



March 2018

Creating your  
own luck 🍀

# The Piccolo

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# Messages the PC

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## From the PC

Howard Zinn once said: “We don’t have to engage in grand, heroic actions to participate in the process of change. Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world.” For Guiding, you are those people. Every time you interact with a prospective girl, teach a Guide a new skill, step up to join a new team, empower a Pathfinder to run a meeting, encourage a Spark to try doing something for herself, you are placing the building blocks for the future of GGC. Communities watch, parents watch and most of all, girls watch. They see how you feel about Guiding, how you portray our organization and how you walk the talk. You are a role model, but you don’t represent only yourself. When you put on your uniform, you represent Guiding as a whole and you foster inspiration, positivity, acceptance and greatness.

***To be a catalyst for girls empowering girls.***

***A better world, for girls.***

Our new mission and vision pave the way for the future of Guiding but, without people like you, they are just words. Read them, internalize them and plan for how you will bring them into your district, your unit and how you will share them with your girls. It's in the little things that you can make a difference. Inspire someone today: share a supportive word, tell them you believe in them, pay kindness forward and dare to dream!

***The distance between dreams and reality is called action.***

## The PC Challenge: March



*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!*

Cookies are arriving and they are the theme for this month's PC Challenge. Grab a box of cookies (we've got some free old ones at the office if you don't want to use a new box) and take the most creative picture you can. Send it to [communications@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:communications@guidesquebec.ca) and tell us how many girls were involved. We'll send you some crests (while supplies last). Why not run the Cookies Rising or one of the photography [meetings-in-a-box](#) at the same time?

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

# Travel/International News

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## Québec PROUD!

*Look at all the Québec members who were selected for the 2018 Nationally sponsored travel opportunities!*

### Nationally Sponsored Travel:

#### International Girls

England:

Ayla Shanks

Lakeshore District

Paisley Mcfarlane

Valois-Dorval District

#### International Adults

Australia:

Lori Labelle

Northshore District

Mexico – Alternate:

Pam Ireland

Monklands District



#### Domestic Girls

BC Wilderness Adventure:

Caroline Firtl

Lakeshore District

Alexandra Gagliano

Monklands District

Sophie McCafferty

St. Lazare District

Kaitlynn Rodney

Riverview District

#### Domestic Adults

BC Wilderness Adventure –  
Alternates:

Esther Keller

Québec Est District

Andrea Munster

St. Lazare District



What a lucky  
bunch! But  
remember: you  
can't get lucky  
unless you apply!

*Once the travel bug bites, there is no known antidote, and I know  
that I shall be happily infected until the end of my life!*

**- Michael Palin**

## Georgia: Last Weeks

Will your Unit be completing the Québec – Georgia Challenge this month?



Part of the [challenge](#) is creating art to be made into a crest. Starting March 17, the best submissions will be posted to a poll on Facebook. Our challenge crest will be designed from the most popular submission elements.

A [design template sheet](#) (optional) is available, and scanned submissions can be sent to [international@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:international@guidesquebec.ca)



Looking forward to images that show what you have shared with the "Dias" of Georgia!

Crests can be [ordered](#) until March 31



## Cookie News

Bethan Wardrop and Marissa Schembre, Cookie Co-Advisers  
[cookies.biscuits@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:cookies.biscuits@guidesquebec.ca)



Spring Cookies will be arriving between March 13 and 20. Your cookie receiver will have already received her exact date.

[Cookie Days](#) in Canada is April 7-8. The website for registration is now open. Don't forget to add your cookie selling events to the cookie finder map.

The [Cookie All Stars Registration site](#) is open from February 6 to May 2. Once you have filled in the form, make sure you double check that the information has been stored. There will be no extensions to the deadline.

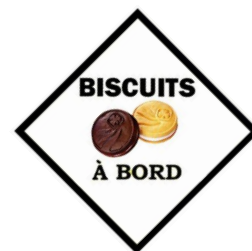
Check out our [provincial tools](#) like a letter explaining cookie selling to parents, tracking sheets, cookie receipts, a cookie song book, door hangers, cookie selling secrets and more!

Don't leave cookie tracking to luck. There are great tools available!



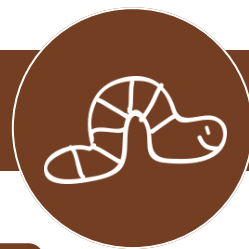
Check out the tools on [Member Zone](#) like Cookie Dough, fact sheets, cookie selling tips, a cookie brochure, posters, *sorry we missed you* cards, cookie recipes and more! **Note that the Cookie Tracker will not be available this campaign. If you used it in the fall, you'll need to manually transfer numbers over.**

We wish you all lots of luck with your selling adventures!

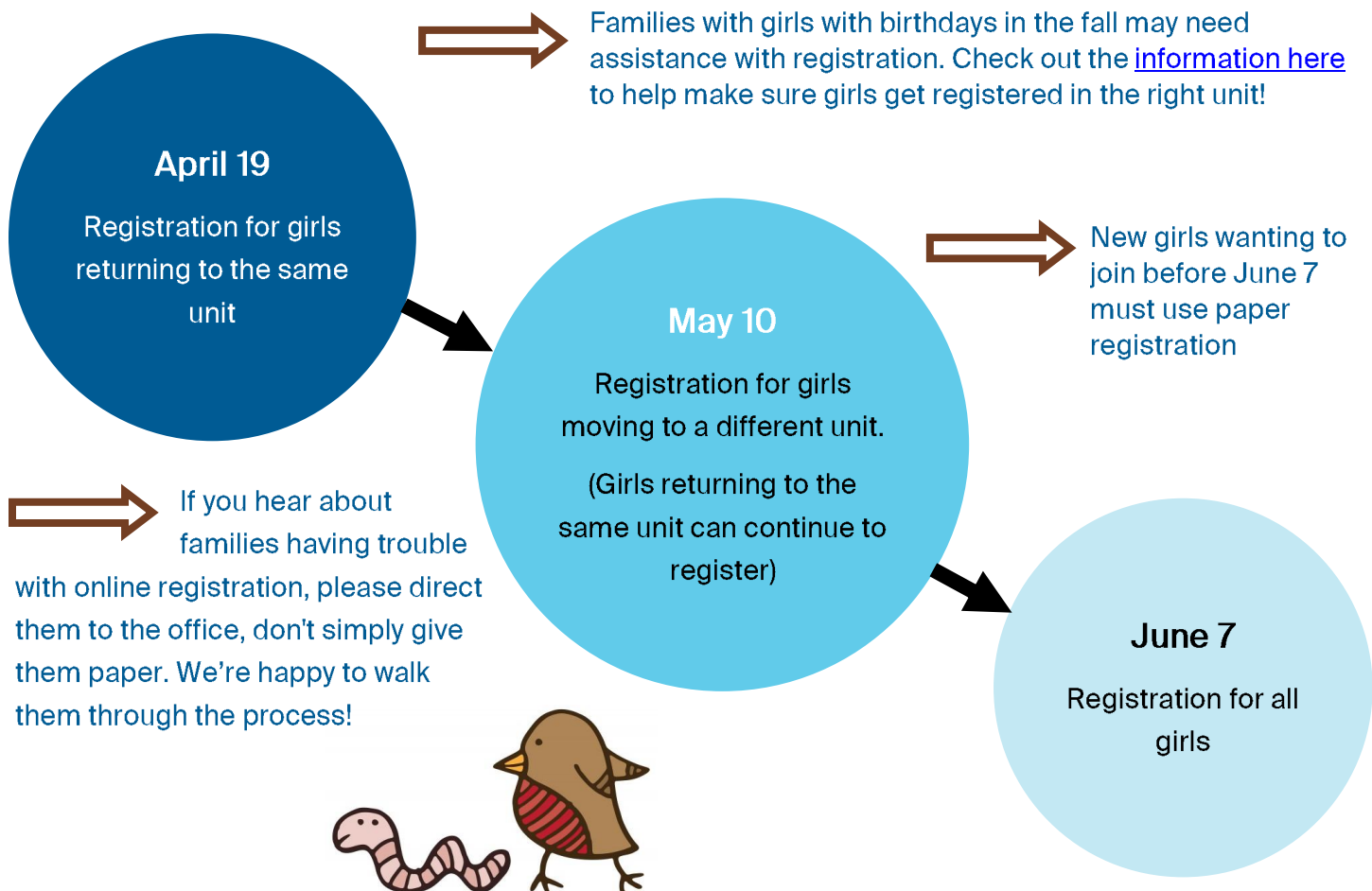




# Spring Registration



## Spring registration happens in 3 stages...



# Camp Opening Weekend



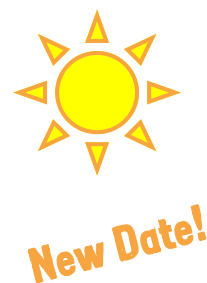
Property Stewardship Committee | [lacbouchette@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:lacbouchette@guidesquebec.ca)



We're lucky to have such an incredible camp but we need your help to keep it going!

Are you ready for the snow to melt and the spring **sun** to warm us?

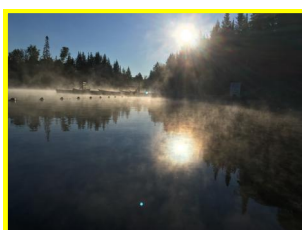
Our property stewardship committee is and we need your help for Camp Opening! Mark your calendars for May 12-13 when we will be opening Wa-Thik-Ane and kicking off the 2018 camping season. To sign up or for more information, please contact [lacbouchette@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:lacbouchette@guidesquebec.ca).



**New Date!**



July/August 2018							
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	July 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
						Wee Camp 1	
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Magical Fantasy							
Week 1	Brownie Camp Week 1						
	Guide Camp Week 1						
	Pathfinder Camp Week 1						
	Ranger Camp Week 1						
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Mad Science							
Week 2	Brownie Camp Week 2						
	Guide Camp Week 2						
	Pathfinder Camp Week 2						
	Ranger Camp Week 2						
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Wild and Wacky						Wee Camp 2	
Week 3	3 Day Spark/Brownie Camp Week 3						
	Pathfinder/Ranger Trail Camp						
	Guide Camp Week 3						
	29	30	31	August 1	2	3	4
Adventureland						Mom and Me	
Week 4	3 Day Spark/Brownie Camp Week 4						
	Guide Expedition Camp						
	Adventure camp						
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11



Looking to fill a meeting night? Plan a camp skills meeting and send girls home with information and a link to WWWTA ([girlguides.ca/WWWTA](http://girlguides.ca/WWWTA) will take you straight to the information on our website). With your help, it won't take luck for girls to discover our camp!



# Program News



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## Got the luck of the Irish?

Here are a couple of St. Patrick's Day themed crafts to help celebrate this fun national day for Ireland.

### St. Patrick's Day Suncatchers



Shamrock Suncatcher



### Paper Strip Shamrocks



**Fun Fact** – The Girl Guide trefoil and the shamrock may look a little similar but while the shamrock has 4 leaves, the trefoil has just three, representing the three-fold Girl Guide Promise.

## St. Patrick's Day Photo Engineering Challenge

March is National Engineering Month! Challenge girls to construct a tower for a leprechaun in order to keep his gold safe using only straws, pipe cleaners and tape. The tower that holds the most gold (pennies or other coins) will be declared the winner. Send in a photo of towers that girls engineer to [programme@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:programme@guidesquebec.ca) and we'll feature some of the towers in next month's Piccolo.



For more engineering ideas visit: <https://exploreengineering.ca/national-engineering-month>

### Materials:

- Straws
- Pipe cleaners
- Tape
- Pennies (or other gold covered coins)
- Small dish/cup to hold pennies \*add a picture of a leprechaun to the cup to make it festive :)
  - ✓ Working in groups, ask the girls to make a plan together, then draw and label their tower
  - ✓ They should explain why they believe their tower will be successful
  - ✓ Girls should record their results
  - ✓ Encourage them to describe changes they would make to improve their tower

## Create Your Own Luck



We all know that even the best-laid plans can go awry when volunteering and life mix. When that happens, here are some great resources via “instant meetings” that you can use to give girls a great themed experience in a flash.

You can find this collection for all branches [here](#)

## Special Days this Spring



Earth Day – April 22

[National Mental Health Week](#)

– May 1- 7



The French name for the new program (Girls First) has been revealed!

*ExceptionElles*

## First Aid News



**RED CROSS FIRST AID & CPR/AED BLENDED LEARNING IS A GREAT SUCCESS!**

### Standard First Aid & CPR/AED Level C Courses - 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 16-hour in-class teaching and practice format
- ⇒ Access to the Canadian Red Cross online portal
- ⇒ NEW Canadian Red Cross First Aid & CPR Manual – 2017 edition
- ⇒ Digital Certification upon completion valid for 3 years

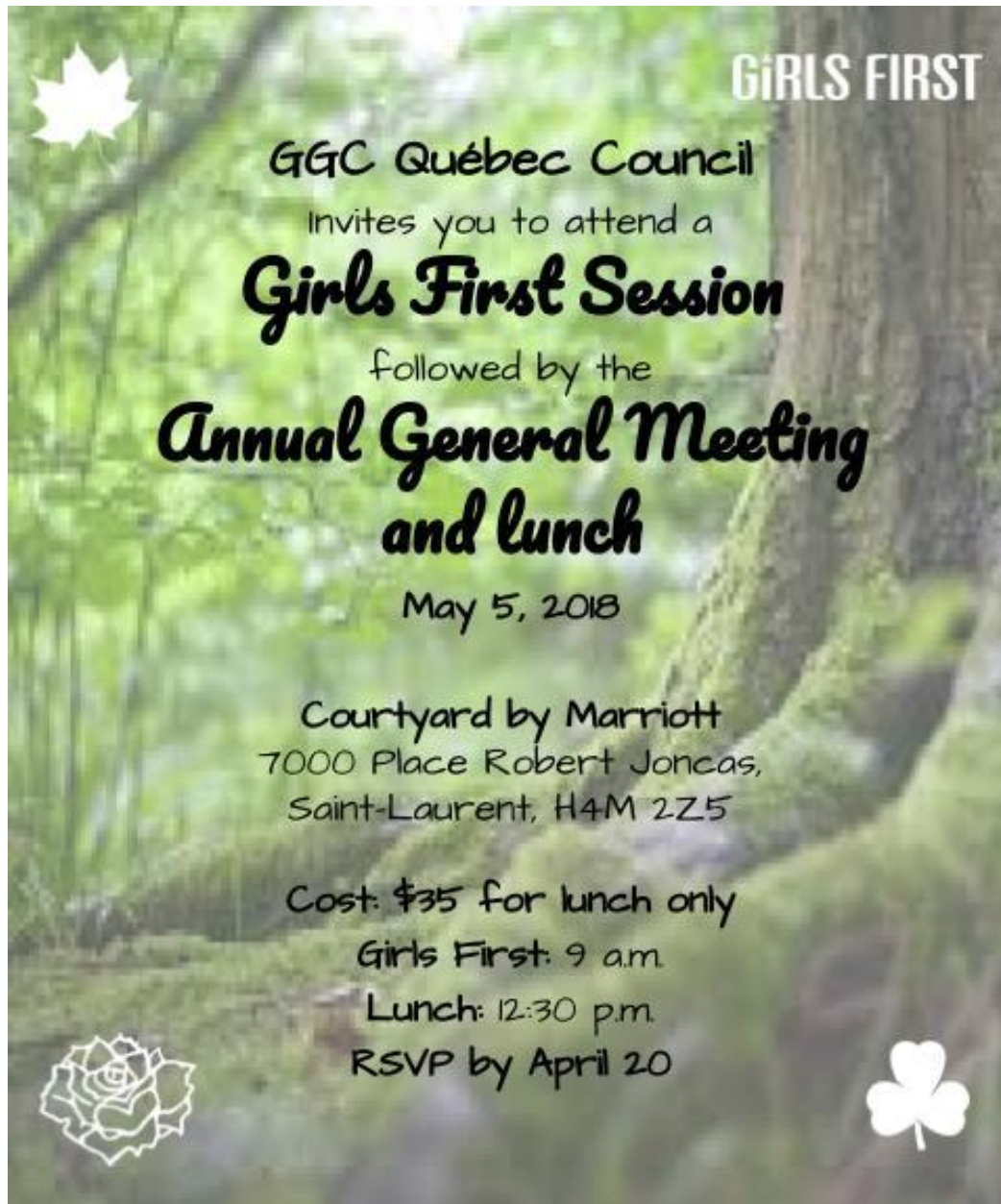
### UPCOMING BLENDED LEARNING COURSES

- ✓ Standard First Aid & CPR/AED C – Sunday March 25, 2018, 8:30 am – 5:30 pm – Lachine - **\$125**  
*Includes Access to Online Course prior to March 25 and in-class session on March 25*
- ✓ Tentative: Standard First Aid & CPR/AED C – Saturday April 28, 2018 – 8:30 am – 5:30 pm – location TBD - **\$125**  
*Includes Access to Online Course prior to April 28 and in-class session on April 28*

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](mailto:pulseaideinc@gmail.com)





- 1 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.

Then, you're invited to join us for the Annual General Meeting and lunch where we will celebrate Guiding in 2017, recognize inspiring events and Guiders and share in the sisterhood of Guiding.

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*Come to one, or come to both. We look forward to seeing you there!*

*Rangers are welcome too!*

[RSVP here](#) by April 20



## MARCHing Forward

### **BUILDING UNIT GUIDER SKILLS**

*Basic Training for New Guiders about being a Guider*

**Saturday, March 24 - 9am-noon - Saint-Laurent**

*Other Options available based on Interest/Need*

**ALL ABOUT THE BRANCH** (Branches based on need)

*Basic Training for New Guiders specific to unit activities*

### **Girls with Disabilities LOVE Guiding too!**

*An information and sharing session for those working with members with intellectual disabilities. (Resource person from the community)*

**March 14 - 7-9:15 pm - Pincourt**

### **Girls LOVE Adventures - Safe Guide does too!**

*Spring & Summer means Outdoor Adventure - For those who have completed the basic Safe Guide Training -- Refresh your knowledge on how to apply Safe Guide and manage the forms effectively*

**Date & Location to be confirmed**

### **OAL - Outdoor Activities Module**

*Introduction to getting your unit outside more often, including day camps and fieldtrips*

**Friday, April 13 - 7-9:30 pm**

### **OAL - Residential Camping Module**

*Overview and basics required to lead, plan, and implement a basic camping experience in a residential setting*

**Saturday, April 14 - 9am - 4pm**

### **OAL - Tenting & Adventure Modules**

*Coming this spring-summer - watch the Piccolo*

## **MAY You Be Ready for the Challenge!**

### **GIRLS FIRST TRAINING & INFORMATION !**

*Girls First Champions will outline the ins, outs and in-betweens of the Girls First program. Plan to be at the Québec Kick-Off!!*

*This session will be followed by the Québec AGM luncheon.*

**Saturday, May 5 - 8:30-noon, Courtyard Marriot, St Laurent**

**NOTE -- ALL Guiders MUST attend this Training Module before September 2018**

## **Springing into APRIL**

### **Unit Helpers - Girls who LOVE helping others!**

*Integrating youth leaders into your team effectively within their commitment limitations - (Sessions for BOTH Guiders & Helpers)*

**Friday, April 20 - 7-9:30 pm (tentative)**

### **Working together - Bully Free Guiding!**

*Working together, assertiveness and anti-bullying session for Guiders to help build your team, mutual respect and co-operative leadership.*

**Thursday, April 19 - 7-9:30 pm (tentative)**

### **Mental Health First Aid**

*Mental Health Commission of Canada Mental Health First Aid for those working with Youth (14-29 years) Certification & Book Included (for Guiders and Non-members)*

**Friday, 6-10pm & Saturday - 8am-5pm**

**April (to be confirmed either 6-7 OR 13-14)**

**Dawson College, Sherbrooke St W /Atwater Metro**

**\$125**

## **Training Trainers and Others Who Help Adults Learn**

### **Understanding the Adult Learner & Other Trainer Modules**

*For those interested in helping adults learn in an administrative, advisor or trainer role OR... just because...*

**UAL - Understanding the Adult Learner (3.5 hours)**

**Please indicate INTEREST by Feb. 28 - we will plan based on availability**

**Possible session week of March 19**

**COMING SOON - For those who have completed the UAL module**

*Needs Assessment (3 hours)*

*Training Design (3 hours)*

*Training Delivery (3 hours)*

*Facilitation Skills (3 hours)*

**Registration/Interest [form](#): For advertized sessions**

**Training Request [form](#): To request a session or suggest an idea**

# Awards

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## 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](mailto:scholarship@girlguides.ca)

Deadline: April 9

There is also a Selection Committee for the National Scholarship Program. The screeners will review scholarship applications between April 23 to May 4, 2018 for roughly five hours. Members interested in screening scholarship applications can email [scholarship@girlguides.ca](mailto:scholarship@girlguides.ca) with their name, province and iMIS number.

### Provincial

[Information and application](#)

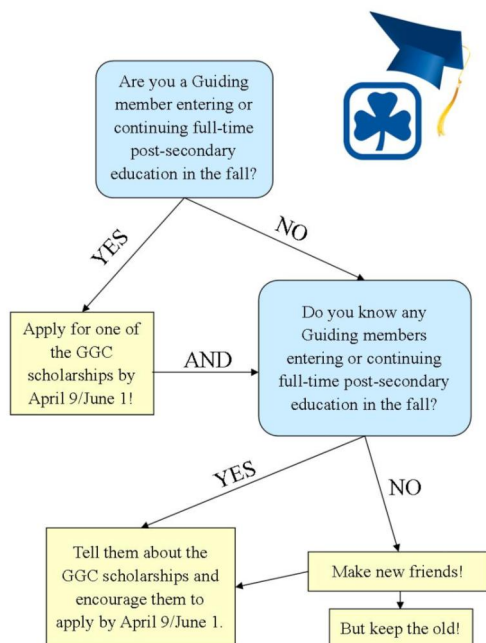
Questions? [awards.reconnaissance@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:awards.reconnaissance@guidesquebec.ca)

Deadline: June 1

Applications can be filled out in French or English.



Put luck on your side  
and apply today!



## Design-a-Provincial Crest

Angie Kruller, Girl Engagement Coordinator | [girl.engagement.filles@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:girl.engagement.filles@guidesquebec.ca)



Congratulations to our design-a-crest winner:

*Rebecca Feng*

from the 1st Pointe-Claire Ranger Unit

 We're lucky to have her around!



These crests will be available to purchase for \$1.50 from the [provincial office](#) soon!



# Youth News

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Helena Green, Young Women's Representative | [yw.rep.jf@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:yw.rep.jf@guidesquebec.ca)



## Ranger Quiz

Hey Rangers, Here's a little quiz for you to do, if you complete it and email in your answers to [youth.jeunesse@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:youth.jeunesse@guidesquebec.ca) you might win a special Prize!

1. Who is the Provincial Commissioner in Québec?
2. How many types of Girl Guide cookies are there?
3. Name all the world centres
4. What does WAGGGS stand for?
5. What year was Girl Guides of Canada founded in?
6. How many members are in Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world?



Please send us your answers by March 31, 2018

## Ranger Skating with the NGC



Join the Next Generation Council at the Atrium on March 23 from 7 :30 to 9:30. We will be skating and then going to Tim Hortons.

For more details please email [youth.jeunesse@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:youth.jeunesse@guidesquebec.ca) or post in the [Ranger Facebook Group](#).

### Joke of the month

What do you call a blind dinosaur? A Doyouthinkitsawrus!



### Riddle of the month

**This month's riddle:** The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?

**Answer for last month's riddle:** A candle

## PR News



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You've likely heard by now that GGC has a new logo, many versions of a new logo in fact. If you're looking to use it, there are a few things you should know first:

- ✓ The logos, letterhead, sash and brand standards and merchandise Guidelines are available at [girlguides.ca/brand](http://girlguides.ca/brand) if you log in with your Member Zone credentials.
- ✓ All merchandise you make must have the trefoil and event name on it (crests, clothes, etc), and, whether you are selling it or not, it needs to be approved by [Lizzie](#) at the office. It can be produced ONLY for events.
- ✓ Anything with the old logo is still good to use (feather flags, uniforms, etc.)
- ✓ We will be using up current PR material before moving over to the new material. Please don't throw it out!
- ✓ These are just a few examples of the new logo. There are many more combinations.



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## Voilà Québec

Emily Lillies, Event Lead | [voilaquebec@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:voilaquebec@guidesquebec.ca)



*Voilà Québec!*

~~2018~~ Postponed until 2019!

**Mark your calendars, Voilà Québec has been moved to 2019!**

More information to come later this month!.

Interesting in volunteering? Contact [voilaquebec@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:voilaquebec@guidesquebec.ca)

# Treasurers' Trove



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

## Reviews

Thanks to all District Treasurers who have sent in their reviewed books or participated in the book swap earlier in February. Your help in getting the books reviewed is greatly appreciated!

For those of the District Treasurers who have not done so, note that the books should have been sent to the office by now for review. If your books were reviewed by another party, please forward the signed Annual Financial Report (AFR) and the signed Financial Review Checklist (FRC).

The Unit and Trefoil Guild books should have been reviewed and the AFRs and FRCs should have been sent to the office. Keep in mind that the office does not need copies of the spreadsheets, just the AFRs and the FRCs. However, you must keep all documentation (including receipts or copies of the receipts if the originals were sent in for taxation purposes as well as copies of the spreadsheets etc.) for 7 years in order to comply with the document retention policy.

## Other

CWFF money is due soon as well. A cheque should be sent to the office that is at least equivalent to all money collected. Keep in mind that the suggested minimum is \$1 per member.

## Cookies

The classic cookies will also be delivered shortly! Remember there is a blackout on other fundraising for one month after the cookies arrive. This allows our girls to concentrate on the best fundraiser available to us. There are also many resources available in the cookie section of the provincial website to assist with cookie tracking and inventories.

As a reminder, cookies given away or used in the unit/district are more complicated because you have bought these cookies, but have no proceeds for them. In order to balance overall, a cost must be associated with them and recorded in the spreadsheet:

- When 1 box of cookies is eaten at camp, these should be recorded in the Camp column in the expense section.
- Since the cases are currently bought for \$48.45, each box used or given away costs \$4.04 (\$48.45/12 boxes)

If a box is given as a “thank you” for a guest, or a gift it should be in the appropriate column.

When paying the supporting council for the cases you bought (see earlier paragraph) you would split out the total between cookies sold and cookies used:

Date	Description	#	Note	Bank Deposits	Bank Cheques	Running Balance	Outstanding	In Book	X	Total Expenses	Total Revenues	Spring Cookies	Fall Cookies	Camp Before Taxes
Dec 31, 2015	Balance Forward													
Oct 1, 2016	QC Council for cookies	1	OK		484.50	-484.50	-484.50			484.50			476.43	8.08
	10 Cases: 3 cases + 10 boxes sold, 2 boxes eaten at camp		OK			-484.50								

Please take a look at the October Piccolo for more details on accounting for cookies



## Signing Officer Updates—District Accounts

Signing officers need to be changed or approved (if no change) at the start of every Guiding year and should be done by now. This must be done through an approved motion at a District meeting. Any changes should be brought to the bank's attention to update the signatures in a timely manner.

The PC, RoseAnna Cirino, is to be the only Provincial designate on all District level accounts.

Check the Unit and District Treasurer handbooks for the details and sample wording for motions [here](#).

If you have any questions, an FR1 for submission, or a training request, please e-mail [finances-support@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:finances-support@guidesquebec.ca)

## Safe Guide News

Pam Godfrey, Safe Guide Adviser | [safeguide@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:safeguide@guidesquebec.ca)



### Emergency Contact Phone Number

In the past, anytime you have held a yellow or red level event, your Safe Guide assessor gave you an emergency contact number to add to your SG.4. This is changing. From now on, the emergency number will always be **438-622-8485**. You won't have to wait for your assessor to let you know, you can already indicate it on your SG.4 when you send it for assessment.

### Safe Guide and Spring Cookie Sales

Please refer to Safe Guide, Section 4: Activity Guides (page 63-64) to ensure the safety of your girls during your cookie activities.

### Spring!

SPRING is coming! This means we're talking about more outdoor activities, nature activities, residential camping and under canvas camping. It is time to start planning. Consult your Safe Guide at all times. As always, forms should be sent in to [sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca)



# Local Stories

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## February PC Challenge



Six units completed the February PC challenge and held a bring-a-friend event. The 1st St. Lazare Guides and Pathfinders and the 1st Québec Guiding Unit took advantage of Valentine's Day and used that as their theme. The 85th Montreal Guides completed the QC Chocolate Challenge, the 3rd St. Lazare Sparks travelled the world and the 10th Ste. Geneviève Guides watched *Wonder* and talked about bullying and mental health.

## Other Stories



Northern Lights District sent in pictures from their Thinking Day party. Secteur Argenteuil Sparks and Brownies held a Chocolate Challenge sleepover.

Valois-Dorval Pathfinders and Rangers, the 82nd Montreal Guiding Unit and Beaconsfield Brownies went to the Girl Guides Go Global Sleepover in Ottawa.

Guides from across the province went to an Amazing Race camp. Read about it on the [blog](#)!



# Upcoming Dates and Events

March 13-20	<a href="#">Spring Cookie Delivery</a>
March 15	<a href="#">Deadline to design a crest for the Québec-Georgia Challenge</a>
March 18	St. Patrick's Day Parade
March 23	<a href="#">Skating with the Next Generation Council</a>
March 24	DC/Adviser/Council Day
March 31	<a href="#">Deadline to order a crest for the Québec-Georgia Challenge</a>
April 7-8	<a href="#">Cookie Days in Canada</a>
April 9	<a href="#">Deadline to apply for a GGC national scholarship</a>
April 20	<a href="#">Deadline to RSVP for the Girls First session and provincial AGM</a>
April 21	Geordie Productions' <i>Around the World in 80 Days</i>
April 22	<a href="#">Earth Day</a>
May 1-7	<a href="#">National Mental Health Week</a>
May 5	<a href="#">Girls First info session and Provincial AGM lunch</a>
May 12-13	<a href="#">Camp opening weekend *NEW DATE*</a>
May 18-20	First Available Weekend for Camping at Wa-Thik-Ane
May 30-June 4	National AGM (in Montreal)
June 1	<a href="#">Deadline to apply for a GGC provincial scholarship</a>
August 17-19	Guider Rejuvenation Event

The theme for the April Piccolo will be:

**Tips and Tricks** 🍪

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 April issue: April 5.

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