



April 2018

**Tips
and
Tricks**



The Piccolo

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Message from the PC

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From the PC

National volunteer week is coming up next week, April 15-21, and as awesome members of our Guiding community, you deserve a big thank you for all your volunteer endeavours.

Whatever role you play in supporting Guiding in your community, as a unit Guider, an administrator, adviser, trainer, council member or cookie wrangler, your support is essential in making Québec Guiding as alive, as active and as valued as it is in your community.

The Québec Provincial Council extends a THANK YOU to all our own members, to the helpers, parents, community leaders and girls who make Guiding better and stronger by their engagement and care for what we all do.

We share these timely thank yous during this week dedicated to volunteers of all descriptions, but we really extend them all year long - and some of the very best thank yous we hear come right from the girls - so listen closely! They are telling you with their smiles and laughter, their energy and enthusiasm and their excitement over what's ahead for them, for you and for Guiding.



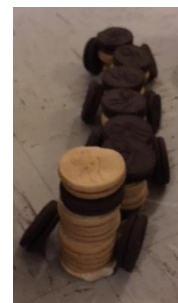
The PC Challenge: April

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!

In the spirit of sharing tips and tricks, this challenge is for you, Guiders! What's the best activity you've ever done with girls? What made it so special? Tell us about it (send a short description and picture if you have one to communications@guidesquebec.ca) and we'll have a special prize for you!

Keep an eye on the Loop for next month's challenge!

Congratulations to the 1st Pincourt Guides on completing the March PC Challenge. Here are a few of their cookie pictures!



Spring Registration



Spring registration happens in 3 stages...

April 19, 10 am

Registration for girls returning to the same unit



Families with girls with birthdays in the fall may need assistance with registration. Check out the [information here](#) to help make sure girls get registered in the right unit!



May 10, 10 am

Registration for girls moving to a different unit.

(Girls returning to the same unit can continue to register)



New girls wanting to join before June 7 must use paper registration



June 7, 10 am

Registration for all girls



If you hear about families having trouble with online registration, please direct them to the office, don't simply give them paper. We're happy to walk them through the process!



Camp Opening Weekend



Joanne Cardinal, Property Stewardship Committee Chair
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**CAMP
OPENING**

The camping season is around the corner (May 12-13) and we need your help to open our beautiful Camp Wa-Thik-Ane. Do your Pathfinders or Rangers want to help? Email labouchette@guidesquebec.ca if you would like to help or if you have questions.



Our registration deadline for WWWTA Summer Camp weeks 2018 is fast approaching.
After April 27 2018 at 9 am. registrations will have a late fee of \$25 charged.

We need your help to spread the word for campers to come join us and experience WWWTA 2018. Here is the [link](#). Spread it on your social media!

Register here!



Pack your bag and come join us for a few days or for a week at WWWTA Summer Camp! We guarantee lots of new friendships and the building of great memories. If you think you can spare some time to help share in the fun and adventure of the outdoors with young girls and the young at heart, fill out your volunteer form [here](#) or email your questions to Super Eagle at wwwta@guidesquebec.ca

National AGM Girl Event

National AGM Girl Event Team | nagm@guidesquebec.ca



This information will be eblasted to girls and their families soon.

Are you ready for a once in a lifetime opportunity?

National Annual General Meeting - Girl Event

Every year the National Annual General Meeting (NAGM) is held someplace across Canada and this year Montreal, Québec has been chosen!

We are holding an all new event led by the Youth Council and we want YOU! Take the opportunity to meet and work with the National Youth Council, share your voice and opinion and impact the changes coming in Girl Guides! Participate in fun activities, discussions and so much more!

Help represent Girls across Quebec at this provincially sponsored event (That's right it's free!) If this sounds like an opportunity for you contact us ASAP, spaces are limited! We're looking forward to seeing you there! **Please express your interest May 7. The link will come in the eblast.**



Guiders, we need your help getting girls excited about attending this event. They can come alone or your whole unit can join us! Talk it up, remind girls and parents to register — you're our voices in your community!

Join the National Annual General Meeting – Girl Event!

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Space is limited
Reserve your spot ASAP!

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June 2, 2018

1 – 4 pm

Lunch included

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Downtown Montreal
(transportation will be provided)

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Please express your interest by RSVPing by May 7 (link to come in eblast)

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More information to come!



We need you at the National AGM!

We're looking for Guiders/Rangers with skills in photography to split the task of taking pictures from 9 am to 10 pm on Saturday, June 2 during the NAGM – Girl Event and the NAGM supper. Meals will be provided if you volunteer during a meal shift. Get in touch with pc.cp@guidesquebec.ca if you're interested in offering to take on the role for part of the time.

Link News



Nikki Di Milo, Link Adviser | link@guidesquebec.ca

Being a part of LINK is a chance for young women in Guiding (18-30) to have a fun time with other young Guiding women, to enjoy one another's company, and do exciting activities!

Musical Theatre

Maybe Archery Tag isn't your thing, or you just weren't able to make it to the last event. Don't worry, another event is coming up!

The next event will be a musical theatre performance put on by the Preville Fine Arts Centre. The Centre is a non-profit music and arts program offering musical, artistic and cultural education to enrich the lives of families and learners of all ages and backgrounds. This year, the Centre will be performing Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella!

Please note that the show is bilingual (all the spoken words will be in French and the songs are in English). That means being bilingual is definitely a plus for attending this event! However, if you like theatre but your French isn't that strong, no worries, come and have a good time anyway; everyone knows the story of Cinderella after all!

WHEN: *One of three performances:*

Friday, April 27 at 7:00pm

Saturday, April 28 at 1:00pm

Saturday, April 28 at 7:00pm



WHERE: Champlain College - [900 Rue Riverside, Saint-Lambert J4P 3P2](#) (where Symposium was on the South Shore)

COST: \$12

For more info, visit <http://www.cendrillon.quebec/billeterieold/>

Please let me know which performance you wish to attend, and I will get tickets! Note that tickets can be purchased at the door as well, so no rush for letting me know!

Program News



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Earth Day

Lots of ways to celebrate our role in keeping our planet healthy – why not try this year's instant meeting on the theme? You can find it [here](#).

Date: April 22, 2018

Duration: 1 Meeting

Crest: The [Making a Difference](#) crest is matched to this



Coming Up...



National Mental Health Week is one of the Special Days that National has created [programming](#) for. Check out these ideas for programming to highlight this week dedicated to the important issue of mental health.

Date: May 1- 7

Around the World in 80Days

Is your unit going to see Geordie Productions' Around the World in 80 Days on April 21? We've got two new Meetings-in-a-box to help you prepare, or that you can complete after the event to help explore some of the themes involved in the play.

Meeting-in-a-Box for
Sparks and Brownies

Meeting-in-a-Box for
Guides

Core Program Connections

Sparks – Going Outside Keeper, The World Around Me Keeper, In My Community Keeper

Brownies – Key to the Living World #4, #5

Guides – You in Guiding: Be Involved in Your Community; You and Others: Recycling; Beyond You: Learn About Our Environment, Water, Conservation

Pathfinders – Creating Your Future: We're a Team; A World to Discover: What's Up Around the World?; Exploring a Theme: Everything comes from STEM; Exploring a Theme: Our Environment

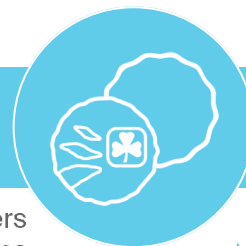
Rangers – Environment, Outdoors and Camping - #1, #2, #6, #12; Explore Your Creativity - #1



Did you know that there are over 25 [meetings-in-a-box](#) available on the provincial website? Next time you're short on planning time, why not check one of them out?

Cookie News

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Tips for a successful Cookie All Stars

- Registration will be closed May 2. There will be no extension to this deadline.
- The website is accessible only by the Unit **CONTACT** Guider.
- Units that were selling cookies from last campaign can now add these cases and the site will automatically add them to the total. This feature is on the bottom of the first page.
- When choosing the type of movie gift card for the unit, remember that you can choose only one type of gift card for all girls who qualifying in your unit.
- Always better safe than sorry, make sure to log into the Cookie All Star site once more after receiving a confirmation for your order to double check that it has gone through correctly.

Don't forget about
[Cookie Ribbons](#) too.
They're free!

#ThanksToCookies

A good tip from a fellow guider:

Make a display to help answer some cookie questions. The display used a good [resource](#) that came in the *Canadian guider*. It is a useful pamphlet that helps inform people about how cookies help Guiding.



Shout Out to All the Cookie Super Stars!



Guider Getaway Event

Sara Ogilvie, Event Lead | guidergetaway@guidesquebec.ca



You're Invited!
Please join us for the first annual
Guider Getaway - Cheftaines en Cavale
August 17-19

This one of a kind adult only weekend is designed to give you, the dedicated volunteer, an opportunity to:

- Relax and unwind
- Try new things
- Feel refreshed and appreciated
- Enjoy the fun and friendship of Guiding

All while enjoying beautiful Wa-Thik-Ane!

A variety of activities are available on Saturday for you to choose from. Some are included* and some at an extra cost. Or, if you'd prefer to spend your time sitting by the water reading, knitting or doing anything else you enjoy that's great too.

Come for the day, one night or the whole weekend!

Cost for the weekend includes lodging, food, activities and a crest.*

Please register [here](#). Deadline June 1st

All adult members and non-member volunteers are invited to attend.

Arrival at camp is flexible but please note that most activities will be taking place on Saturday during the day, starting in the morning. Sunday check-out is 1 pm and a brunch will be available in the morning.

*Activities included: Camp clean-up/beautifying, hikes, water activities, board games, kindness rocks, Tai Chi by the lake.

Trefoil Guild News

Ellen Gauthier, Trefoil Guild Specialist | trefoil.trefle@guidesquebec.ca



National Trefoil Guild Gathering

Congratulations to the three delegates from Québec going to the 2019 National Trefoil Guild Gathering, in Sudbury, Ontario on June 19 to 23, 2019 (the drum roll please):

Margaret Martin, Beryl Fee and Ellen Gauthier.

Guild News

The next National Trefoil Newsletter is May 1. Please send me your Guild's news ASAP as I am sending the Québec submission on April 13th. I have sent out a request for this in an email I sent out a couple of weeks ago.

Youth News

Alexandra Meredith, Youth Voice | youth.jeunesse@guidesquebec.ca

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Skating Night

March was an exciting month for the Next Generation Council. On Friday March 23, the NGC held their first event to bring Rangers from different districts together for a skating party at Atrium Le 1000 followed by a snack at the nearby Tim Hortons, and on Wednesday March 7, they attended the Trefoil Guild meeting to get to learn about some of their favourite Guiding memories.



The Rangers and young leaders had a great time on the ice!

Joke of the month

Why shouldn't you give Elsa a balloon? She'll just *let it go*!

Riddle of the month

This month's riddle: What has a heart but no other organs?

Answer for last month's riddle: Footsteps

Quiz Winner

Congratulations to

Julie Firtl

who completed the Ranger quiz in the March Piccolo and is the lucky winner of this fantastic Girl Guide water bottle.





Tips and Tricks

Shared with the Next Generation Council by the West Island Cabana Trefoil Guild

Travel! Go to World Centres. Apply! Learn about areas of the province and country you wouldn't have otherwise.

Approach everything with a sense of humour.

Get involved! Join the NGC. Get more opportunities to travel and meet wonderful ladies!

There's no problem a Girl Guide cookie can't solve!

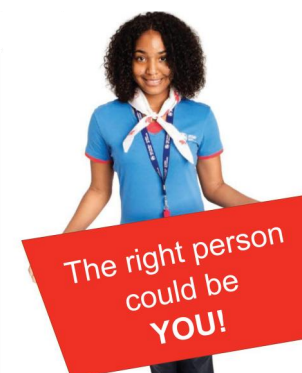
Meet people and forge bonds that last a lifetime. Create a fellowship with women who share similar values and principles.

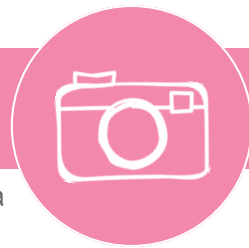


Next Generation Youth Council

This Guiding year is coming to an end and it is time to start putting together the Next Generation Council for the upcoming year. Could you be one of the new members? Believe it! Start thinking about [applying now!](#)

- Up to five youth/adult members, aged 15 to 18 at the beginning of their terms, one of whom will be elected Chair by the forum members.
- Youth Council members are present to provide advice and input to the Provincial Council.
- Term of two Guiding years, with the possibility of a one-year renewal based on age, performance and participation.
- Stay apprised of current trends and issues affecting girls and young women in Canada.





PR Subsidy



As the Guiding year is winding down, summer festivities are on their way. If you are planning on having a booth at a street fair, family fun day or other great festivities, remember that there is a [PR subsidy](#) to help you plan your event. Have a fun craft or game to attract the kids. While they are busy enjoying the activity, you can answer questions from parents. If you would like booth ideas or have questions about the PR subsidy, feel free to email pr.rp@guidesquebec.ca. You can also check out the [Kiosk-to-Go documents](#) for loads of tips and tricks!

Greater Montreal Day

Have you been looking for a way to give back to your community? Want to get your unit involved in some charity work? Greater Montreal Day is a great initiative that can help you get started. Join our [FB event page](#) and share ideas with other members. You could even coordinate an activity with another unit or district. Although this event is based in Montreal, we encourage districts across the province to participate in their communities on **Thursday, May 10**.

#GGC
#GreaterMontrealDay

#JournéeMtlEnsemble



Voilà Québec

Emily Lillies, Event Lead | voilaquebec@guidesquebec.ca



Voilà Québec!

Registration will open late April/early May

Annual General Meeting



GGC Québec Council

Invites you to attend the

Annual General Meeting

And lunch

May 5, 2018

Courtyard by Marriott
7000 Place Robert Joncas
Saint-Laurent, H4M 2Z5

**Purchase your ticket [here](#)
by April 20**

Girls First Session

With the Girls First transition year starting in the fall, we're offering you the opportunity to come, find out more and receive the training that every Unit Guider will need to take from the Girls First Champions over the next year. Join us before the AGM lunch.

RSVP [here](#) by April 20.

Treasurers' Trove

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



Accounting for Cookies

Take a look at last month's Piccolo and the October 2017 Piccolo for more info on accounting for cookies.

Mid-year Reviews

They are coming up soon, so get your books in order early to avoid having to rush at the end of next month!

If you have any questions about accounting for cookies or taxes or anything else about Guiding finances, please e-mail me at finances-support@guidesquebec.ca

DC Voice

Sara DiMilo and Lisa Labelle, DC Voice | dcvoice@guidesquebec.ca



To all DCs:

We were pleased to see so many of you at DC Day in March! Thank you to those who were able to attend, share, and participate in the day's activities.

District Spotlight

District Spotlight: Lakeshore **DC:** Jennifer Cessford

Your DC Voice team recently had the pleasure of visiting with the Lakeshore district during one of their district meetings. Their meeting time was set a little earlier so that people could leisurely show up and chat, visit and enjoy some refreshments. This was super nice and gave everyone a chance to relax a bit.

They spent a good amount of time going around the table talking about what they were up to in their own units. It really gave a chance for others to take the time to ask questions, learn something new and to share ideas with the district. Everyone left with a nice feeling of sisterhood.

Great work Jennifer and all the volunteers in Lakeshore!

Please don't forget to send your District Meeting dates to dc.voice@guidesquebec.ca We'd love to be able to share your district's achievements in future issues of the Piccolo.

Safe Guide News

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Safe Guide Tips and Hints

Nobody wants to have to redo their Safe Guide forms. Keep these tips in mind to save yourself some time.

- ✓ The *Safe Guide document is extremely helpful in planning your activities with your unit. You can find it [here](#).*
- ✓ Always use the most up-to-date forms: SG.1, SG.2, SG.3, SG.4 etc. Did you know the forms are updated every year in July? The date is located in the bottom left corner of the document. If you complete an outdated form you will be asked to redo the forms by your assessor.
- ✓ Forms can be found on the GGC National website (girlguides.ca) or the GGC Quebec website (guidesquebec.ca). Go to the bottom left corner, click on Forms, then find the Safe Guide, Activity Forms and proceed from there.
- ✓ You can use your previous paperwork as reference. If you are not sure about an aspect of the forms, ask someone in your district to help you.
- ✓ Your SG.3:
 - Use Names and iMIS numbers. For all Guiders and Home Contact Person.
 - The same person cannot be both the Responsible Guider and the Substitute Group Leader.
- Remember to tick all the appropriate boxes on page 2.
- ✓ Insert your iMIS number in the signature space
- ✓ The request for assessment must be sent by the event's Responsible Guider for review, as she is the one in charge of all aspects of Safe Guide compliance. If it is sent in by someone else, it cannot be assessed.
- ✓ Make sure your SG.4 is very specific. assign each Guider a specific task for an emergency situation.
- ✓ Remember that your forms for yellow level events should be submitted 14 days prior to your event, and those for red level activities should be submitted 21 days prior to the event. If you are planning an International or Interprovincial trip you must complete your preliminary SG.8, IT.4 and FR.1 from 18 months to two years in advance.
- ✓ All forms are to be sent to sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca.

Awards

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Provincial Scholarship

The deadline for the Québec [provincial scholarship](#) applications is coming up soon on June 1. If you'll be pursuing higher education next year, you've got nothing to lose (and potentially lots to gain) by applying!



Member Zone

Check out the updated [Awards](#) section on Member Zone! Some of the criteria have been updated and clarified to make awarding a fellow Guider simpler. Why not nominate someone today?

Local Stories

Lizzie Knowles, Communications and PR Coordinator. | communications@guidesquebec.ca



Laval-Miles-Iles Sparks and Brownies learned about cookies



Riverdale units ventured to Provigo for learning fun and to make a large donation to *On Rock*.

Northshore Sparks learned about first aid and practised putting Band-Aids on smiley face balloon patients.



Northshore Brownies learned all about germs!



Chateauguay and Howick units won an award for the best youth entry in their local St. Patrick's Day Parade! Congratulations!



Northern Lights District invited a high school magician to put on a magic show for them.



Upcoming Dates and Events

April 15-21	National Volunteer Week
April 19 at 10am	Registration opens for girls returning to the same unit
April 20	Deadline to RSVP for the Girls First session and provincial AGM
April 21	Geordie Productions' <i>Around the World in 80 Days</i>
April 22	Earth Day
April 27 at 9am	Deadline to register for WWWTA without paying a late fee
April 27-28	Link Musical Theatre Event
May 1-7	National Mental Health Week
May 2	Cookie All Stars site closes
May 5	Girls First info session and Provincial AGM lunch
May 7	Deadline to RSVP for the NAGM – Girl Event
May 10, 10am	Registration opens for all girls returning to Guiding
May 10	Greater Montreal Day
May 12-13	Camp opening weekend
May 18-20	First Available Weekend for Camping at Wa-Thik-Ane
May 30-June 4	National AGM (in Montreal)
June 1	Deadline to apply for a GGC provincial scholarship
June 1	Deadline to register for Guider Getaway
June 2	NAGM Girl Event
June 7, 10am	Registration is open for all girls joining Guiding
July 6– August 5	Wonderful Weeks at Wa-Thik-Ane
August 17-19	Guider Getaway

The theme for the May
Piccolo will be:
Green

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 to the May issue: May 3.

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