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# The Piccolo

## March 2010

### Spring Registration - 2010

**2,010 girls (or more) in 2010 - Let's make it a reality!**

Girl Guides is hectic enough in the fall, so why not get a jump start on your paperwork by registering all of your returning girls this spring.

The registration fee for the 2010 Guiding year is \$105.00. Once again, Quebec Council is offering an Early Bird discount of \$5.00 to any girl/youth who registers prior to May 28, 2010. The following rules will apply to this process:

1. In order to receive the \$5.00 discount, forms and payment **MUST** be received at the Provincial office postmarked May 28, 2010 or earlier with **NO EXCEPTIONS**.
2. Post-dated cheques will **NOT** be accepted for those registrants requesting the Early Bird discount.
3. If cash is given as payment, it needs to be deposited into either the district or unit account. A district or unit cheque then needs to accompany the renewal made out to GGC – Quebec Council and **must be received** at the Provincial office postmarked May 28, 2010 or earlier with **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

#### Who benefits from spring registration?

- Girls get the gift of one more year!
- Leaders gain peace of mind by avoiding the fall rush!
- Parents have one less thing to think about in the fall and they save \$5.00 in the process!



#### New GIRL/Youth Members:

Any new girl/youth member who registers after April 1, 2010 will have their membership carried through the next year.

In other words; if a girl/youth registers on April 1, 2010, and pays the 2010 rate of \$105.00, her membership will carry through until August 31, 2011. This change allows us to actively recruit new members, even at this time of year!

Furthermore, any forms for new youth members received during the spring registration period (ending May 28, 2010), will receive the discount of \$5.00 (provided aforementioned rules are adhered to).

Spring registration packages will be distributed to your District Commissioner soon, so please contact her for more information and required paperwork.

## 2,010 girls (or more) in 2010 Let's make it a reality!

Retention of our members is as important as recruitment and requires just as much attention at this time of year as registration does in the fall.

We all know that Girls are retained by fun programs and motivated friendly Leaders. Adults are kept in the organization by a network of ongoing support and friendships, by belonging to a team and the feeling of being valued.

Ideally we would like every Spark to become a Brownie, Guide, Pathfinder, Ranger and then ultimately a Leader. We all know that this doesn't happen and is perfectly normal. Families move, girls become interested in other activities, they have more demands on their time and their schoolwork can become more intense. These demands are understandable and we should acknowledge that they are a normal part of Guiding.

However, if a girl wants to leave because she is bored, frustrated or unhappy, it is our challenge to keep her in Guiding. The adult who is not appreciated, who is over extended or who's skills and interests are being ignored, also presents us with a challenge. These girls and women are lost through our fault.

Here are a few strategies that can help in the retention of our girl/youth members:

### Keeping the Girls

- Every year we lose members in the transition from one branch to the next. Try having some joint activities with the next branch. This will help the girls to get to know each other and make the transition a little easier.
- Invite some members of the next branch to come to your Unit meeting and show their books, uniform, badges etc. to the girls.
- Always talk about the next step of Guiding enthusiastically and start talking to them about moving up a few months before they actually go. Prepare them by providing them with information about the next Branch.
- Find out why girls leave – **listen** to the reasons and don't judge the girl or her family. Telephone parents and explain that you are concerned and would like to know why their daughter left. Try to be more accommodating and remember to be friendly, not confrontational.
- If someone is moving, find out if there is Guiding in her new community. Get her current unit to write her a postcard and include the contact info for Guiding in her new community. Who knows, her new Guiding family may invite you for a visit!
- In the spring, hold a pre-registration event. Make it fun and include all the branches so girls can see what they can expect next year if they are moving up a level.
- If girls do not pre-register, ask the girl and parent why. Don't leave it hanging, as bad feelings and awkwardness can develop. If they are unsure about next year's plans, confirm their contact information and let them know you will give them a call closer to the fall registration event. If they have decided not to return, wish them well.
- Most girls love to receive mail, so why not send them a postcard in the middle of the summer letting them know they are not forgotten and remind them of the first meeting back.
- ALWAYS involve the girls in the program planning. Give them choices and help develop their decision-making skills...even at the Spark level. The more involved they feel, the less they will want to leave.

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- Really kick up the FUN factor. Tell them you are taking a break from badges, awards, and service projects for a few weeks. Ask them what strictly fun things they might want to do. This is OK - spending time together and building relationships is just as important as earning badges. Schedule as many as you can, maybe even doing one or two over the summer (no meetings, just a fun activity) to keep them interested.

It's important to remember that:

**Because the Girl ...**

Because the girl has a need  
We have an obligation.

Because the girl has a choice,  
We must be her better choice.

Because the girl has high expectations,  
We must excel.

Because the girl wants to explore,  
We must be her guide.

Because the girl wants to belong,  
We must open our doors.

Because the girl is searching for direction,  
We must be her compass.

Because the girl encounters times of turmoil,  
We must be her safe haven.

Because the girl is tomorrow's woman,  
We must care today.

Because of the girl,  
We exist.

-Reproduced with permission from the Irish Girl Guides (IGG)

This is the time of year to get a jump start on the fall rush by registering all your girls for another year of fun, friendship and adventure! Why not take this opportunity to showcase our great organization to the community and attract new members. Spring registration is a great time to make new friends and keep the old!



**The Guider Social Event scheduled for March 13, 2010  
has been cancelled due to low registration.**

## Treasurers' Trove

By now all the District Financial Books should be downtown, and the Unit books should be reviewed and the Annual Financial Reports and Financial Review Checklists should be downtown.



Don't forget your CWFF money! Please send all money you have collected, or at least \$1.00 per member.

The Cookies are coming! The Cookies are coming!

The cookies are still selling for \$4.00 a box, but when you pay for them, \$37.20 goes to province. Don't forget to account for cookies you give away or use in the unit or district... these cookies cost you \$3.10 a box, under whichever column is appropriate on the spreadsheet on the same line as you enter your payment for them.

Remember that we are not to run other fundraisers for one month after we receive the cookies, so from the third week of March until the third week of April, unless you have special permission. This is to take advantage of our large scale advertising and to allow the girls to concentrate on the best fundraising opportunity we have.

If you have any questions about accounting for cookies or anything else about Guiding finances, e-mail me at [dsn@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:dsn@guidesquebec.ca)

Dawn Coffey  
Treasurer Support Specialist

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## Screening

Please emphasize to Potential Members (PMBR) that the Orientation to Guiding is supposed to be done in the first four weeks after they complete the Application. Of our present thirteen PMBR's 5 of them only need to do the Orientation to be finished. They have all been PMBR's longer than a month!

The Police record Check (PRC) renewal letters have gone out to Members whose PRC 's expire in June, July, August and September. If you have received one please get your new PRC done now while it is easy to get your Commissioner to check your ID and sign the form. Also right now the police are not as busy as once spring and summer sports start up.

Girl Membership cards are still being mailed out monthly.

Please contact me, Margaret Martin [screening@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:screening@guidesquebec.ca), if you have questions, problems or need help with screening or PRC renewals.





## Safe Guide

Were you registered in Guiding in 2008 or before ? Do you have your Safe Guide? If not, you need it **NOW**.

Please contact [Training@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:Training@guidesquebec.ca) or Louise Triggs at [louise.triggs@rocler.com](mailto:louise.triggs@rocler.com) or by phone 450-247-2430.

## Guide Sécurité

Une formation sur le Guide Sécurité (Safe Guide) sera donnée au mois d'avril en français. Toutes les cheftaines intéressées doivent s'inscrire immédiatement afin de déterminer l'endroit où se tiendra la formation ainsi que la date qui convient à toutes. Communiquez par courriel

avec Louise Triggs à [louise.triggs@rocler.com](mailto:louise.triggs@rocler.com) ou par téléphone à 450-247-2430.



## Welcome New Council Members

The Quebec Council extends a heartfelt welcome to our newest members. Deborah Dumoulin has become a member with financial expertise, Dawn Coffey our Treasurer Support Specialist and Pam Godfrey our District

Support Specialist. These ladies will make excellent additions to the Council and will be working hard to make Guiding great in Quebec!

## **SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER!**

**All applications for the GGC-Quebec Council Scholarship must be at Guide House on or before June 1, 2010. Applications received after that date will not be considered.**



# cookie update

It is that time of year again. The spring cookies will be delivered soon and it is time to get your girls names into National for the Cookie All Stars.

The link is now open to input their names.

<https://memberzone.girlguides.ca/C11/Cookie%20All%20Stars/default.aspx>

As well don't forget to send in the girls numbers for they can still receive the accumulative crest from Province.

Cookie Day at Sears- Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010

It is a great opportunity to get out there and be visible to the community.

A list of participating stores was in the previous Piccolo. Call the store in your area and get selling.

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## National Job and Volunteer Opportunities OUR CABANA VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION

All Volunteer Opportunities at Our Cabaña are open to active members of WAGGGS age 18 and over. There is no upper age limit. We offer 6 – 8 week placements throughout the year depending on the season. Full Room and Board is provided at Our Cabaña for the duration of the volunteer term as well as up to US\$ 500.00 maximum towards the cost of the airfare (return, economy class). There is also pocket money of US\$ 4.00 per day given mid-way through the volunteer term.

### Dates:

- Winter: September 25- November 30, 2010 (10 weeks)
- Winter: December 20, 2010- February 25, 2011 ( 10 weeks)
- Spring: February 26, 2011 – April 30, 2011 (9 weeks)
- Summer: June 1, 2011- July, 2011 (8 weeks)
- Summer: July 11, 2011- September 1, 2011 (9 weeks)

### Closing Dates:

- April 15<sup>th</sup>: for applicants that want to be considered for the autumn, winter and spring season
- October 15<sup>th</sup>: for applicants that want to be considered for the following summer season

Also there are opportunities for Independent Groups to travel during the months of March, April, September, October and November. For rates and program choices, please let me know and I will send them to you.

For more information email [programsupport@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:programsupport@guidesquebec.ca)

# Congratulations

Congratulations! To MYRIAM VANIER from Beaconsfield, you have been selected to represent Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada at the **Girl Guiding UK Centenary Camp** near Leeds, Yorkshire in England this coming summer.

## WA-THIK-ANE is...

### ...wonderful for group camping!

Revised rental packages are now available for spring & fall 2010. We will attempt to provide some animation and a modified food shopping service. Self directed equipment & activity idea packs will be available regardless of whether animators are available.

Stay tuned for more information on revamped animation packages which will depend on the availability of staff.

Weekends and long weekends are available for rental from May 7 to October 11, with boating and swimming available spring and fall when weather permits – the summer schedule is still to be determined; **Please note:** that if you want to enjoy these services to the fullest you will need to do a swim test (see next issue) prior to arrival at camp. Book NOW! Groups interested in booking longer periods during the summer months are welcome! **Please communicate with the office for details of services available and rates.**

### ...in need of some help!

#### • 2010 Work Weekend – May 7 – 9

All hands welcome! We will be holding a work weekend on May 7-8-9, 2010. Come for the day, the weekend, and even a few hours and help clean-up and prepare Wa-Thik-Ane for the summer. This is OUR camp – Let's **Take Action for a better world!** – Ideal opportunity for Pathfinder and Ranger Service projects.



Groups or families wishing to book a tent or site will be able to camp free, with some conditions.

Separate sites will be available for Guiding groups and for mixed groups/families. All helpers will be asked to bring their own breakfast/lunches but coffee and juice will be available and all registered participants are invited to join a BBQ on Saturday late afternoon.

Families or friends with specific technical skills or tools (chainsaw use, electrical work, and plumbers etc...) are asked to identify themselves when booking their space. Scouts, Church groups and Parents with high school students needing community service hours are all welcome.

A detailed package will be available through the office. All groups and individuals are asked to register at the office. Contact [QCGuidescamp@bell.net](mailto:QCGuidescamp@bell.net) for more information.



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## WA-THIK-ANE is...

### ... a great place to camp in the summer!

Unfortunately the full summer camp will not be available this summer. However we will be offering a Wonderful Week at Wa-Thik-Ane. Between July 31 and August 6, three camps will offer fun in the sun to girls of all ages.

- **Wee camp together! (5-8 years with adult) - \$ 125 (for both)**

*Saturday July 31(am) – Monday August 2 (afternoon)*

A 2 night summer tent camp experience for 5-8 years olds with Mom or another female adult; Planned around the Spark and Brownie camping and outdoor keepers, keys and badges girls and their "mom" will explore Wa-Thik-Ane, enjoy it's waterfront, try some outdoor cooking and enjoy campfire, camp crafts and more.



- **Woods, Water and Wonderful fun! (6-9 years) - \$ 200**

*Monday August 2 (afternoon) – Friday Aug 6 (afternoon)*



A 4 night summer tent camp experience for 6-9 year olds; Guiders are encouraged to bring girls from their unit as a tent group (4 girls), however, individuals or friends are welcome to come together without a Guider. Focused around the Brownie and 1<sup>st</sup> year Guide program, girls will gain independence and life skills while having fun in the woods, at the beach and everywhere in between.

- **Wonderful Week at Wa-Thik-Ane ! (9-15 years) - \$ 275**

*Saturday July 31(morning) – Friday Aug 6 (afternoon)*

A 6 night summer tent camp experience for 9-15 year olds; Guiders are encouraged to bring girls from their unit in tent groups (4 girls), however, individuals or friends are welcome to come together without a Guider. Program will be based around the skills and fun of the Guide and Pathfinder camping, outdoor and leadership program sections. Activities will be separated by age depending on registration numbers, to meet the different needs of this wide age group. Program will include all the traditional camp fun of campfire, wide games and outdoor cooking without forgetting the waterfront, arts, crafts and drama and environmental awareness.



- **What about me! (15 years and over!)**

#### OPTION 1 – Rangers - 15-17 years – (July 31-Aug 6) - \$ 275

A 6 night summer tent camp experience for Rangers to develop their leadership while improving camping techniques and having fun outdoors.

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### **OPTION 2 – Guiders - 18 years and over – (between July 31-Aug 6)**

Come for as many nights as you can and help make the program special for our campers. Experienced campers will be able to explore Wa-Thik-Ane and relive some of the good old days, while NEW campers will be able to learn skills, experience activities and generally gain a better knowledge of Girl Guide Camping so you can take your own unit! (Guiders are welcome to come on their own space permitting or with a group of girls – see age groups above – younger siblings are welcome with a mother's helper (min age 15 years) space permitting.) Cost: \$ 15 per night to cover costs of food and site

**A detailed registration package will be available at the Guide office within the next few weeks. Put the date on your calendar and your name on the list to receive it as soon as available. Camperships are available for those who need it.**



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## **Recognize a Member you know**



Guiding would not be possible without the commitment and passion of the thousands of women who dedicate countless hours to our organization. As we approach National Volunteer Week (April 18-24), this is the perfect time to recognize a special Member for her dedication to our Movement. To have a complete list and description of the awards go to the National website, click on Member Zone, click on Guider Resources and then click on Commissioner. Scroll down to Module 5: Awards and Recognition.

Our Provincial award (the butterfly) is granted to Guiders who hold the Gold Merit award or equivalent and is given for distinctive service to Guiding in Quebec.

Please note: All Team Award, Medal of Merit and Provincial Award applications must be sent to the Provincial Awards Committee, c/o Anita Scott at [frank.scott2@sympatico.ca](mailto:frank.scott2@sympatico.ca) for approval.

**N.B. Any Guider may nominate any other Guider for an award.**

**To all of our Members – thank you!**

**GGC QUEBEC COUNCIL**  
Invites you to attend the  
**ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER**  
**Thursday, May 6th, 2010**

**New Format**

**Registration and Cocktails 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

**Annual Meeting 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

**Dinner**

**Presentation of Awards with Dessert and coffee**

**Crown Plaza Hotel, Dorval**  
**6600 Côte de Liesse, Montreal QC**

**Cost: \$40.00 per person**

**Tickets may be purchased through Guide House**

**Please confirm your order for tickets by**

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>. 2010**

**Dinner tickets will not be available at the door**  
**Attending the meeting only? RSVP to Guide House**

**[guides-quebec.recep@bellnet.ca](mailto:guides-quebec.recep@bellnet.ca)**

**or call Shannon at (514) 933-5839.**



**Notice:**

The office will be closed  
Friday, April 2, 2010 and  
Monday April 5, 2010.

Please check the website to find the Rally  
Information as well as the Camp Booking Package  
Go to:

**[http://www.guidesquebec.ca/GGSite/default.aspx?  
m=125&c=147](http://www.guidesquebec.ca/GGSite/default.aspx?m=125&c=147)**