



February 2019

The Piccolo

Cookies

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Québec Council

The Guiding Year

February 22-23 All the Time in the World (Thinking Day)

February 26 Book review swap

March 1 Deadline for the Next Generation Forum

March 1 Deadline to register for the St. Patrick's Day Parade

March 4 Deadline to volunteer for Voilà Québec!

March 16 Senior Volunteer Day

March 17 St. Patrick's Day Parade

April 1 Deadline for National scholarships

April 1 Deadline for the Design-a-Crest contest

April 5 Deadline for the Ottawa NAGM trip

April 6-7 Cookie Days in Canada

April 27 Geordie Theatre Play

May 4 Provincial AGM

May 5 Spark Jamboree

May 25 All SySTEMs Go for Pathfinders, Rangers and Link

June 1 Deadline for provincial scholarship

June 1-2 National AGM (trip to Ottawa)

July 7-August 3 WWWTA

August 3-10 Voilà Québec!

August 18 Pride Parade

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There's a Crest for That!

Did you find your iMIS number in *The Piccolo*? Email qc-communications@guidescanada.ca to receive an "I read *The Piccolo*" crest! Adult members and Rangers can keep an eye on *The Piccolo* for new chances to win every month!

The Piccolo is published by Québec Council on the 2nd Thursday of every month (except the month of July) and contains valuable information for all members.

Deadline for submissions for the March issue: March 7.

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Message from the PC Team



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The PC Challenge: February

Every month, the PC team will have a new challenge for you to help grow Guiding, cover parts of the program, or simply have fun!

This month, we're challenging you to put an event on the [Cookie Finder Map](#). Whether you're selling door to door or outside a store, adding your date and location will help potential customers find you and your cookies!

Message from the PC Team

Thank you all who volunteered, planned, supported and attended our highly successful Symposium 2019! What an exciting day it was. Our trainers outdid themselves and delivered new and innovated material, all in line with our new vision and mission.

As we anxiously await for spring to arrive, our Guiding calendars are full of exciting events and activities for the girls to look forward to before the camping season begins. It is our role as catalysts to extend the invitations and to share ALL the events with the girls. It is up to them as decisions makers to choose, alongside their families, which events they want to attend.

We have mentioned and will keep mentioning that these events and opportunities are planned by you volunteers, and a lot of time, planning and money goes into them. It is our responsibility to fill them up! Our mission is to give girls as many opportunities as we can and you are our voices in your units, you are the ones that can bring the events to them so that they can choose. It is the cornerstone of what Girls First is about.

We are very excited about our SOLD OUT World Thinking Day event at Marché Bonsecours, which the planning team has been working on tirelessly. We look forward to seeing you there.

Next is Spring cookie season! And cookies just happens to be the PC Challenge of the month! Remember that you can offer the girls the possibility to sell more than her two cases, perhaps allowing them a profit of \$5 or \$10 per extra case as a future GGC coupon they can use towards anything Guiding (camp, events, etc) as an extra incentive. This money would then follow them through their branches if it's not used up this year.

Thank you for Guiding with us!

RoseAnna and Carol



Camping News

Joanne Cardinal, Camping Adviser | qc-camping@guidescanada.ca



Are you ready to think about the Wonderful Weeks at Wa-Thik-Ane?



Volunteers are needed to make this another successful year at Wa-Thik-Ane.

If you are interested, please email Super Eagle at qc-campwathikane@guidescanada.ca

to let her know you want to be a part of the 2019 memories!



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We need you to help get the word out.

Check out our calendar and [brochure](#) for the upcoming season of summer camp and pass the news on to your girl members and their parents. It will also be eblasted to them directly.

You are our Guiding voice!

Wonderful Weeks at Wa-Thik-Ane
July/August 2019

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	Guide Camp Week 1						
	Pathfinder Camp Week 1						
	Ranger Camp Week 1						
Fun with STEAM Week 2	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Brownie Camp Week 2						
	Guide Camp Week 2						
	Pathfinder Camp Week 2						
	Ranger Camp Week 2						
Nature Unleashed Week 3	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	3 day Spark/Brownie camp week 3					Mom and Me	
	Pathfinder/Ranger Trail Camp						
	Guide Camp Week 3						
Adventures under Canvases Week 4	28	29	30	31	August 1	2	3
	3 day Spark/Brownie camp week 4						
	Guide Expedition Camp						
Pathfinder/Ranger Adventure camp							

Snow Trails

On February 1, I pulled in at Camp L'Estacade to join 42 other campers who were participating in Snow Trails 2019! We had plenty of snow this season, which allowed all our plans to proceed as scheduled.

On Friday night once we had all arrived, campers reached into a paper bag to choose a movie ticket. This ticket determined their team for competitions and roommates for their stay. The evening was topped off with a snack and Disney movie trivia game to begin the competition.

Saturday morning brought a delicious breakfast of bacon and eggs and the start of some great fun and adventures. Our day's round robin challenges included riding magic carpets from *Aladdin*, obstacle course from *Mulan*, building our own version of Olaf and the silent snow shoe trail spun from *The Little Mermaid*. It really was a test of teamwork watching campers compete in silence on a snowshoe relay race with silent pit stops to switch snowshoes on competitors.



Puzzles and games entertained campers on the downtime with of course time to plan their skit from a Disney movie of their choice to be performed later Saturday evening. Our evening ended with a wonderful “Mad Hatter” style tea party.

Sunday brought the big scavenger hunt, indoors and outside, to tie our events together and bring an end to the weekend’s competition.

A big part of camp is the food and campers at Snow Trails Disney were treated to delicious treats and meals, themed to match some great movies and characters.

Everyone went home a winner with new friendships and lots of great new memories!



Cookie News

Bethan Wardrop, Cookie Adviser qc-cookies-biscuits@guidescanada.ca



The next cookie campaign is just around the corner. If you have younger girls, it’s never too early to review some tips and tricks and with the older ones they might learn something they never knew before. There are multiple activities for every age level on the Girls First platform. Just write “Cookies” in the search bar or see the Program section of *The Piccolo* for lots of ideas.

Cookie All Stars opened on **February 5, 2019** for both Mint 2018 and Classic 2019.

Promotional Items

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Cookie Dough Dollars

Cookie Dough \$\$ are a fun way for younger girls to practise selling and making change or alternatively they are a great way for Unit Guiders to show their appreciation to girl members or to incentivize their sales efforts. Instructions and dollar bills can be found on [Member Zone](#).

“Cookie Recipes for Girl Greatness” Notecards

Use these [notecards](#) to give to customers so they can download the Cookie Recipes for Girl Greatness. You can also get printed copies of the recipe book from the provincial office.

Cookie Selling Posters

Spread the word that Girl Guide cookies are for sale! Post this flyer anywhere you plan on selling cookies. Classic Cookies Poster and Mint Cookie Poster are in English and French on [Member Zone](#) and at the office.

Door Hangers

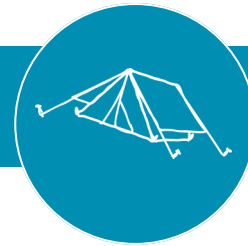
Leave the [door hanger](#) on someone's doorknob when you are out selling cookies door-to-door. They can't miss it and will have your contact info for when they're in the mood for cookies.

“Sorry I Missed You” Cards

Leave the [card](#) in someone's mailbox when you are out selling cookies door-to-door. Why not leave them some free meeting passes too?

Voilà Québec!

Emily Lillies, Event Lead | qc-voilaquebec@guidescanada.ca



Thinking about what to do during the summer?

Come volunteer at **Voilà Québec!** Spend a week up at Wa-Thik-Ane with girls and Guiders from across the country. We are looking for Guiders to fill the following roles:

- Program
- Quarter master
- First Aider

Can't stay for the whole week? Come spend a few days, a day, or half day sharing your favourite activity or special talent!

[Click here](#) to fill out the volunteer form

Deadline is **Monday, March 4**

Property Stewardship Committee

Joanne Cardinal, Property Stewardship Committee Chair
qc-property@guidescanada.ca



A Dream Come True

As most of you know by now, we will be renovating our Stavert Lodge at Wa-Thik-Ane so we can enjoy the winter months of the camping season.

This is a move to offer our members in Québec and nearby neighbours access to the beautiful camp property we have on Lac Bouchette in Morin Heights year-round.

Wa-Thik-Ane offers a whole other environment in the late fall and winter months and new experiences are waiting to be shared.

Please be patient with us as we begin our 2019 season on a limited access so we can complete this major renovation.

Thank you to all my sisters in Guiding who have supported me and this project from the beginning idea to the execution.

I look forward to sharing winter trails with you at Wa-Thik-Ane!

Super Eagle



Come camp at Wa-Thik-Ane this season!

X = Booked	Stavert	Huron	Iroquois	Algonquin	Cree	MicMac	Montagnais	Chippewa
May 31-June 2			x	x	x	x	x	
June 7-9			x	x		x		
June 14-16			x	x	x			
June 21-23								
June 28-30			x	x				
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Oct 18-20								

Training News



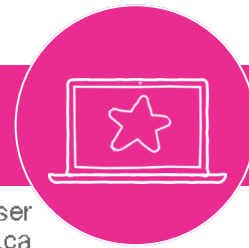
Heather Martin, Training Adviser | qc-training-formation@guidesquebec.ca

COMING IN MARCH !! Put your name down to receive updates and more information

- **New Guider Training & About the Girl for leaders of each branch**
- **District Commissioner Sharing & Training Needs session**
 - A combined in person and on-line session which will help Commissioners with immediate needs while determining what the priorities are for upcoming training sessions
- **Outdoor Activity Leadership**
 - Day Trips & Getting Your Unit Outdoors
 - Residential Camping
 - Tent Camping 994168 1241423 1406147 198822 104025
 - Adventure Camping
- **Guider Training Weekend**
 - *** Watch the Piccolo for details - combine the fun and sisterhood of a weekend away with enrichment training.
- **Adults who help others Learn**
 - We will be hosting another session for those who want more skills in helping adults learn either for Guiding roles, personal growth or possibly to explore being a Guiding Trainer - please put your name down for follow up.

Cookie tip: When asking girls to evaluate how an activity went, have them tell you one thing they loved, one thing that could be improved upon and another thing they loved. Call it the sandwich cookie method!

Program News



Sharon King, Program Adviser; Emily Lillies, Deputy Program Adviser
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Save the date for a Spark Jamboree in Saint-Laurent on May 5 to celebrate 30 years of Sparks!

Cookie Programming

Spring is around the corner and that means it will be cookie-selling season. Get your girls ready with some fun activities that help them understand how sales and marketing work. If you want to build or make something as a unit to help with cookie sales, this is a great month to get some creative ideas in motion.

Our Girls First Platform Picks:

- For all Branches - [Under Cookie Construction](#)
- **Sparks** - [Made of Cookies](#) and [How the Cookie Crumbles](#)
- **Brownies** - [Cookie Case Money Game](#)
- **Guides** - Instant Meeting - [Our Story is...Cookies!](#)
- **Pathfinders/Rangers** - [Cookie Currency Debate](#)



Geordie Productions: Reaching for Starlight



Geordie Theatre and Guides Québec are once again collaborating to present a special performance for Guiding members: [Reaching for Starlight](#)

Saturday April 27th at 2pm

D.B. Clarke Theatre

(1455 De Maisonneuve Blvd. Montréal, QC, H3G 1M8)

Reenie wants to dance, like her mother did before her. Along with her classmates, she believes she has what it takes to earn the coveted solo at the year-end recital. But when she discovers that Maestra is not holding everyone to the same standard, Reenie begins a quest to investigate why her friend Maia is being counted out. If competition makes us stronger, then when comes the moment when winning doesn't always mean coming out on top?

Reaching for Starlight is a story about the way we move in the world. An urgent portrait of a young girl's journey of breaking barriers and illustrated through the glorious infusion of theatre and ballet, contemporary, and hip hop dance, Reaching for Starlight is a sensorial tour-de-force featuring some of the country's most dynamic young and established artists together on one stage.

Appropriate for all branches

New crest design for this year!

TICKETS NOW ON SALE via [this link](#)

Please note that **tickets will go very quickly** for this excellent production so please be sure to get your order in to avoid disappointment.



Youth News



Alexandra Meredith, Youth Voice | qc-youth-jeunesse@guidescanada.ca

Trip to Ottawa

On June 1, join the Pathfinders, Rangers, and the Next Generation Forum!

Where: Ottawa

When: Saturday, June 1 - Sunday, June 2, 2019

Who: 3rd year Guides, Pathfinders and Rangers. Individual sign up, patrols not needed!

What: Attend the Girls' Open Forum at the National Annual General Meeting and Explore Ottawa!

- Girls' Open Forum
- Shopping
- Parliament Tour
- Murder Mystery
- Exploring the city!

Why: National heard your opinions from last year and have made changes based on your thoughts! Have your voice heard on a national level and explore our nation's capital!

Price: \$45

Register: Through [this Google form](#) by April 5

Questions? Email qc-nagm@guidescanada.ca.

Curious to know what the Girls' Open Forum is all about? Check out the [blog](#) that Kyla wrote after attending last year's event!

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Next Generation Council

Join the Guides Québec Next Generation Forum!

Girls ages 13-18 who are passionate about the role youth can play in shaping Guiding in Québec are invited to apply to join the Next Generation Forum.

- Have fun with other Pathfinders and Rangers
- Have a say in the future of Guiding in Québec
- Be a spokesperson for other girls
- Add to your CV
 - Help plan exciting events



*Ideal for someone who is enthusiastic,
dedicated and innovative.*

The member of the Next Generation Youth Form position is held for one year (but girls can reapply) and girls get to be part of the committees that plan provincial events!

Any girls who think they might be interested should [answer the few short questions here](#) and we'll be in touch! **Deadline: March 1.**

Guiders, a personal message to a girl telling her you think she'd be great for one of these positions can make a world of difference. Please help us find these girls! You can also send names of girls you think would be great to qc-youth-jeunesse@guidescanada.ca.

Design-a-Membership Crest



The Design-a-Membership-Crest Contest is on!

- If you plan to do this as a unit activity, you can find a handout here ([French and English](#)) with all the instructions to help you out!
- Designs must include the trefoil, 2019-2020 and either QC or Québec.
- Please send submissions to qc-dpc-cpa1@guidescanada.ca by April 1.

PR News

Andrea Munster, PR Adviser | qc-pr-rp@guidescanada.ca



St. Patrick's Day Parade

The St. Patrick's Day Parade is a great opportunity to show off our Guiding and Irish spirit. Join us on March 17th and walk in the 196th Montreal St. Patrick's Day Parade. If you would like to participate, please register as a unit or individual (adult) here. There will be a crest available for purchase. Parents and siblings are welcome but no pets. Those registered will get more information by email about meet-up time and location for parade day. **Registration closes March 1, 2019.**

If you have any questions, email qc-pr-rp@guidescanada.ca



PR Events

When a local PR opportunity comes up, an email must be sent to the Provincial PR Adviser at qc-pr-rp@guidescanada.ca copying the District Commissioner, by the Guider taking the lead on the event, for her review. The PR Adviser will be prepared to give advice, and specifically offer up suggestions on the most current messages GGC is looking to promote and how they should be delivered. She will also, in conjunction with the Communications Adviser, be able to help decide on the appropriate PR material for the specific event.

To get a better picture of Guiding PR in the province, we'd also ask that you complete the [Post-Event form](#) after your event so we can get a better understanding of which PR events work best in our province.

Together, we can work to grow Guiding in your unit and district!



International News

Valerie Zaloum, Event Lead | qc-international@guidescanada.ca

World Thinking Day 2019

We are 10 million and we are singing!

While many members will be at our Marché Bonsecours event, WAGGGS has provided great resources for sharing the global sisterhood through the [activities and resources](#) for #WTD2019 #JMP2019.

Clicking the language tab provides English and French language versions of challenge materials too, making life easier for two-language units!



A Great Big Guiding World

Throughout the branches, the global nature of Guiding is part of our history. When girls reach Pathfinder age, the opportunity to travel, on independent trips with units or groups or through sponsored provincial opportunities, or Nationally sponsored trips, is all part of a new chapter of growing up in Guiding!

Need support in building a travel plan with girls? There are experienced travelers who can help – contact qc-international@guidescanada.ca.



Plan to try out for National travel ops! Girl and Guider applications are due in early September, so make time to promote these great adventures before the summer break, even before knowing what trips will be offered! It's a great big Guiding world out there!



Nominations



Cecilia Cherry, Nominations Liaison | qc-nominations@guidescanada.ca

Many senior volunteers' terms will be up soon and we're looking for members to fill the positions. [Find out more!](#)

Positions on Provincial Council

- 2nd Deputy Provincial Commissioner (*available now*)
- DC Representative(s)
- Member Services Coordinator
- Girl Engagement Coordinator
- Risk and Compliance Adviser

Adviser/Specialist Positions

- Camping Adviser
- Membership Adviser
- Cookie Adviser (Cheerleader)

Congratulations to Kaitlin Winter who has been chosen to sit on the National Safe Guide Committee!

Awards News

Annette Levasseur, Awards Liaison | qc-awards-prix@guidescanada.ca



Recognizing adult members is an important way to help our volunteers feel valued and thanked. Anyone can submit a nomination.

Award of the Month: Team Award

The Team Award may be given to each member who has been part of a team that planned and carried to completion an event or project. In order to be considered for the Team Award, the members of a team must demonstrate:



- Operating as a well-functioning team
- Planning and carrying to completion an event or project. OR
- Working well during a time of adversity.

Nominators must provide a completed R.3 form, along with two letters of support which describe the team as a whole. Team Awards are authorized by the Provincial or National Council (depending on the team level), and presented by the council concerned. A member may receive the Team Award more than once. The Team Award is not to be presented to non-Guiding members of a team, except with approval from the Guiding Ambassador.

Tip of the Hat

Christine Downey, Elizabeth Barnes, Catherine and Stephanie

I'd like to send a Tip of the Hat to the Barnes-Downey Family: Christine (Guider), Elizabeth (Guider), Catherine (Ranger), Stephanie (Pathfinder) and Bob (husband). When a fellow Guider had to spend two weeks in the hospital over the holidays and came out needing somewhere to recuperate, they welcomed her into their family with open arms, even leaving all of their holiday decorations up and hosting a second Christmas dinner in January since she missed the first one. This is what the Guiding sisterhood is all about!

Lizzie Knowles

Linda Cyr-Almanza

Linda stepped up when I needed a helping hand. It was a task outside her regular staff duties, it saved me time and travel and it was greatly appreciated. For this, you deserve a *Tip of the Hat*. Thank you.

Annette Levasseur

You can also send a Tip of the Hat to a Guider. Submit her name, her district and why she is special to the Awards Team (qc-awards-prix@guidescanada.ca). The Guider will receive a crest at home and it will be published in the Piccolo.



Change Maker Award

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From Sparks to Rangers, girls in Guiding do amazing things to make the world better. They are a collective force of change makers! Tell your girls to look for more information in an eblast that was sent to them about this [new award](#) that has replaced the Girl Greatness Awards.



Scholarships

Both National and our provincial council offer scholarships to current members in Guiding pursuing post-secondary education. Read all about them and find out how to apply!



National

[Information and application](#)

Question? scholarship@girlguides.ca

Deadline: April 1

Provincial

[Information and application](#)

Questions? qc-awards-prix@guidescanada.ca

Deadline: June 1

Remember: you'll never be chosen if you don't apply!

Safe Guide News



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Cookie Sales



Spring cookie sales are around the corner. Safe Guide has an Activity Guide on page 64 to help you with your planning. Even if you have done this many times, have a look at the Activity Guide as it has some great tips. Although not required, as cookie selling is a Green level activity, it is never a bad idea to have SG.1 & SG.2 forms prepared, and you definitely should have an emergency response plan SG.4. These do not need to be submitted to be assessed.

Spring Activities



Many Spring camp or spring activities are in the planning stages right now. Give new or different Guiders the opportunity to do the paperwork so they gain experience. For a YELLOW ACTIVITY send SG.1, SG.2, SG.3, SG.4 and SG.5/7 if applicable to qc-sg-gs@guidescanada.ca at least 14 days in advance to be assessed. This is a new e-mail address, however the old @guidesquebec address will be forwarded. Don't forget to be using the current forms.

iMIS



Make sure that PRCs and A.7s are recorded in iMIS. If someone has completed their First Aid course recently, make sure it is recorded too. Send updates to qc-admin@guidescanada.ca.

Training



Remember that new Guiders have 6 months in which to complete Safe Guide training or they will be cancelled by National. Your District Commissioner can help you with the on-line version of this training.

Treasurers' Trove



Claire Morier, District Treasurer Support Liaison
qc-district-finances-secteur@guidescanada.ca

District Book Reviews

The District book review swap is Tuesday, February 26, at 6pm at 270-100 boul. Alexis Nihon in Saint-Laurent.

If you can't make it, the books still need to be reviewed. You can either make arrangements with a neighbouring district, or have someone else within the district review the books. Please review prior communications for options.

Please refer to the January 2019 Piccolo for more details on what is required for book reviews for Districts, Units and Trefoil Guilds.

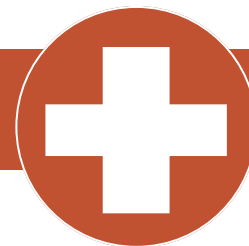
Other

Be sure to use the available documents on the [Guides Québec website](#). There are many guidelines and forms which may answer your questions, such as:

- Treasurer's Calendar
- 2019 Financial Package
- Financial Review Checklist

There are always possibilities for financial trainings, so please don't hesitate if you'd like one organized. If there are any questions in the meantime, don't hesitate to reach out.

First Aid News



Au Secours Denise OBriain offers courses tailored to the needs of GGC as per Safe Guide 2018

**** Note that GGC does accept first aid certification from other providers too! ****

Standard First Aid & CPR/AED Level C Course - BLENDED LEARNING format

- Complete the first half of the course online at home, at your own pace, prior to the course date
- Then participate in the **ONE DAY** hands-on teaching/skills-practice in-class session
- Equivalent to the previous 16-hour in-class teaching and practice format
- Access to the new Canadian Red Cross online portal and useful online resources
- NEW Canadian Red Cross First Aid & CPR Manual – 2017 edition
- Digital Certification upon completion valid for 3 years

All courses include access to online course prior to the date and an in-class session on the date stated.

Standard First Aid & CPR/AED C – Sat., March 23, 2019, 8:30 am – 5:30 pm – Pointe-Claire—\$110 (not tax)

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

If you or your District would like to hold a course at your own time and location, please let us know.

For more information or to register, please email Tricia Lax at ausecours.firstaid@gmail.com

DEAR OLAVE,

DEAR OLAVE: We're holding an upcoming camp and due to sickness, family issues and scheduling conflicts, we've had to change out a few of our Guiders. We've already received Safe Guide approval from our assessor to hold our camp. Is there something else we need to do?

Ready to Camp

DEAR READY: If there are any changes made to your camp/event plans after you've received the ok from your Safe Guide assessor, you'll need to reach back out to her with an update to your forms (in this case your SG.3 and SG.4). Make sure to contact your assessor as soon as possible as your new adults will need to be checked to ensure they have a PRC (and Safe Guide training/first aid as required). Your emergency response plan will need to be updated to reflect the new names as well. Don't forget to make sure that your home contact person has the correct list too!

DEAR OLAVE: A friend of one of my Brownies recently came to visit a unit meeting and has decided that she wants to join Guiding. I'm not sure what I should tell her about joining at this time of year. Is it too late? Does she still have to pay full price?

So Many Badges

DEAR SO MANY: It's never too late! Girls can join at absolutely any time of the year. The \$140 that they pay is actually a membership fee rather than a registration fee, so yes, they must pay it in full. Your unit can choose to prorate dues if you'd like. You can also explain to the parent that the membership fee gives them the opportunity to register their daughter for summer camp at the member price as well as lets her attend the rest of your unit meetings. Come April 1, we'll be running a program called *Try Now, Join Later* where girls will be able to join for free for the rest of the Guiding year, but April is still quite a ways off! This friend can try two meetings, and then it's only fair to the other girls for her to be registered.

DEAR OLAVE: I was able to find an amazing resource on the Teachers Pay Teachers website for an activity I recently [blogged](#) about. It literally saved me precious HOURS of work, for only a little more than just a few supplies would have cost me if I had needed to purchase them. It was appropriate for all age groups too! Many, many great guiding-friendly things can be found on Teachers Pay Teachers so I wanted to share my finding with other Guiders so that they can save time too!

Time Saver

DEAR TIME: Thanks for sharing that great resource. I'm sure other Guiders will be grateful to have a new website where they can search for ideas and ready-to-go activities!

Have a question for Olave? Send it to qc-communications@guidescanada.ca.

There's a crest for that!

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Local Stories

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Sparks from Riverdale District did science experiments to celebrate International Day of Women and Girls in Science and invited a dental hygienist to visit them.

Girls in Laval-Mille-Iles went winter camping.

Pathfinders and Rangers in Northern Lights District planned a spa night.

Pincourt Sparks had a Daddy/Daughter Valentine's Day dance and made their own comic strips to celebrate literacy week.



Let us know what your unit/district is up to and earn a NEW crest!

Have an event you'd like to invite others to? Email qc-communications@guidescanada.ca and we'll help you get the information out!

