may be crowded with other parade participants so you will need to determine how to keep track of the girls and get them back to their parents. Please feel free to consult the FAQs in the Safe Guide section of Member Zone.

NEW GUIDERS

It is *compulsory for New Guiders to do Safe Guide* and the training must be completed within the first six months of becoming a leader. For Guiders who cannot attend a face-to-face training, you have the possibility to do it online. Contact the provincial office (imis@guidesquebec.ca) for a PIN # and don't forget to send a proof (certificate) to the same email to make sure your member profile is updated.



The six month deadline for many new Guiders falls in January, February and March. If you want a safe Guide training session in your district, start to make plans by talking to your DC. Also, a Safe Guide session will be offered at Symposium on January 14. Any questions contact: sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca

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

Do you have any amazing pictures of girls being **bold**, **brave**, **confident**, **courageous**, demonstrating **leadership skills**, having **fun** or **making a difference** in the world. We're looking for pictures from girls and Guiders to be featured in the Annual Report. **Check out our *NEW* photography Meetings-in-a-Box** to get your girls excited about taking pictures! [Camera Fun](#) (Sparks & Brownies) | [Capture the Moment](#) (Guides, Pathfinders & Rangers)

NEW!





Red Cross First Aid Courses from Pulse Aide Inc.



**Tailored to the needs of GGC
as per Safe Guide July 2016**

Complete details of First Aid Requirements for Safe Guide Activity Levels are found in the Safe Guide document, **July 2016 update**, found on the Girl Guides of Canada national website. Please note that online e-learning courses are not acceptable. Also, in Quebec, blended learning courses (online courses with an in-person hands-on learning component) are not available from the Red Cross as there is no French counterpart to this national program.

Pages of interest in Safe Guide 2016 relating to First Aid include, but are not limited to, pages 9 - 13 and 30 - 33.

<https://www.girlguides.ca/WEB/Documents/GGC/volunteers/resources/safe-guide.pdf>

N.B. All Guider First Aid Qualifications must be entered into iMIS before sending your event paperwork to Safe Guide for assessment (sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca).

Course Schedules

Course schedules are created to meet participants' needs, so please contact pulseaideinc@gmail.com to let us know if you or your District are looking for a First Aid Course sometime this Guiding year. Every effort will be made to try to schedule a course at the location and time that is best for you and/or your District.

Emergency and Standard First Aid Certification Courses

These courses include the current Red Cross Manual and a Red Cross Certification valid for three years. All courses include Level "C" CPR and AED.

Emergency/Standard First Aid RECERTIFICATION Course (8 hours) – Saturday OR Sunday, 8:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.

PRE-REQUISITE: All Participants must have a CURRENT (not expired) Red Cross Certification at the time of the course and must bring their own First Aid and CPR Manual, 2011 edition, to the course.

UPCOMING COURSES IN 2017 - CONFIRMED:

Emergency First Aid (8 hours) Saturday, January 28, 2017, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. \$105 **Lennoxville**

Standard First Aid (16 hours) Sat. Jan. 28 and Sun. Jan. 29, 2017, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. \$125 **Lennoxville**

TENTATIVE COURSES IN 2017 – waiting for feedback from potential participants

Emergency/Standard First Aid Recertification (8hr) Sat Feb 11 **OR** Sun Feb 12, 2017 - \$90 **date & location TBD**

Emergency First Aid (8 hr) Sat. Feb 25, 2017, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. \$105 **date & location TBD**

Standard First Aid (16 hr) Sat. Feb 25 & Sun. Feb 26, 2017, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. \$125 **date & location TBD**

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

For details and to register, please email Joan Lax at pulseaideinc@gmail.com

Valois-Dorval



Selling cookie at Lakeside Academy

The Valois-Dorval Pathfinders held a creative cooking contest to use up leftover chicken from camp...



...and a Lion King themed enrolment!

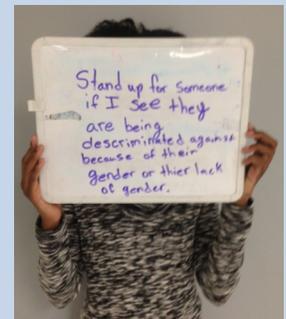
Monklands

The 85th Montreal Guides invited the Fauna Foundation to come talk to them about chimpanzees.



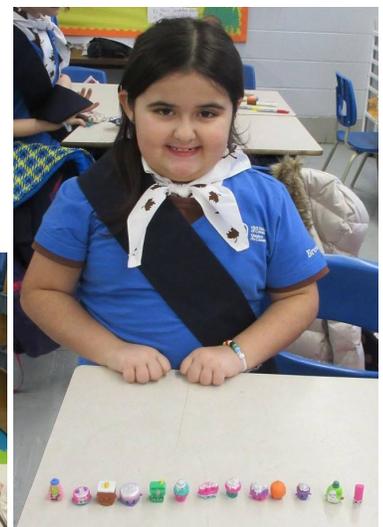
The 1st Milton Park Guiding unit completed the *Say No to Violence* challenge and brainstormed ways to take action for a world free of gender violence

The 82nd Montreal Guiding Unit held a QC Chocolate Challenge meeting and sleepover. Here they're showing off their chocolate pudding finger painting artwork!



Liesse

Girls in Liesse District made crafts for Meals on Wheels and put together chocolate mint teepees. Some of them also worked on their collector's badge.



Riverdale

The Brownies had an out of this world meeting. They were over the moon to learn they earned their astronomy badge!



Riverdale girls completed the *Girls United* challenge at a sleepover.



Riverdale Brownies honed their ironing and sewing skills by making owl pillows!



Northern Lights



The Northern Lights Sparks and Pathfinders made donations for Meals on Wheels. The Pathfinders baked and the Sparks made snowmen tray favours.



Lennoxville



Read all about Lennoxville's soap-making meeting on the [blog!](#)

Secteur Argenteuil



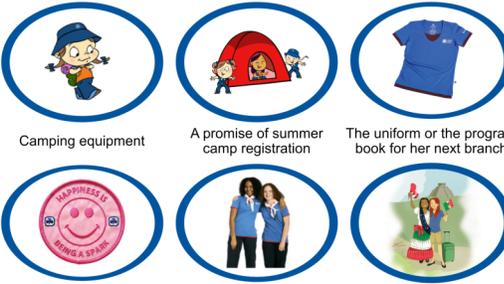
While at the Morin Heights craft sale, Secteur Argenteuil girls found out that Santa and Mrs. Claus love Girl Guide cookies!

December 10	Make a Difference Day: Human Rights Day
December 15 at 6pm EST	Nominations for the Provincial Commissioner position deadline
December 22 - January 2	Provincial office closed for the holidays
January 9	Wa-Thik-Ane reservations open for the 2017 season
January 14	Guider Symposium
February 3-5	Snow Trails (Pathfinders and Rangers)
February 11	DC/Adviser Day
February 18	Brownie Super Hero Academy Day
February 22	World Thinking Day
March	Spring Cookie Delivery
March 25	Water Weight : Geordie Productions exclusive Guiding performance (Sparks, Brownies and Guides)
April 1 or 8 (TBC)	Spark Day Event
May 4	AGM
May 12-14	First available weekend for camping at Wa-Thik-Ane

From our Planners & Dreamers replies: *“The best gift a parents can give their daughters is Guiding — the gift that keeps on giving!”*

Happy Holidays and best wishes for the new year!

Want to give your daughter something meaningful and useful this holiday season?



- Camping equipment
- A promise of summer camp registration
- The uniform or the program book for her next branch
- Start a camp blanket or poncho
- A donation in her name to help another girl attend Guides
- Money towards a travel or event fund

