



January 2018

New Year

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New Beginnings

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Trying New
Things

The Piccolo

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**Girl
Guides**

Messages from the PC Team

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As we celebrate another year ending and a new one beginning, let us look back and appreciate the experiences we had and learn from the mistakes we made. And better still, let us look forward to this new year with the anticipation and excitement of a child. Embrace it with a positive outlook and a determined spirit to make all our dreams and plans come true in 2018.

"We should not panic when we will face some challenges in life or will have a hard time. We need to learn from our mistakes to start a new beginning because if we stop then we will not be able to accomplish our goals" Ivan Hakin

A new year means new beginnings and fresh starts. If we don't let go of the past, freeing ourselves, then we cannot embrace a fresh look at the future and all the wonderful possibilities it holds. With the new year are 365 new and exciting days to mark our destiny for Québec Guiding. Now is the perfect time for us to pursue all that awaits us.

With our new strategic plan unfolding, we will be able to envision our goals and missions, and how GGC will transform into "Everything she wants to be." Our first change is Country Wide Optimization, a restructuring for Canada-wide office staff. Our anticipated Girls First program will soon be available and we will start our focus groups for all of our members to get updated. As a special project in Québec, our "French Initiative," we will be implementing more French in our office, in our communications and in our resources, and then we will be looking to recruit more French members. In May, our Provincial Annual General Meeting will have a new format where our Girls First champions will facilitate sessions in the morning followed by a luncheon meeting. We can also look forward to the excitement of hosting the National Annual General Meeting in June, where Guiders and girls will each take part in various events.

"We discovered that a fresh start is a process. A fresh start is a journey - a journey that requires a plan." We as a Team can make these dreams come true.

— RoseAnna Cirino, Québec Provincial Commissioner



The past year has flown by and it is definitely one to be remembered but it's time to move on and start something new. It's a new year and time for new beginnings, new challenges and new experiences. What could be more exhilarating and exciting than to experience new adventures and to be part of the endless possibilities that lie ahead. Maybe there's something new that you've always wanted to try but you thought you didn't know enough to or that it was outside your comfort zone? Well this year is your year!

We are excited about our upcoming provincial events! We're starting the year off with our 8th annual Guider Symposium this month, followed by Pathfinder Carnaval and Guide Winter Camp in February. March will bring us the opportunity to participate in the St. Patricks Day

Parade, in April it's Geordie Theatre and we are hoping to get re-involved in the Canada Day Parade in July. Not only will we be running the WWWTA Summer Camp for 4 weeks this year, we also have 2 new events coming to Wa-Thik -Ane: a Cross-Border Friendship camp and our all new 2018 Guider weekend, both to be held in August. Of course we can't forget all the other exciting events that will follow after the start up of the new Guiding year in fall 2018!

We are always looking for fresh new ideas to turn these events into something even better than we can imagine. With your help we can build the best teams ever and bring all of our dreams to reality. There is nothing better than the connections you get within the sisterhood of Guiding. In Québec we have the most amazing group of women who are always there to support each other. So challenge yourself, join in the fun and try something new in this new year of new opportunities.

— Carol Kelly, Québec Deputy Provincial Commissioner



Symposium 2018



Join Us for Our 8th Annual Symposium!

Going with the Flow

What? Share in the sisterhood of Guiding and let us show you how much we appreciate all the energy you put in as a volunteer! Enrichment sessions will offer opportunities for personal growth as well as ideas to help you **Surf the Guiding Wave** and **Go with the Flow**.

Where? John Abbott College (21 275 Lakeshore Road, Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, H9X 3L9)

When? Saturday January 20 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Who? All registered adult members and Rangers/Trex/Girl Assistants (15-17)

En français? Les activités se dérouleront en anglais, mais vous pourrez poser des questions en français et il y aura quelqu'un en mesure de vous répondre et d'aider avec la traduction si vous indiquez le besoin sur le formulaire d'inscription.

Questions? Email communications@guidesquebec.ca

Symposium PFD: [Further information including session descriptions](#)

Deadline: January 12

New Year: Let's Put Our Best Selves Forward

For 2018, let's try to put out best selves forward, as Guiders working to ensure our girls have FUN with a purpose... We may do many of these already but let's take a minute in the new year to reset our approach and work together!

As Guiders ...

Let's **do our best** to encourage each other ...

- ⇒ When a co-Guider puts herself down as not good enough....
- ✓ *Try encouraging her by pointing out something she did well and help her believe in her own abilities*

Let's **respect ourselves and others**

- ⇒ When anyone (Girl or Guider) is talking in front of your group....
- ✓ *Try listening to them - give them your undivided attention, if necessary step outside if you need to address an issue*

Let's **Take action for a better world**

- ⇒ When co-Guider suggests "How about we"
- ✓ *Try saying sure ... how do you see us doing that? ... what can I do to help you make it happen?*

Let's **Live with courage and strength**

- ⇒ When someone does something differently that you might have done....
- ✓ *Try congratulating them on a job well done... and learn from the experience yourself – leave the comments for another time.*

Let's **Use our resources wisely**

- ⇒ When we are looking for activities, ideas and planning our unit programs
- ✓ *Try to REUSE – REDUCE – RETHINK – RECYLCE – work together to make our world a better place for ALL!*

Let's **Enable each other to shine in areas of strength**

- ⇒ When a co-Guider offers to take on a task or activity they are comfortable with
- ✓ *Try to let them shine – support and encourage them from the side lines, we are all competent capable women*

Let's **Help each other grow in sectors in which we need a push**

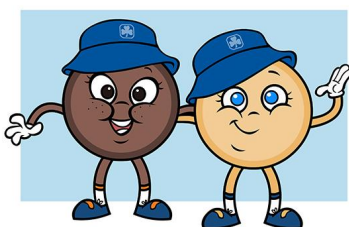
- ⇒ When a Co-Guider is interested but unsure of herself
- ✓ *Try doing it together so she can learn and build confidence to take on the challenge herself next time.*

Let's **Share in the worldwide sisterhood of Guiding**

- ⇒ When your co-Guiders and girls are enjoying life, laughing, sharing and playing together...
- ✓ *Try to JOIN THE FUN! Relax and remember the sisterhood includes ALL of us – girls and guiders alike.*

Cookie News

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It's time to order spring cookies! They will be arriving March 13-20. Start thinking now about how/when you'd like to sell them. Talk to local stores, encourage Rangers to organize a cookie blitz, pair up Pathfinders and Sparks to go door-to-door... Try something new!

Program News



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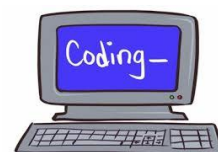
Try Something New!

January is a great month to embrace new ideas as the cold winds blow.

CODING

Girls can code! This is a great skill that girls can embrace and use for many applications in their life. Watch for the release of the new [Decode Challenge](#) coming out later this month. In our rapidly changing world, coding helps to promote digital literacy to engage girls in exploring digital media and careers in science and technology. The Decode Challenge replaces the Cybercitizen Challenge. It can be used to promote [Safer Internet Day](#) on February 6, 2018.

Local coding organizations: [Kids Code Jeunesse](#) and [Montreal Girl Greeks](#)



ENGINEERING



A cold January makes for a great time to break out some bricks, LEGO, recycling materials and get girls building! Sparks and Brownies can use their imagination to create devices that solve everyday problems and older girls – Guides, Pathfinders and Rangers can be challenged by building to constraints like a bridge made out of popsicle sticks that has to be 1 meter long and 30 cm high and has to support weight.

Check out great engineering ideas in the [Engineering Meetings-in-a-Box](#). There's one for every branch!

Why not [build a cardboard boat](#) – a great activity for older girls to get working on to try out in the spring!

ARTS & CRAFTS

Who doesn't love crafting in the winter months? Not crafty? Invite a grandmother or aunt in to share a craft idea instead of leading the meeting yourself. Have fun being a participant with the girls instead of leading the activity. You'll be amazed at how many giggles you will have over glue and glitter when you don't have to do the planning! Check out [Inspire Your Heart with Art Day](#) below for a great way to tie programming to art.

Inspire Your Heart With Art Day: January 31, 2018

This is a day for art appreciation and offers girls the chance to think about the ways in which art can positively impact their lives. This also gives the girls an opportunity to celebrate a variety of artistic expression.



While thinking about art in your unit, why not tackle the Nova Scotia Arts Challenge!

Exploring the arts is a great way for girls to develop an appreciation and understanding of diversity. [Around the World in Artistic Ways](#) challenges girls and Guiders in all branches of Guiding to reflect on our role in the international sisterhood of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), investigate similarities and differences among cultures, and celebrate diversity. Get ready to travel around the world through the Arts!



OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Not fond of the great outdoors in wintertime? You'll be amazed at how much girls like playing in the snow despite the cold. Try an outdoor meeting this January – invite a few Moms to serve hot chocolate after some outdoor games.

MUSIC

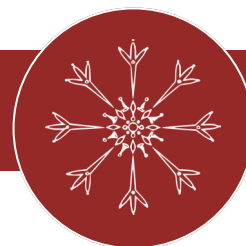
Why not break out some musical instruments this January and warm up your space with some tunes? Sparks and Brownies are great with rhythm instruments while older girls can take on more ambitious construction projects. Invite a local musician to come and join the fun. [Editor's note – we once invited all of the Spark Dads' to come and play in a Spark Band – some were actually musicians and some not; it was hilarious and fun for everyone.]

[Popsicle Stick Harmonica](#)



Guide Winter Camp

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Have your Guides ever attended a provincial winter camp? Registration is now open and we have both experienced and first time attendees for our upcoming winter camp already signed up. With a theme of "Amazing Race across Canada," we will be introducing new and fun ways to celebrate our country through an imaginative challenge course that will visit all our provinces and territories. So make sure your Guides don't miss out! Encourage them to register online

Date: February 23-35, 2018

Where: Centre de Plein Air L'Estacade, Ile aux Noix, QC

Cost: \$85

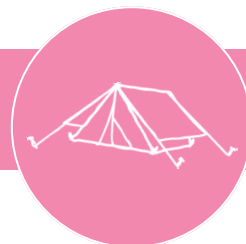
Registration is now open! **Deadline:** January 29



Register here!

Paper Forms (to complete as well as the online version):

[SG.1](#) [SG.2](#), [H.1](#) and [H.3](#)



The temperature will rise and the snow will melt to welcome the summer and with summer will come the Wonderful Weeks at Wa-Thik-Ane for summer camp!

New this year...

- Extending the summer camp season; we have added an extra week so help us fill those tents!
- Adventure camp for Pathfinders and Rangers only.
- Expedition camp for Guides; a new adventure camp for Guides.
- Trails camp for Pathfinders and Rangers; come and hike the new trails of Wa-Thik-Ane and camp out one night along the way!
- Mother and daughter camp; a weekend camp for girls of all ages with their Moms.
- A different theme for each regular camp week or weekend; choose your favourite!

Have we piqued your interest? A more detailed information package will be sent out at the end of January.

WE NEED YOU! 

Please **promote summer camp** to your units. Would you like a summer camp team to visit your district to talk to the parents and girls? Let us know at camping@guidesquebec.ca and we will come.

If you would like to join our **planning team or volunteer** for a week/weekend please contact Joanne Cardinal at the above email address.



Cross-Border Friendship Camp

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Exciting New Opportunity



Love the idea of international camping but worried about the travel or cost?

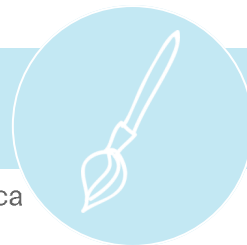
We are pleased to announce that Québec will be hosting its own CROSS-BORDER FRIENDSHIP CAMP here at Wa-Thik-Ane, summer 2018

We are currently looking for volunteers to help plan and/or lead this exciting new camp.

If you're interested or would like to learn more information, please contact Emily Lillies at voilaquebec@guidesquebec.ca.

Design-a-Crest Contest

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Last chance to design the new provincial crest!

We are accepting designs by all **girl** members. The selected design will become the new provincial crest (not a membership crest)! There are just a few rules:

1. It should include a trefoil
2. It should say Québec
3. It should include something that symbolizes what Québec means to you



A [handout](#) is available in both French and English to help if you do this as an activity during unit time. The requirements have been slightly relaxed since it was created.

Girl or Guiders can send girls' designs to girl.engagement.filles@guidesquebec.ca by January 31.

Property Committee News

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Symposium

Please visit the Property Stewardship Committee at **Symposium**. You will get two opportunities to see what **YOUR** campsite has to offer. We will be hosting a table in the morning at the *Guiding Boardwalk* and if you want additional information we will be offering a short information session at lunch time in a well-marked location. We hope to see you there!

Tips and Tricks

**TRY
Something
NEW**

Tips and Tricks from Wa-Thik-Ane: Did you know that one charcoal briquette generates approximately 40 degrees in heat and that you can make cookies in a box? Check out this [link](#) for constructing a box oven and get the girls to give this a try the next time you camp at Wa-Thik-Ane.



Travel/International News

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A BRAND NEW Thinking Day Challenge – just for Québec!

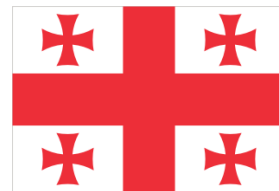
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A Québec Girl Guide – Georgian Girl Scout Exchange

January through March 2018



Guiding is a global movement, and each year we all have our ways of marking Thinking Day. They may be local traditions or new ideas from WAGGGS. This winter, Québec members, girls and leaders, will have the chance to try a whole new challenge and connect to members of Georgian Girl Scouts “Dia” through a [Thinking Day Challenge](#) just for Québec! And you’ll have all the winter season to act on it!

Inspired by the geometry of our two flags, the challenge will consist of four parts.

Our Countries

Our Cultures

Language & Alphabet

The Exchanges



Members will use technology, social networks, digital photos and video – and maybe a bit of Google Translate? A big part of the challenge will be using these resources and exchanging with Georgian members.

Members can visit our [Media Page](#) to learn more about the little-known country Georgia, and to post interesting clips, or videos of their own making to share!

The challenge suggests trying at least one activity under each heading. Girls can undertake as many activities as they wish, and units will decide what their goal will be to complete the challenge. Click here for the full challenge. For a first taste of Georgia, and first activity of your challenge, you can share and view the wonderful YouTube video looking at the Georgian language:

[“Georgia Made by Characters”](#)

“Dia” is a word in the Georgian language that means “morning star”, and is part of the word for “woman”.

Written “დია”, these letters are found in their trefoil logo.





District Highlights

How Did Your District Shine In Your Community in 2017?



We want to know your district highlights for 2017. Did your district organise a great fundraiser, community event or district camp? Did your district help out your community? Share some pictures and success stories. We would love to see your initiatives and creativity.



Pictures from Northshore District's pancake breakfast and winter clothes drive.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

March 18, 2018

This has always been a popular event for Girl Guides and once again we will have a group walking in the parade this year. It is a great opportunity to show off our flags and be seen with our green. If you would like to walk in the parade with your unit, please register with us so that we can keep track of the number of participants (there will be a crest!). Parents and siblings are welcome but no pets. Wagons are useful for Sparks as it is a long route. So polish the brass on your flags, unfurl your banners, and show off your Irish green pompoms - everyone loves a parade! Those registered will get more info about where and when the line-up is on parade day.



To register, please fill out [this form](#) by Monday, February 26, 2018



Symposium

Have you seen the Symposium registration go by and wondered whether it's really an event for you? Short answer: It is!

It's an opportunity for you to connect with other youth members, have your voice heard, build connections and learn about topics like mental health, gender diversity, teamwork, learning styles, youth council, leadership, etc. There are even sessions being offered just for your age group!

All of this is offered at no cost to you. Register [here](#)!

Youth Info Sheet

For Rangers and Ranger Guiders: We'd love to get to know our Rangers better and find better ways to communicate with them. We're asking Rangers to fill out the following [form](#) and return it to their Guider to send to youth.jeunesse@guidesquebec.ca.

Riddle of the month

Give me food and I will live. Give me water and I will die. What am I?



Joke of the month

The famous detective Sherlock Holmes and his best friend and partner Dr. Watson decide to take a break from their latest crime-solving efforts and go camping. After setting up camp and settling down into their sleeping bags, they drift off to sleep. Sometime later, Sherlock asks: "Watson, are you awake?" "Yes," he says. "Look up at the stars and tell me: What can you deduce from them?" Sherlock asks. Watson thinks for some time before responding: "While someone may be able to number them, the stars are, for all intents and purposes, countless. Given the sheer number of them, it is reasonable to assume that some are suns circled by planets, some of which may be very like our own. There is a chance, however small, that there is life on at least one of those, meaning that we are not alone in the universe." Holmes sighs: "Watson, you dolt. Someone's taken our tent!"

Awards

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

Remember any member can nominate another member at any council

Here's how to proceed:

- Request an iMIS Profile for the person you are nominating (imis@guidesquebec.ca) (destroyed after use)
- Complete the R.3P Form available at the **forms page of Member Zone**
- Obtain the necessary letter(s) of recommendation. Attach the letters and the profile to the R.3P form.
- Forward these to your Commissioner or to the Awards Team (awards.reconnaissance@guidingquebec.ca) for approval.
- These can be read at a meeting, by telephone poll or by e-mail vote. Each member of the district or Awards Team vote to approve or not approve the award (must have a majority vote).
- If approved, the signature of the Commissioner is required along with the NAME OF THE COUNCIL.
- Send the R.3P to the Provincial Office for input into iMIS.
- Purchase the award.
- If the presentation date on the form differs from the actual presentation date, it is the responsibility of the Guider who signed the R.3P form to advise the provincial office of the change.
- Upon presentation of the award, the recipient can be given the letters of recommendation.
- For Adult Awards, letters of recommendation must contain the following “buzz” words:

*Quebec Award - Distinctive / Medal of Merit - Exceptional
Gold - Outstanding / Silver - Excellent / Bronze - Dedicated / Thanks - Good*

If you presented awards to your Guiders in the last Guiding year at your annual district function did you inform the office to update the Guiders' profiles? It's not too late. Please send in the updates to imis@guidesquebec.ca. All awards presented at the Provincial Annual General Meeting (AGM) are updated through the office as they are recorded in the AGM minutes and approved and compiled by the Provincial Awards Specialist.

Scholarships

Provincial Scholarship

Who can apply?

Any registered Québec Member of Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada who is entering or pursuing post-secondary education (in any field of study) on a full-time basis. Former Guiders are not eligible to apply. This scholarship is based on your active Guiding and community involvement.

Deadline for the Provincial Scholarship:

June 1st, 2018

Application information is available on the [Québec Website!](#)

National Scholarships

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

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

Application deadline: April 9, 2018

Find more information on the [National Website](#)

First Aid News



News!

The Canadian Red Cross is in the process of launching their ***NEW*** First Aid Program which should be completed shortly.

Blended learning courses are coming to Québec to catch up with the rest of Canada (Safe Guide p. 33) - these are online courses with an in-person hands-on learning component! It will mean you complete the theoretical part of the course at home on your own computer in your own time (approximately half of the course time required) prior to the course date, and then come to a hands-on skills portion in-class course (the other half of the course time). Recertifications will still be 100% in-class courses.

Watch for further updates as to the **new beginning** of this long-anticipated **new option** for obtaining your First Aid Certification!

Upcoming Courses

Emergency or Standard First Aid RECERTIFICATION (8hr) \$90 Lachine

Sun, January 21, 2018 - 8:30am - 5:30pm

***PRE-REQUISITES:**

All Participants - must have a current (not expired) Red Cross Certification at the time of the course (or pre-approved non-Red Cross equivalent)

All Participants must bring their own (or buy a new copy) First Aid & CPR Manual, 2011 or more recent edition

Emergency First Aid (8 hr) Sat, Feb 24, 2018, 8:30am - 5:30pm \$105 Lachine

* If blended learning is available, in-class session will only be on Sunday, Feb 25, 8:30 am—5:30 pm

Standard First Aid (16 hr) Sat & Sun, Feb 24 & 25, 2018, 8:30am - 5:30pm \$125 Lachine

* If blended learning is available, in-class session will only be on Sunday, Feb 25, 8:30 am—5:30 pm

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

For more information or to register, please email Joan Lax at pulseaideinc@gmail.com

All Guider first aid qualifications must be entered into iMIS before sending your event paperwork to Safe Guide for assessment

From the Office

Susan Welsh, Director of Operations | dir-operations@guidesquebec.ca

So long Brenda... We say so long, once again, to Brenda Quenneville as a member of the staff team at the provincial office. Brenda, thank you for coming back to work after a year of retirement to help us out on a part-time basis and thank you for your loyalty and support to GGC - Québec. We wish you good health and wonderful new adventures!

- From Québec Council and the office staff



Treasurers' Trove

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



District Book reviews

A district book review swap is being organized for:

- Monday, February 12, from 6 pm
- Thursday, February 15, from 6 pm
- Saturday, February 17, from 9 am
- Tuesday, February 20 from 6 pm

The reviews will take place at the GGC Québec office.

If you can make any of those dates, please bring your closed December 31, 2017 books, ready for review. You will swap books with another reviewer there, and you will be able to bring your books home right away once reviewed.

Please confirm by emailing [finances-support](mailto:finances-support@guidesquebec.ca) whether you will be able to make it on any of the designated dates.

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. Be sure that the guidelines as to independence/no relatives etc. are respected and that the Financial Review Checklist is completed appropriately.

The first page of the Financial Review Checklist (Notes from Recipient Council) is prepared by QC Council and sent to the reviewers. If you won't be there on any of the above dates and are arranging for others to review the books, let me know and I can help fill in that section for your designated reviewer.

If none of those alternatives work, send the books to the office by January 31, 2018 where other arrangements will be made.

Book Reviews - Units

Unit, camp, travel and Trefoil Guild books need to be reviewed by January 31 as well. The reviews are done at the District level, but copies of the Financial Review Checklist and Annual Financial Report must be sent to the office. Deadline to do so is January 31.

Book reviews – general guidelines

Many of you are familiar with this process, but as a reminder here is a quick checklist of items to keep in mind for any book review (district, unit or Trefoil Guild):

1. On the 'Annual Report' tab make sure your District/Unit/Trefoil Guild name and signing officers are listed at the top. Make sure the proper bank info is at the bottom and fill in the reconciled balance as this is not automatically generated. This page must also be signed by the treasurer and DC. When complete, you need to print this Annual Report.
2. Print any 'Main Forms' that you used. Every line should have an "OK."

3. Print your explanatory notes if you have them.
4. Print your December 31st bank reconciliation.
5. Make sure all receipts are with your cheque requisitions, and your deposit slips are clear.
6. Make sure you have all bank statements.
7. Print any GST/PST related forms.

Be sure to respect the January 31st deadline as noted above.

Other

Be sure to use the available documents on the GGC Québec website under Québec Forms at: www.guidesquebec.ca. There are many guidelines and forms which may answer your questions, such as:

Treasurer's Calendar
2018 Financial Package (to be available soon)
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.

Safe Guide News

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It looks like we will be having an old-fashioned winter this year! We know our girls love to be outdoors in the winter. With that in mind please remember to include Safe Guide in all your plans:

Ice Skating and Sledding/Tobogganing

There are activity guides to help you with your planning on pages 68 and 70 of Safe Guide. Regarding helmets, Safe Guide states that Guiders must let parents know that if they want their child to wear a helmet, they must provide it. This is a parental decision.

Not permitted: ATV's and snowmobiles and ice climbing.

Conditional Activities

Alpine/downhill skiing and/or snowboarding. Please consult Appendix B - Conditional Activities on page 157 of Safe Guide. Parents and adult participants will need to complete an SG.5 (Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement) prior to your event.

If you are making plans with a third-party, please ensure you follow the guidelines for a Third Party Service Provider, page 74 in Safe Guide.



Local Stories



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

- ☺ Pointe-Claire Brownies learned to work with clay at Viva Vida Art Gallery.
- ☺ Riverdale Brownies exchanged homemade gifts at their holiday party.
- ☺ Pincourt Sparks went on a food drive shopping trip.
- ☺ The 36th Montreal Brownies (Monklands District) made snowman from recycled materials with their families.
- ☺ Northern Lights Guides went carolling.
- ☺ Valois-Dorval Pathfinders and Riverdale Sparks went sledding.



Upcoming Dates and Events

February 22	World Thinking Day
February 23-25	Guide Winter Camp
February 26	Deadline to register for the St. Patrick's Day Parade
March 13-20	Spring Cookie Delivery
March 15	Deadline to design a crest for the Georgian thinking Day Challenge
March 18	St. Patrick's Day Parade
March 30	Deadline to order a Georgian Thinking Day Challenge crest
April 7-8	Cookie Days in Canada
April 21	Geordie Productions' <i>Around the World in 80 Days</i>
May 5	Girls First info session and Provincial AGM lunch
May 5-6	Camp clean-up weekend
May 11-13	First Available Weekend for Camping at Wa-Thik-Ane
May 30-June 4	National AGM (in Montreal)

The theme for the February Piccolo will be:
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