



## THE FORCE WAS WITH US AT THE AGM

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## Québec Council's AGM

The evening was both beautiful and unforgettable. It was nice to have so many recognized Guiders, as this just goes to show that you are all so dedicated and talented here in Quebec.

This year was a special year as a number of Chief Commissioner's Awards were presented by Pamela Rice, the chief herself! The girls were proudly recognized for all their hard work!



<b>Jillian Quigley</b>	1st Richelieu Rangers
<b>Rebecca Hepworth</b>	1st Richelieu Rangers
<b>Erika Malnasi</b>	1st Richelieu Rangers
<b>Michelle Malnasi</b>	1st Richelieu Rangers
<b>Gabriella Fombuena</b>	1st Laval Rangers
<b>Marissa Schembre</b>	1st Kirkland Rangers
<b>Nikki Murray</b>	1st Kirkland Rangers
<b>Allegra Spensieri (absent)</b>	1st Kirkland Rangers



The higher power of the galaxy brought us new women to sit on Québec Council and to act as provincial advisers. I, as your new PC, and Carol Kelly, as my deputy, will support these strong and dedicated ladies who will lead us to new endeavors and allow us to embrace changes and transition. We as adult members all need to accept and welcome these changes as a positive and necessary path to again becoming the leaders for today's girls in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Summer is here, and we can see many outdoor events, camps, celebrations and award ceremonies on the horizon as the year winds down for the summer break. Some Guiders are looking forward to an exciting week at WWWTA. Have you considered that you could be one of them?

There are just a few short weeks left to get all our returning and new girls registered for 2017/18 Guiding year so that they can attend the Gros Dodo in September. We have several initiatives out there to be promoted:

- Our early bird crest – for girls who register before June 30
- Our Gros Dodo - a game and sleepover with the Montreal Alouettes, with activities celebrating Canada's 150th and Montreal's 375th (Register before June 30)
- Our traditional Fall Fun Day (Register in September)



Québec council would like to thank each and every one of you and your supportive families, for the valuable time you spend on our girl members in Quebec. You have made — and continue to make — important differences in their lives, which they will cherish for a lifetime.

Downtime will be here soon... time to relax, soak in the sun, and re-energize. Enjoy the many ongoing celebrations for Canada and Montreal's anniversaries...And come back to us ready to rumble!

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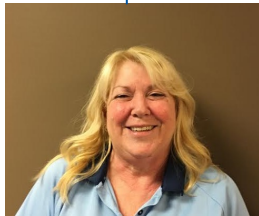
## Québec Council

I'm so excited to start this new adventure with RoseAnna and all of you - my sisters in Guiding. Girl Greatness starts with us!

Year one on council is coming to an end and I look forward to the next two years as we bring more PR, Membership and Training initiatives your way!



RoseAnna Cirino  
Provincial Commissioner



Carol Kelly  
Deputy Provincial Commissioner



Sara Ogilvie  
Member Services Coordinator



Angie Kruller  
Girl Engagement Coordinator



Rachel Bachmann  
Risk and Compliance



Sue Welsh  
Director of Operations



Helena Green  
Elected Member - Youth Coordinator

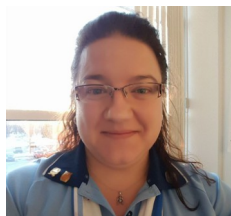


Alexandra Meredith  
Elected Member - Youth Chair

As a Girl Guide member for over twelve years and a lifeguard at Camp Wa-Thik-Ane, I have gotten to know girl members from across the province. Their voice and innovative ideas are what drive our wonderful organization!



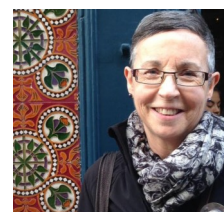
Sara Di Milo  
DC Representative



Lisa Labelle  
DC Representative



Andrea Romano  
Treasurer



Pam Ireland  
Secretary

I'm a member of Provincial Council and part of your DC Voice team. I was DC in Riverview District for 5 years and have just completed my first year on council.

I'm embarking on my fourth year as Council Secretary, and am really looking forward to working with the new team (members old and new). I've learned so much about Guiding in Quebec in this role!

## Adviser Team

I am in my second year as Quebec Camping Adviser. I thoroughly believe camping is a big part of girls growing within themselves. If I can help you achieve that in any way, let me know!

Sliding into semi-retirement, I am delighted to assume the International/travel adviser role. I have promoted travel ops and multicultural program activities for over 20 years, and coming off a National trip to Sangam in Pune, India, well this seems like perfect timing!

Greetings! I'm very excited to start this new journey as Program Adviser. I hope to bring my expertise in STEM engagement, my enthusiasm for new ideas and my excitement for the new Girls First initiative to Guiding in Quebec. I look forward to sharing ideas with you very soon!



Sharon King  
Programme Adviser



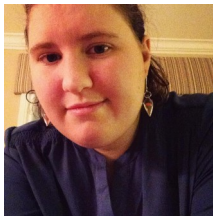
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Andrea Munster  
PR Adviser



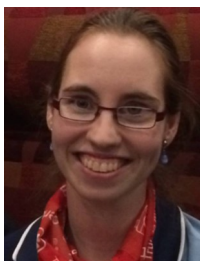
Heather Martin  
Training Adviser



Sarah Di Milo  
Link Adviser



Pam Godfrey  
Safeguard Adviser



Lizzie Knowles  
Communications Adviser

Training...Taking off in many direction! We have ALL promised TO DO OUR BEST. As Adviser to the QC Training team I want to help make this happen! Watch for our training ideas or suggest one for your unit,

I'm excited to take on this new PR role and to be able to contribute to this wonderful organization. I look forward to working with my fellow guiders on new and exciting projects.

Hi. I'm Pam Godfrey, formerly known as Deputy Provincial Commissioner. I have big shoes to fill after Louise Triggs did such a wonderful job as Safe Guide Adviser. I will do my best to help the assessors and keep everyone informed about Safe Guide issues.

## Quebec Fall Fun Day 2017

**\*\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE – Saturday September 30, 2017\*\*\*\*  
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.

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 the coming months.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

## Summer Camp at Wa-Thik-Ane

Volunteers are needed to make this another successful year of wonderful weeks at Wa-Thik-Ane

So please join us!

Fill in the [volunteer form](#) and Joanne Cardinal, summer camp manager, will be in touch!



Joanne Cardinal, Camping Adviser | [WWWTA@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:WWWTA@guidesquebec.ca)

# Provincial Scholarship

**Who can apply?** Any registered Québec member of GGC-GdC who is entering or pursuing post-secondary education (in any field of study) on a full time basis.

This scholarship is based on your active Guiding and community involvement. Former members and past recipients are not eligible to apply.

Details are available on the [QC website](#).



Application deadline:  
**June 1**

## Challenge of the Month: Nova Scotia International Challenge

Are your Pathfinders or Rangers curious about international travel within Girl Guides? Take them on an adventure from the comfort of your meeting place. It's perfect for girls or units who are going on a trip **or** for girls wanting to go someday in the future!

Girls can learn all about what it's like to travel with Girl Guides, how to apply for trips, and take part in some international challenges such as Free Being Me. You can even take your unit on a fantasy trip by planning where'd you go, what you'd do, and finding out how much it would cost.

It's the perfect time of the year to get girls excited about coming back to Guiding next year and show some of the great opportunities there are.



### What's coming up?

May 17— National Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia

May 28th - [World Hunger Day](#)

June 1—National Intergenerational Day

2017 - [Canada's 150th Birthday](#)

### \*New\* Québec Maple Syrup Challenge



Given the success of the QC Chocolate challenge, it was only logical to think that we needed a new foodie [challenge](#).

Maple syrup is a staple across the wonderful country that is Canada. Tap into one of our national icons, learning about its history, where it's produced, what you can make with it and much more!

All branches must complete Option A or B, and up to 9 challenges. Sparks must complete 3 other challenges, Brownies 5, Guides 7, Pathfinders and Rangers 9.

- Learn about Maple Syrup around the world
- Find out how maple syrup first came to be
- Visit a sugar shack or make your own
- Make maple syrup playdough
- Bake with maple syrup
- Plays games, act and make crafts
- And much, much more!



## THE GREAT CANADIAN RANGER RACE



**Where:** Mountainside United Church, 687 Roslyn Av.,  
Westmount, H3Y 2V1

**When:** May 27 from 9am to 9am on May 28

**Cost:** \$20

**Forms:** [SG1 Activity Plan](#) [SG2 Parent/Guardian Permission Form](#)

Please send questions and forms to [admin@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:admin@guidesquebec.ca).

[Register here](#)

Deadline extended until May 19!

## International News



The fall may seem far away, but deadlines for applications to Nationally sponsored International and domestic trips will fall **mid October!** Don't let those Pathfinders & Rangers miss out on those dreams they have been building throughout their Guiding careers.

The **2018-2019 travel opportunities** will be posted in July - let's encourage some summer dreaming and support girls in presenting their best selves in travel applications.

For questions, or hints and tips on writing references for girls, contact [international@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:international@guidesquebec.ca)



Valerie Zaloum, International Adviser | [international@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:international@guidesquebec.ca)

## How will you be starting your 2017-2018 Guiding year?

For **Guides**, **Pathfinders** and **Rangers** with their **Guiders**

### Le Gros Dodo with the Alouettes



Kick off the 2017-2018 Guiding year with a **sleepout!**

**When:** September 16-17, 2017

**Where:** Percival Molson Stadium

**The Plan:**

**Saturday**

- ⇒ Drop off your tents and bedrolls at McGill Stadium around noon
- ⇒ Explore Montreal on your own with suggestions from the Playbook to be provided in June
- ⇒ Eat supper wherever and however you like at your own cost
- ⇒ Return to McGill Stadium to pitch tents, and have a fun evening of activities planned by the committee
- ⇒ Sleep in tent on the stadium field

**Sunday**

- ⇒ Rise and shine with the birds and have a pancake breakfast
- ⇒ Have more fun and games in the GGC Tailgate Zone
- ⇒ Eat lunch and proceed to the stadium to watch the Alouettes play the Ottawa Red-Blacks at 1:00 pm

**Cost:** \$40.00 (includes snack, sleepover, breakfast, lunch, Alouettes game ticket, crest and some surprises)

**Special Incentive:** Watch for special incentive pricing for Fall Fun Day for girls participating in both le Gros Dodo and Fall Fun Day.

As this is an event for members, all girls must be registered for Girl Guides of Canada for the 2017-2018 year by June 23.

Girls should register this spring with the unit they will be in in the fall. Please consider those who will be advancing (Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders)!

**Deadline:** June 30, 2017

Register your patrol [here!](#)

Questions? See the [How-to and FAQ](#) sheet on (will be updated as questions come in).

Safe Guide templates and handout for families available [here.](#)



Keep an eye out for a Facebook event page coming soon. Follow us [here](#) or join our group [here](#) to stay informed about everything going on in Québec Guiding!

For all branches (especially **Sparks** and **Brownies**) and Families

### The Alouettes Game Day

**When:** September 17, 2017, mid-morning to mid-afternoon

**Where:** Percival Molson Stadium

**The Plan:** Members and their families can arrive mid-morning at the GGC Tailgate Zone for fun and games and attend the game. They will bring their own lunch.

**Cost:** \$20.00 (includes Alouettes game day ticket and crest for GGC members)

**Deadline to buy tickets:** June 30, 2017

Order game day only tickets [here!](#)

**We're looking for volunteers!** Would you like to be part of the Grand Dodo? No girls to bring? We will need a logistics team for different parts of the event. For a few hours, or for the whole experience, please [contact us](#) to be on the team!

Event team | [legrosdodo@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:legrosdodo@guidesquebec.ca)





## Spotlight on PR

The Guiding year is coming to a close – but that doesn't mean that the excitement is! Pre-registration is in full swing and in your units you should be encouraging everyone to come back next year by registering now. For 2<sup>nd</sup> year Brownies and up - that task

should be a little easier this year – have you seen the info about Le Gros Dodo!? We are going to have a blast starting off our year in the fall!

**PR STARS - TRY THIS** (*Tried and true ideas from around the province*)

**Monklands District** is trying something new this year – summer Guiding! They've invited all Guide-aged girls in their district to weekly excursions or activities around the city for some fun summertime Guiding. Rather than focus on regular programming, activities will range from “outdoor messy science in the park” to “nature fun on Mount Royal” to a visit to JazzFest! Attendance is optional every week for the girls to attend and they are even encouraged to bring a friend. What a wonderful way to showcase the awesome stuff we do in Girl Guides and a great way to retain those who are already members. **Tip:** *Registration is good through the end of August so no need to worry about girls being covered.*

Last summer **Riverdale** hosted a few "pop up" meetings. Advertising on Facebook and at neighbourhood locations 2 weeks prior as well as inviting all current members guaranteed attendance. They chose a park near their meeting place in order to ensure they were hitting their target audience ie. local families. For the pop-up meeting they played games, held a campfire and handed out some Girl Guide goodies. The meetings were so inviting that even girls in the playground came over to join in. Riverdale enjoyed the success of these few meetings as every new girl who attended the pop-up meeting registered in a unit for the fall. Not only that, they also acquired 2 unit assistants. Impressive! **Tip:** *For increased visibility, use your district's feather flag, wear your uniform shirt and consider borrowing the GGC tent from the provincial office. PR materials to hand out can be found [here](#).*

Sara Ogilvie, Member Services Coordinator | [mbr.services@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:mbr.services@guidesquebec.ca)

## Property Committee News



Many thanks to the volunteers, including Guiders and girls from Laval-Mille-Iles District who helped with the clean-up and setting up of tents at Camp Wa-Thik-Ane this past weekend.



Property Committee | [lacbouchette@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:lacbouchette@guidesquebec.ca)

## Mid-Year Reviews

With the Guiding year winding to a close, and most of us looking forward to a break from the books over the summer, now is the time to start preparing for mid-year reviews.

Preparing the mid-year reviews now will give you some piece of mind over the summer that all items have been recorded and the books balanced. It will make for a smoother transition come the fall when the Guiding year starts up again.

Reminders for the mid-year reviews:

- Period covered (all): should be from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to when your unit/district/council "ended" in the Spring.
- Unit & Trefoil Guild Books: to be reviewed by District Treasurers. Completed Annual Financial Reports and Financial Review Checklists to be sent to the office.

- District Books: either (1) have books reviewed by another District Treasurer and send the Annual Financial Report and completed Financial Review Checklist to the office, or (2) send books and all supporting documentation to the office where a reviewer will be found.
- Reports to be submitted to the office as soon as possible, latest being the end of June.

Once the reviews are complete, you may continue where you left off until the end of the year. Keep in mind that for the year-end review, it is the full 2017 being reviewed, so all documents from the mid-year must still be retained and re-submitted.

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

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

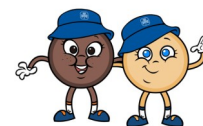
## Cookie News

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



### Presenting...Cookie Kickback!

Check out our video and [FAQs](#) to learn more about the new cookie incentive for units!



! As the end of another campaign finishes, we have to start looking forward to the next one. During the next few months you will be asked to place your mint order. Please think **BIG** when ordering.

cookies.biscuits@guidesquebec.ca

The 1st Milton Park Guiding Unit from Monklands District travelled to Kingston to do the overnight program at Fort Henry and bridge with two other units — one from Kingston and one from Toronto.



Laval-Mille-Iles District held their advancement ceremony, did some science experiments, celebrated Earth Day, made bird feeders and held a sleepover!



Pincourt Guides participated in the Tim Hortons Pitch-In event and hunted for garbage in Bellevue Park. They also went to the Grevin Wax Museum.



Riverdale Sparks and Brownies got to learn about beekeeping during a bridging meeting!

The Sparks celebrated Earth Day, the Brownies learned basic first aid skills and the Guides learned about communication and responsibility.



The 1st P.E.T Brownies from Liesse District made crafts with a group of seniors and experimented with science and plated seeds, the Guides made hats for the Action on Poverty NSP and the district bagged groceries as a fundraiser.



Northern Lights girls worked on the QC Chocolate Challenge, held a chemistry night, went to survival camp

June 1	<a href="#">GQC-QC Scholarship Applications due</a>
June 15 * Note new date!	DC/Adviser/Council Evening
June 23	<a href="#">Deadline for girls to reregister if they want to attend the Gros Dodo</a>
June 30	<a href="#">Deadline to register for the Gros Dodo</a>
July 7-30	<a href="#">Wonderful Weeks at Wa-Thik-Ane</a>
September 16-17	<a href="#">Le Gros Dodo</a>
September 30	<a href="#">Fall Fun Day</a>

Families were sent the Spring Parent Newsletter at the beginning of May. Take a look at the web versions here!

[English](#) [French](#)

Girls who register before June 30 will receive their 2017-2018 membership crest by personal mail, with a personalized welcome-to-Guiding greeting.

