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The Piccolo

August 2011

On behalf of the campers, the Quebec Camping Committee and myself...

Thank You

For volunteering your time....

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contributed in any way !

For making the 2011 summer camps

at Wa-Thik-Ane truly

WONDERFUL !

Heather Martin
Quebec Camping Advisor

Membership Growth = Making a Difference in the World

Growing Guiding in Quebec ensures that we live up to our promise of 'taking action for a better world'. Confident, resourceful and courageous girls build stronger communities.

Spring Pre-Registration Challenge -  Announcing the Winning District!!

Lakeshore District with 50% Pre-Registration Rate!!! Congratulations!!!!

The Québec Membership Growth Team would also like to congratulate the following districts that achieved a pre-registration rate of 40% or more.

**Des Montregiennes
Saint Lazare
Valois-Dorval**

Final Results for the Province

Total pre-registration was 581 versus 414 last year for a growth of 167 or 40% increase.

Thank-you to all for your hard work!!!



Membership Growth Target – Fall 2011

Did you know?

Girl Registration of the past Guiding year was – 1648

Growth of **5%** - **82** new girl members – or **4 per district**(excluding those who did not return)

Growth of **10%** - **165** new girl members – or **8 per district**

Growth of **15%** - **247** new girl members – or **12 per district**

Are you ready to grow Guiding in Québec? Let's set our provincial goal at 10% and take on the challenge!!

Bring a Friend Instant Meeting Kit – Coming to Your Unit Soon!



Watch out for the mail you will soon be receiving your Bring a Friend Instant Meeting kit. This kit is 'unit' tested and comes packed with easy to use materials that will make your Bring Friend Meeting a great success in the fall.

On-Line Registration and Fall Registration Events

On-line registration has gone live and as you are aware, a letter has been sent to all girls who were active members last year but did not pre-register to encourage them to go on-line now and register. As the registrations come in the IMIS unit record will be up-dated.

Many districts are already working on their fall registration events. These events are important to helping grow membership which an essential goal for our province. Thank-you to all the districts that are already working away taking on the provincial challenge and if any district needs support please contact Tammy Leclair – Deputy, Provincial Commissioner – Membership Growth at tam.leclair@videotron.ca.



Together we can grow Guiding and 'make a difference in the world'

Fall Cookies will be arriving before we know it.

To get a head start here are a few suggestions:

- 1- Have a cookie activity meeting with games, baking, and crafts
- 2- Begin mentioning that cookies will be here and remind the girls to start asking who wants cookies
- 3- Plan a cookie selling meeting where the group goes out to sell cookies together.

Have a great beginning of the year!

Kellylee Bourget
Québec Cookie Advisor

Fall Cookie Day at Sears October 22, 2011



Upcoming Dates:

September 3, 2011 National e-blast to Guiders with info and link to booking site
September 9, 2011 Reminder link in the Guidespost

ATTENTION ALL GUIDERS!!!!

This year's Girl Recognition event will be taking place in November

If your girls will be receiving any of the following awards:

- Canada Cord
- Lady Baden Powell Award
- Gold Chief Commissioner's Award

Please make sure their IMIS is up to date by **September 30th**

Changes to IMIS are to be sent to Brenda at guides-quebec.imis@bellnet.ca



Thank you!

Amber LeBrun – Girl Recognition Committee

News from the Property Committee



Water for Wa-Thik-Ane Update

The property committee is encouraged by the continued generosity of our wonderful members! Funds continue to come in from the April Fundraising calendar campaign. To date we have received \$1257.68 from girls and Guiders who took part in this challenge. We would also like to send a big thank you to many of our Trefoil members. At a recent tea many of the ladies made generous personal donations for a total of \$1100.00. To date we have collected \$6639.70!

Thank you again and please stay tuned for more opportunities to contribute to the well fund in the Fall.

e-Cause Eco Boutique: If you did not get a chance to take advantage of the great products from e-Cause, it is not too late. Joyce Shanks has set up a mini boutique with some of the most popular items. Please go to: <http://www.ecause.ca/campaigns.php> In addition to contributing to the well fund every purchase, made on the official site, enters you for a chance to win the Litterless Gift Pack valued at more than \$75.00. We also still have some of our branded mesh ditty bags available so if you would like any please contact: Charyl at Charyl@videotron.ca. They make great gifts for the girls!!

New Contact Information: In order to simplify communication with the Property Committee we have set up a new e-mail address. Bookings are still handled by the Provincial office but we can help you with **Wa-Thik-Ane campsite information**. Please contact us at: gcpropertycommittee@gmail.com

Congratulations GGC National Scholarship Winners!!!!



Congratulations to the following young women:
Hannah Quinn – You're My Hero Scholarship
Lori Burn – National Scholarship – Dare
Amber LeBrun – Part-time Studies

Quebec Scholarship

Sadly, no applications were received

SCREENING NEWS

Various changes have been made to the Screening Process and to the Screening forms. You may have been made aware of these changes already, however, they are shown below.

I will be having screening trainings for new District Commissioners, anyone who will be doing screening or anyone interested, These will be in September. I will put dates and places in the September Piccolo.

CHANGES TO SCREENING PROCESS

- Orientation to Guiding (OTG) will be discontinued as a training, but will remain part of the screening process.
- OTG will be a PDF document provided to potential Members and will be reviewed in a conversation between the PMBR and their screener/interviewer.

Members will re-attest to the Code of Conduct when they renew their PRCs.

FORM CHANGES

S.1 Screening Checklist

- Specific reference to Code of Conduct and Promise & Law being read and agreed to has been removed. Agreement to the Code is included in the signature on the A.1 form. There is nothing a new Member signs regarding the Promise & Law.
- Orientation to Guiding has been moved up in the order on the checklist
- All other changes are for formatting and consistency

S.2 Interview Form

- Step number has been changed to 4 to align with changes to the Screening Module (will be sent under separate cover)
- Question 1 (have you ever been convicted of a child abuse offence) has been moved to the end of the form
- New question added re: Orientation to Guiding
- All other changes are for formatting and consistency

Ex.3 PRC Exemption Application

A request was made by the Chief Commissioner to change the “renewable” PRC exemption to “temporary”, and to change the increment from 5 years to a range of 1-5 years. This would enable us to better monitor temporary exemptions for individual who may leave the country for a couple of years and then return and become involved in Guiding again. If the temporary exemption was requested and set for 2 years, the individual would be flagged for PRC renewal before the 2 year exemption expired (instead of at the current 5 years) following our standard process. The Ex.3 form has been reworded to reflect this change.

IT'S LADIES NIGHT AT CAMP!

Enjoy a night away, learning and camping

If you want to learn new skills and be better equipped to take girls on outdoor activities, residential camp or tent camping, then don't miss this special **GUIDER get-away**. Be better prepared, and take the stress out of finding adventure in the world around us, with girls of all ages.

Foundation Module - RESIDENTIAL CAMPING: Basic planning and technical skills needed to take girls on an overnight adventure in a residential facility (8 hour module)

Enrichment Stream - TENT CAMPING: Technical skills, environmental responsibility, safety sense, and a wide range of ideas and strategies to promote girl input, leadership, and engagement in the whole camp or outdoor adventure. (11-15 hr module including overnight)

Enrichment topics may include outdoor skills, outdoor games and nature activities

Any adult member can attend this event - a willingness to share the outdoors with girls is the only prerequisite. Different options are available for all levels of campers.

RESIDENTIAL Camp Training	Camp Training for beginners or those focusing on residential camps	Sat. Sept 24 - 9 am - 5 pm	\$ 10
Residential PLUS	Residential program plus an overnight in a tent and Outdoor fun or Safe Guide training on Sunday morning	Sat. Sept 24 9am - Sun Sept 25 noon	\$ 30
TENT Camp Training	Camp Training for those who have completed Residential OR Path training and those focusing on tent camping	Sat. Sept 24 9am - Sun Sept 25 noon	\$ 30
CAMP Fun & Training	Activities and new experiences for Campers wanting to learn and prepared to share	Sat. Sept 24 9am - Sun Sept 25 noon	\$ 30
OVERNIGHT Fun	Come share in the sisterhood of Guiding - enjoy dinner, campfire and a morning of Outdoor fun or Safe Guide	Sat. Sept 24 - 5 pm - Sun Sept 25 noon	\$ 20
Outdoor Fun	An enrichment training session on outdoor, nature & camp activities	Sun Sept 25- 8:30am - noon	\$ 5
Safe Guide	Standard Safe Guide Training	Sun Sept 25- 8:30am - noon	\$ 5
Ranger RESIDENTIAL	Please contact your Camping Advisor or D.C. to have a trainer come to your Ranger Camp, unit meetings or event to complete your Residential Training		

The only cost to you is "room & board" - depending on the program you chose, fees include training program and fun, and includes fine camp foods, prepared by talented outdoor chefs - YOU!

Bring a Guiding buddy along for twice the fun!

Spaces are limited - Please complete the attached form and forward to guides-quebec.imis@bellnet.ca with subject line "OAL Weekend participant" to register.

Starry, starry nights, and the mosquitoes will have left town!



OAL Weekend Registration

NAME:		IMIS #:	
Best phone #:		Best email:	
Address: <small>(if IMIS number not available)</small>			
UNIT		Vegetarian	YES NO See note
Food Allergies/ Restrictions or Medical issues which may impact activities			
Please select which option you would like			
RESIDENTIAL Camp Training (Day ONLY)	Sat. Sept 24 -9am - 5pm	\$ 10	
Residential PLUS Safe Guide (DAY, overnight & morning)	Sat. Sept 24 9am - Sun Sept 25 noon	\$ 30	
Residential PLUS Outdoor Fun (DAY, overnight & morning)	Sat. Sept 24 9am - Sun Sept 25 noon	\$ 30	
TENT Camp Training (DAY, overnight & morning)	Sat. Sept 24 9am - Sun Sept 25 noon	\$ 30	
CAMP Fun & Training (DAY, overnight & morning)	Sat. Sept 24 9am - Sun Sept 25 noon	\$ 30	
OVERNIGHT Fun (supper, overnight & morning)	Sat. Sept 24 - 5 pm - Sun Sept 25 noon	\$ 20	
Outdoor Fun - (morning ONLY)	Sun Sept 25- 8:30am -noon	\$ 5	
Safe Guide - (morning ONLY)	Sun Sept 25- 8:30am - noon	\$ 5	
		TOTAL	
		<small>(Min \$ 5.00 - Max. \$ 30.00)</small>	

Please either submit this form with the credit card information complete below by email to guides-quebec.imis@bellnet.ca or fax (514-933-7591) OR email your name and mail a copy of your form with your cheque payable to *Girl Guides of Canada - Quebec Council* to GGC-Quebec Council, 100 Alexis Nihon-Suite 270, St Laurent H4M 2N7 - attn. OAL Weekend

PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD	VISA		MASTERCARD		
Credit Card Number				Expiry Date	/
Name on Credit Card					
<i>Please charge _____ to my credit card to pay for the OAL Training Weekend September 24-25, 2011</i>					
Cardholder Signature:				Date:	



Giving back to your community

Looking for ideas for the coming year??

GGC-National wants to remind everyone that tree planting grants are still available, thanks to our new partner, **TD Friends of the Environment**. Make a difference in the world, starting with your local environment! The grant process is always open, so Units can apply when they are ready to plant some trees!

You can find more information about the tree planting grant on the National website at: http://www.girlguides.ca/challenges_and_activities?news_id=83&uniqid=1594

Spread the news – girls can make a big difference to the environment!

And for more on your Environment:

Plans are being made for the

2012 National Service Project, focused on Environmental Service.

We know Units and Districts have wonderful stories to tell about the service projects they have done in the past, which have made a positive difference in the health and beauty of their local environment. Please consider sharing your stories and your experiences with the people building this project for the future. Drop a note or send you best photos to GGCQCprogram@gmail.com We will be collecting your project ideas until mid-September, so please take a few moments on some cloudy, or too hot day!



WANTED: Unit Guiders or Rangers familiar with Girl program of any branch

Would you like to be part of a brainstorming project?

You'll be looking at creating a new provincial challenge to promote girl engagement.

If you think you would like to be involved in a project, but hesitate because the commitment might be more than you want, this is a place to step up and make a difference. This initiative has a really short timeline, involving only 2 get-togethers, and welcomes anyone who would like to contribute their ideas and vision. Please contact GGCQCprogram@gmail.com to be part of this fun task! You can proudly take credit when the challenge is announced!

Visits: __you__



a reminder:

TIPS for District Commissioners - AUGUST

- *Confirm meeting places for all Units*
- *Confirm registration event online on GGC National Site*
- *Request Guider assistance with Fall registration event*
- *Start process for new leaders and new units*
- *Confirm start-up dates with every unit*
- *Set District Meeting dates and confirm with all Guiders*
- *Think about a Fall District event (corn maze, pumpkin picking, GPS rally)*
- *Plan to attend Provincial events - mark your calendars now!!*
- *Use the September issue of the Piccolo as a reminder for starting up*
- *Read the latest issue of So Now You are a District Commissioner online*
- *Note Screening and PRC changes for August 2011*
- *Use the resources available to you in Memberzone under Membership, Adult Member Support Resources - Use the calendar list and the task list to keep informed.*

Did you know . . . you could follow GGC on their facebook page, their twitter page, their Youtube channel, and their Flickr page?



Save the date Saturday, October 15th, 2011 – it's a Provincial Event

It will be a "Welcome back to Guiding after a summer of frolic"

It will be a "Welcome to new Members"

It will be **VISIBLE, ACTIVE, FUN**

Our team is working hard to start off the Guiding year with a bang! Follow us on face book. More details to follow.

Quebec Council would like to invite you to consider these two Exciting Volunteer Opportunities:

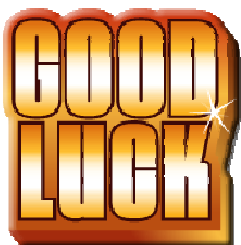
Annual Friendship Walk

Looking to have your say in the details of the Annual Friendship Walk? Would you like to add some leadership experience to your C.V.? Why not be a part of this year's Friendship Walk Planning team? The Quebec Annual Friendship Walk will be held on October 15, 2011. **QC Council is looking for 8 Rangers and Guiders** with creativity, enthusiasm and great planning and marketing skills. Are you one of them? For more information or to get involved email qcnominations@gmail.com

Membership Growth Team

Do you have a marketing background? Are you passionate about Guiding? Quebec Council's Membership Growth Committee is growing and is seeking new members to develop new marketing initiatives to grow Guiding in our province. You will join a team who are currently developing medium term strategies and initiatives and will have the opportunity to roll up your sleeves and take action.

Currently we are seeking 3 women with recent DC experience, 2 Rangers as well as 2 unit Guiders Are you one of these women or can you recommend someone? If you would like more information about this opportunity, please contact the QC Nominations Committee at qcnominations@gmail.com



Shannon Hayes has resigned as Program Support Associate.

We all wish Shannon well in the future

2011 Quebec Provincial Day Camp

Fall

October 1, 2011

Camp Wa-Thik-Ane



HELP NEEDED

The Camping Committee is looking for Guiders and volunteers without or with shared responsibility of girls to help with the following positions

Saturday October 1, 2011

SITE PROGRAM ACTIVITY LEADERS – are needed to help run morning & late afternoon program activities for Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders or Rangers

FOOD SERVICES VOLUNTEERS – are needed to help with grocery purchasing, pre-event re-packaging and on site distribution of food

FIRST AID TEAM – act as an event first aider for the day – Current Standard First Aid certificate required (Rangers can help – sign up through the Ranger Service option)

SPECIALISED ACTIVITY LEADERS - are needed to help run activity stations for 1.5-2 hours in the afternoon (outdoor cooking, fishing, low ropes course, hike to bluff, pond study, knots & gadgets, nature walks, shelter building, construction project, photography etc...)

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR – with administrative skills is needed to manage buses, check lists and all the rest which goes with transporting 300 people.

Patrols only need 1 Guider – you can share the load !

EMAIL YOUR OFFER TO OcGuidescamp@bell.net



Daycampers wanted !

Remember ... we need Guiders to bring their girls !

FULL REGISTRATION PACKAGE was in the **JUNE PICCOLO**

Register your girls early and get a discount! Remember that Guiders bringing girls are expected to participate with their girls and help with activities throughout the day.



2011 Quebec Provincial Day Camp

Fall

October 1, 2011
Camp Wa-Thik-Ane



Pathfinder Program



New this year ... Once your patrol is registered...
Pathfinders & Guiders will have a choice for part of the day between :

Skills

program will be based around learning and improving camp & outdoor skills with fun hands on activities

Service

program will focus on helping with camp service projects which may include reforestation, construction and other projects

We would like your input as to what to include
Please EMAIL your IDEAS TO QcGuidescamp@bell.net



Ranger Program



Register as part of a Patrol OR as an Individual
Once registered you will be asked to choose your direction (day/half day):

Skills

Rangers choosing this option will have the opportunity to learn or improve camp and outdoor skills.

Leadership

Rangers choosing this option will assist with program activities for Sparks, Brownies and Guides.

Service

Rangers choosing this option will help with camp service projects which may include reforestation, construction and other projects

First Aid

Rangers choosing this option will be partnered with an Guider to provide First Aid services on different sites and activity areas

We would like your input as to what you want to do...
Please EMAIL your IDEAS to QcGuidescamp@bell.net