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Défi Adventure - Adventure Trek

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Many thanks to the key organizers of our successful Défi Adventure-Adventure Trek event in October. The hours were long, the details many and on the day, a lot of hard work! Thank-

you - Amber LeBrun, Elaine Keeble, Emily Koehler-Lemaire, Joanne Cardinal and Pincourt District!! Thanks also to the 50+ volunteers who made the day 'rock'!

Girl Recognition Event

Many thanks to Nissa Grant, Kelly Vandzura and Lakeshore District for organizing a wonderful girl recogniton event. The decorations were lovely; the space themed back drop was perfect for our special guest speaker - Canadian Space Agency and NASA Zeronaut - Dianea Phillips. Thanks to all four Sparks units, 2nd Baie D'Urfe Brownies, 8th Beacon Hill Brownies, both Guide units and the 'day of' team - Kathy Tolnai, Carol Kelly, Julie and Caroline Firtl, Arielle Seguin and the Guide hostesses.

Pamela Rice

Québec Provincial Commissioner – Commissaire Provincial Girl Greatness Starts Here -Le leadership des filles commence ici





The December Report Card:

98 more girls since November 1st – That's **214 more girls** to go! Get those registration papers in!



With 214 more girls this Guiding year, together, we can increase by 1000 members by 2014!

The next Membership Growth Committee Meeting is on January 25th 2012: JOIN US!

Contact: emily.guides@gmail.com



Girl Ambassadors

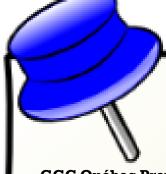
Guest Bloggers

Girl Ambassadors. The Girl Ambassador Team has been assembled! This amazing and diverse group of girls and young women met for the first time on December 3rd 2011 to discuss their views on such important issues as membership growth and marketing guiding, as well as participate in skill-building games for public speaking, media relations and developing messaging.

Their next meeting will be a winter photo shoot in February. To join the team, contact Emily!

Guest Bloggers. Our first guest bloggers have now posted on our blog! To see what other districts/units are writing about, check out our blog at: http://guidesquebec.wordpress.com/. To contribute the great things you're doing, please submit your blog idea along with a photo and brief author bio to Emily!

Contact: emily.guides@gmail.com



GGC Québec Provincial Office 2011 Holiday Schedule

Staff Christmas Lunch - Office Closed

The Québec Provincial Office will be closed on

Thursday, December 15, 2011 from 12:30pm

Holiday Schedule - Closings

The Provincial Office will be closed from

Friday, December 23, 2011 to Friday December 30, 2011



Saturday – January 21st 2012

Reserve your place now!

A Guiding day dedicated to you and the difference you make in the lives of girls!!

Where: Cégep/College Vanier 821, ave Ste-Croix, Saint-Laurent (QC) H4L 3X9

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

A symposium for all Guiders in Québec

Exclusive Guider Swag Bags – AMAZING Door Prizes – Guest Speakers
Lunch and refreshments will be provided

To reserve your place, please use the form on the next page. You will receive a confirmation via email in early January with details. Questions? Contact programsupport@guidesquebec.ca or Facebook.

Top 10 Reasons

To not miss out!

- Great door prizes and swag
- Trade the winter blues for your GGC blues!
- Don't miss out on what everyone will be talking about
- Connect with Guiding in Québec
- Get answers to questions you've always wanted to know
- Gain insight into today's girl with our fabulous guest speakers
 - Invest in yourself as a Guider

- Demystify Girl Engagement in your program
- Be recognized for TEAM
 Enrichment Training Equivalency
- Inspire and be inspired!





Registration Form

Please submit to programsupport@guidesquebec.ca by January 10th, 2012

Name	
Email	
iMIS Number	
District	
Branch	☐ Sparks ☐ Brownies ☐ Guides ☐ Pathfinders ☐ Rangers ☐ Trex ☐ Other:
Please list any food allergies/restrictions Are you vegetarian?	☐ Yes ☐ No

Treasurers' Trove



Signing Officers:

If you haven't updated them yet, please do so now. This must be done for all unit and district accounts every year. This must show in District minutes, although if there are no changes, you should not have to visit the bank. Don't forget that Pamela and Sue must be on all District level accounts.

Budget for Districts:

Please include it with your next District Minutes. It is a good idea for units to do a budget too, but not required.



Year-end:

Year-end is Dec 31, which is coming soon, so make sure your books are up to date before the Holiday rush! That will make it easier to wind things up for Dec 31, when they must be closed for review.



Financial Reviews:

Unit books should be reviewed within the district, as long as those doing the review meet the requirements for independent reviewers in the Handbooks. District Treasurers should send the Annual Financial Reports and copies of the Financial Review Checklists to the Provincial Office.

District books will be reviewed by the District Treasurers at a Book Review evening this year. Please send all documentation (see list in Treasurer Handbooks) to the office by **Jan 31, 2012**. We will let you know when we will meet.





Trefoil Guilds: The financial books of Trefoil Guilds with their own bank accounts should also be reviewed at year-end. They should be treated as Unit books and reviewed within the District.

As always, if you have any financial questions, e-mail Dawn at dsn@guidesquebec.ca





News from the Property Committee

This edition of the Piccolo contains the **2012 Wa-Thik-Ane rate chart** and new simplified **reservation form**. There are a few things to note:

- 1. We have returned to an "out of season" and "in season" rate structure.
- 2. "In season" rates include swimming & boating.
- **3.** Reservations will not be taken by phone at the office. The office will advise on site availability however a reservation will only be confirmed once a non-refundable deposit is received by the office. This practice is in keeping with industry norms.
- **4.** All inquiries, other than site availability, should be made to: qcpropertycommittee@gmail.com
- **5.** You can find an on-line version of the rate chart and reservation form on the: GuidesQuébecBlog: http://guidesquebec.wordpress.com/

We will see you at Wa-Thik-Ane in 2012!



CAMP WA-THIK-ANE - 2012 RENTAL RATES

Out of Season: From the opening of camp (weather dependant, but is usually the 2nd weekend in May) to June 1st, as well as September and October until the close of camp (prior to Thanksgiving). During the "Out of Season" period there will be no swimming or boating. Whenever possible, there will be a Guider in Charge present.

Out of Season	Guiding	Guiding	Non-Guiding	Non-Guiding
	1 night only	2 nights or more	1 night only	2 nights or more
Site Rental	\$20/pp	\$12.50/pp/pn	\$35/pp	\$20/pp/pn
Lodge Rental	\$300.00	\$250./pn	N/A	\$300./pn

pp = per person pn = per night

In Season: The "In Season" period comprises the months of June, July and August. Staff on hand will include a Guider in Charge, a lifeguard and a boating specialist. The cost of swimming and boating is **included** in the rental fees.

In Season	Guiding	Guiding	Non-Guiding	Non-Guiding
	1 night only	2 nights or more	1 night only	2 nights or more
Site Rental	\$25/pp	\$15/pp/pn	\$45/pp	\$25/pp/pn
Lodge Rental	\$300.00	\$250./pn	N/A	\$300./pn

pp = per person pn = per night

Day Camp Rental Fees: Are for groups wishing to come up and use the site for the day, **without** a sleepover. Depending on the time of year staff might or might not be available. Use of the Lodge for Day Camp rentals will be dependent on its availability. Lodge rentals take priority.

Day Camp Rental Fee	Guiding	Non-Guiding	
	\$7.50/pp	\$10/pp	

Note: Guiding groups camping over a long weekend in 2012 will get 3 nights for the price of 2.

Large propane tanks may be rented for \$10.00 each.

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Camp Wa-Thik-Ane Reservation Form

Please note that no reservation is final until the office has received a non-refundable deposit by Canada Post or by Credit card.

This reservation form should be	completed	by the "Responsible Guider".			
Date(s) Requested:					
Site Request: (1 st choice)		(2 nd choice)			
Multiple Site Rental / Site Names					
Type of Camp: Unit Car Unit/District Name:	mp [☐ District Camp ☐ Day Camp			
# of Girl ca	ampers	# of Adult Campers			
1. Responsible Guider Inform	ation				
Responsible Guider's Name		iMIS #			
Tel: (day)	Tel: (day) (night) (cell)				
Email:					
2. Payment	(commu	unication will be done by e-mail)			
"In Season" rental rates include s	swimming	& boating.			
	_	Propane (\$10 each) Total # Total Amount \$			
Guider Tabulation Worksheet					
+Camp site rental fee +Propane Sub-Total Camp Fees owed +5% GST +8.5% PST Total -Non-refundable deposit (25% due w/contract) Balance Due	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	Payment of Balance Due: Balance is due TWO WEEKS prior to your camp with no exceptions. You may pay by unit cheque, certified cheque, money order or credit card. No Cash or Personal Cheques will be accepted. All cheques are payable to: Girl Guides of Canada-Quebec Council, 100 boul. Alexis-Nihon, Ste 270, St-Laurent QC H4M 2N7			
Deposit: ☐Cheque ☐Visa ☐MC	Credit Card	d# Name on			
	Expiry date	0.574			
	Credit Card Expiry date	,			
Today's Date:		Signature of Responsible Guider			



SAFE GUIDE NEWS



The Safe guide is our risk management program and Guiders must take the face to face or e-learning training before they can become the responsible Guide for an activity or event. Safe Guide training is mandatory and must be completed within a new Guider's first six months as a member. For the new Guiders of September 2011, March is your deadline. For the Guiders registered before, September 2011, you had a year from your registration date to comply with the requirements.

Talk to your DC and perhaps we can provide a Safe Guide training in your district at your convenience.

REMINDERS

- By now, all experienced Guiders should have read all the changes in Safe Guide as of July 2011 found on the GGC National website.
- Qualifications: any Guiders with qualifications (First Aid, National Lifeguard, paddling, etc) should have their qualifications registered in iMIS.
- Health Care Professionals must have a current CPR, and should have their professional qualifications registered in iMIS.
- Non-member volunteers acting as Home Contact Person for units should be registered in iMIS. Please use the A.7 form.
- SG.3 (notification/authorization) must be sent to the Assessor for yellow/red level activity or event. An assessor may require more information from you and request that you send her your SG.1, SG.2 and /or the SG.4.
- If you are using a Third Party Service Provider, please follow the TPSP Guidelines found on page 69 of Safe Guide. Please remember that the submission of a completed SG.7 to your assessor MAY be necessary depending on the TPSP activity.
- Your SG.4 (emergency response plan) MUST be adapted to your activity. Also refer to the Appendix H in Safe Guide.
- Rangers cannot submit Safe Guide forms directly for assessment. Rangers can, however, complete the Safe
 Guide forms and submit them to their Guider for review. The Ranger Guider will review the forms, make any
 changes necessary and submit them for assessment. Only a fully screened Guider who has completed the Safe
 Guide training module can assume the overall responsibility for an activity.
- Planning is a MUST before you start filling out any forms. Using the SG Activity Guide with the closest fit to
 your event is a great first step in helping plan the content, preparation and safety management of your
 activity. The completion of forms is really the documentation stage of the planning process and is the last step
 in that process.
- Make sure that your forms get to the Assessor at safeguide@guidesquebec.ca on time; at least two weeks before your event, to allow for any follow up that might be needed. Safe Guide Assessors are volunteers just like you and wear many hats both in Guiding and in their "other" lives.

Questions can be sent to:

Louise Triggs

safeguideadviser@gmail.com







A huge **Congratulations** to everyone who sold and helped to support the selling of the Mint cookies this fall.

It was a success!

There were even requests for 100 extra cases throughout the province!

Girl Guides in Québec sold 3617 cases of mint cookies!!!!

This is an increase over the number of members at that time in the province. Once again congratulations!



Spring Classic cookie orders are coming up - your District Commissioner will receive an email with the order form in December.

Do not forget to think about the success we had with the Mint Campaign when you pass on your

numbers. Our goal as a province is 4000 cases which = 2 cases per girl + fundraising cases.



Email address for cookie questions/information/stories for the province: cookies@guidesquebec.ca



**Cookie ALL Star Prizing will continue so remember to keep your numbers to add them to the upcoming Spring campaign.

Here is the All Star Prize list for girls who individually sell each amount



Cookie Price Increase FAQ's from the National Website

Q. What will the new price of cookies be?

A. Cookies will retail for \$5.00 per box, beginning with the Classic 2012 campaign. This equals a \$12 increase per case.

Q. Why are we increasing the price?

A. We are increasing the price due to rising costs of ingredients, manufacturing and distribution, as well as the rising costs associated with delivering quality Girl Guide programming.

Q. How will the \$12 increase per case be distributed?

- \$3.00 to address rising cookie costs and ensure a 6-year cost stability (at 3% annual growth)
- \$4.75 to National budget to fund operational initiatives, including programming, events and international travel.
- \$0.75 to provincial Member subsidies to ensure all Canadian girls have the opportunity to experience Guiding (collected and managed at the provincial level)
- \$1.00 to the Guaranteed Unit Share (collected at provincial level)
- \$2.50 to the Provinces (collected and managed at provincial level)

Q. When was the last time we had a price increase to the consumer?

A. The last time we increased the price was in 2003.

Q. How long will this new price remain in effect?

A. Barring any unforeseen circumstances we expect to be able to hold the retail price of the cookies at \$5.00/box for approximately six years.

Q. How do we know that consumers will pay \$5.00/box for cookies?

A. In the fall of 2010 we commissioned a survey of over 1000 consumers. The results indicated that over 80% of Canadians would pay \$5.00/box for a box of cookies. In fact only 4.3% of people who *did not* buy Girl Guides cookies said they were too expensive.

Q. Why are we changing the price in the middle of the Guiding season?

A. The timing was chosen to reflect our fiscal year (calendar). This allows all levels of Guiding to better prepare their annual budgets.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

HAVE YOU NOMINATED A FELLOW GUIDER OR GIRL MEMBER FOR AN AWARD LATELY?

Not sure how to proceed?

Contact your Awards Specialist, Annette Levasseur at annettelevasseur@yahoo.ca for more information

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

* Additional awards can be found at:

https://memberzone.girlguides.ca/UnitSupportResources/awards/SitePages/Home.aspx

- National Scholarships applications are due April 1, 2012: www.girlguides.ca/scholarships
 - Québec Provincial Scholarship application is due June 1, 2012: http://www.guidesquebec.ca/GGSite/paperworks.aspx
 - Tips of the Hat are year-round tipofthehat@guidesquebec.ca



Red Cross First Aid Courses from Pulse Aide Inc.



Tailored to the needs of GGC as per Safe Guide July 2011

Complete details of First Aid Requirements for Safe Guide Activity Levels are found in the Safe Guide document, **July 2011 update**, found on the Girl Guides of Canada website.

http://forms.girlguides.ca/SafeGuide/Shared%20Documents/safe-guide-full.pdf

Pages of interest in Safe Guide relating to First Aid include, but are not limited to, pages 11-14 and 27-32.

N.B. All First Aid Qualifications must be entered into iMIS before your Safe Guide Activity!

Please also be aware that any Health Care Professional must have a <u>current</u> CPR certification, and both the CPR and the professional qualifications must be entered into iMIS

All Pulse Aide Inc. Courses now include the NEWLY RELEASED First Aid and CPR/AED Revised Program Standards for 2012, and the NEW Red Cross Manual. Certification is valid for 3 years from the date of the certification.

Emergency First Aid Course (8 hours) – Sat. February 4, 2012 8:30am-5:30pm NDG \$95

Standard First Aid Course (16 hours) – Sat. & Sun. February 4 & 5, 2012 8:30am-5:30pm NDG \$115

Other Courses for 2012

Guiders whose First Aid Certification will expire in the first half of 2012 are urged to contact us as soon as possible so that our 2012 course schedule will best serve your needs. Book early and avoid the Spring rush!

Upon completion, GGC-Quebec Council will reimburse 2/3 of the cost for an (adult) Guider

For more information, course schedule, to register in a scheduled course or to book a course for yourself or for your own District or Guiding community at a time and location most convenient for you,

please email joanlax@liberty-i.ca



Are you a young woman 18 – 30 years old?

Are you looking for a way to stay connected to Guiding within your busy lifestyle?

Are you looking for a group of like-minded new friends?

If you answered yes, I invite you to join Link!

Link??? Link is a branch of GGC for women aged 18 - 30 who still wish to maintain ties with Guiding. Link offers you a way to meet other young women in Guiding, continue to share your skills within Guiding when you have time, have fun with other young women, and stay informed of upcoming events and trainings. Link members may choose to also hold other positions in Guiding (such as unit leader), but you do not have to be a leader to be a Link member.



Let me give you a snapshot of my experiences with Link in British Columbia....Once upon a time, I had just started university in a big city where I knew few people and knew even less about living in a city. I attended my first Link meeting and was 'linked'! I had found a group of young, like-minded women who were keen to have adventures, plan bridging events with younger levels of girls, and most importantly, eat great food!

Over the next few years, my Link group gathered bimonthly over a potluck of tasty food (many of us lived in residence and dearly missed home-cooked meals) and planned numerous fun events. We went camping many places, including in the wet West Coast Rainforest; we cycle-toured various local islands; we planned activities, workshops, and entire camps for younger branches of Guiding; and we learned to batik, knit, and even fix a broken toilet!

Thus, Link can be **whatever** you want it to be and **however much** you want it to be. Link members can be part of a group, or just on their own. Interested?? You can contact me for more information, you can get a list of young women in your area and contact them directly, you can also check out the National Link Connections newsletter at http://www.girlguides.ca/publications, or contact Caitlin Archer, the National Link Specialist at linkspecialist@girlguides.ca. Also, watch the Piccolo and FB for more Link information!

Yours in Link, Jessie King

INTERESTED? You are invited to our first meeting. There will be a Montreal link get-together for anyone interested on *December 18th*, *2011 between 2 and 5 pm*, location to be determined.

Montreal contact person:

Jessica Reid gothikajess@hotmail.com

Remembrance Day 2011

A mosaic for Sainte-Anne's Veterans Hospital

By Sarah M.



For many years, Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada has taken part in activities showing their appreciation for our veterans, and this year, girls of all ages from the Pincourt district did so by creating a wonderful mosaic for Sainte-Anne's Veterans Hospital. Inspired by Veteran's Week, this piece of artwork is really one of a kind! Blooming fields of poppies made out of colourful glass tiles outlined by the words of *In Flanders Fields* by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae create a beautiful landscape that now hangs in the hospital.

A ceremony was organized for the unveiling of the project where Girl Guides presented Sainte-Anne's Hospital with the mosaic. The girls also had the chance to meet with some of the veterans that are now staying in what is the only remaining hospital in Canada dedicated entirely to the care of Canadian Veterans.

Check out more pictures that have been posted on the <u>Girl Guides of Canada-Guides</u> du Canada – Québec Facebook page!

To hear more about what your fellow Girl Guides are up to, <u>visit our blog!</u>

About the author: Sarah M. is a 16 year old girl who has been a member of Girl Guides since the age of 5. She enjoys swimming and helping out in her community.



2011 Girl Recognition Event

Québec Girl Guides shine as they are honoured for their achievements

The Girl Recognition Event is held every year in order to celebrate the accomplishments of girls who have completed their Lady Baden-Powell, Canada Cord or Chief Commissioner's Awards over the last Guiding year.

Guest speaker Dianea Carroll Philips, a teacher and NASA certified Aerospace Educator, set the tone of the event with her motto: "If you can dream it, you can do it!" Event organizer and Lakeshore District Deputy District Commissioner Kelly Vandzura said that Philips "showed girls they can challenge themselves and accomplish the



goals they set for themselves – and to know that their guiders are there to support them along the way."

Hosted by the Lakeshore District this year, District Commissioner Nissa Grant called the event "a district collaboration," and noted that "Guiders, you should be very proud of your girls." Indeed, we are all very proud of the efforts of the girls that received awards, and thankful to all of those who collaborated in making the day a rousing success!

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Nicole A	Ashley G	Jillian Q	Cicely A	Rachel P
Sydney B	Rebecca H	Elissa S	Christine B	Bianca P
Eileen B	Victoria H	Marissa S	Julie C	Laura P
Laura B	Amanda L	Ariane S	Alexandra H	Kimberly R
Alexandra C	Kaila L	Kaylee S	Krystina M	Emily R
Abigail C	Cassandra L	Emily S	Victoria M	Robin R
Laurence D	Erika M	Brooke T	Sabrina M	Andréanne R
Isabella D	Michelle M	Daniela V		
Brianna D	Julia M	Nicole W		
Victoria D	Nicole M	Elliana W		
Katie E	Sophie P			

Handy GGC Québec e-mail addresses

Safe Guide:

safeguide@guidesquebec.ca

You will immediately receive an acknowledgement e-mail when Safe Guide receives your e-mail.

Screening:

screening@quidesquebec.ca

Nominations:

nominations@quidesquebec.ca

Tip of the Hat:

tipofthehat@quidesquebec.ca

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