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The Piccolo

February 2011

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.

Where do we stand now?

Compared to the 2009-2010 Guiding year we are: – 12% for girls and -15% for adults

Why?

First, many thanks to all the DC's who took time out of their very busy schedules to meet with various members of the Quebec Membership Growth Team (QMGT) to discuss the challenges and opportunities related to membership growth in their District. We learned a great deal.

We learned the following (in summary):

- . Most districts are undertaking activities which bring them visibility in their communities
- . 'Girls recruit girls' and 'adults recruit adults'
- . Advertising has not been making the telephones ring to any extent
- . Guiding, if known in the community, is not considered as 'cool', or 'au courant' or relevant by many girls and parents
- . We now have some more traditional communities where Guiding has been absent for enough time that there is no community memory
- . Adult recruitment is a challenge everywhere

What is next?

We have a plan!

Very shortly we will be attending the next DC meeting in order to discuss a proposed plan that focuses on the very short term. That is – this spring! This plan can only succeed with the commitment of all! Once we have feedback from the DC's you will be hearing about the plans.

We are also in discussions with National regarding the potential for a pilot project for 2011.

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



Pamela Rice on behalf of the Quebec Membership Growth Team



“Water for Wa-Thik-Ane”

For the past 85 years Camp Wa-Thik-Ane has been getting its water supply from Lac Bouchette. Well times have changed and we are now required to supply drinking water from a Government approved source, or in this case an artesian well. Camp Wa-Thik-Ane offers service and accommodation to the public and this necessitates obtaining special permits prior to the installation of a well. This project could run as high as \$50K. Many people have asked why we just don't take money from the funds that we have received for the sale of Lac Adair. You might be unaware that the Province has been running a deficit budget for many years and a good portion of this deficit is a result of running our camps. The Province can not continue working with a deficit budget or we will run out of money.

The good news is, a property committee has been formed and one of their mandates is to move Wa-Thik-Ane towards self sufficiency. Our first priority is to raise the funds necessary to install the well otherwise known as “Water for Wa-Thik-Ane”. We have many ideas which will enable everyone to get involved in this project. As a matter of fact, the only way that this will work is if everyone does get involved. Plans are in the works to ask our Pathfinders and Rangers to design a fundraising calendar for the month of April which will bring attention to the importance of water and water conservation and at the same time raise the first funds for the well. Many more ideas are in the works and I suggest that you stay tuned to the Piccolo and website for upcoming ideas and opportunities. Groups or individuals can also get involved by offering volunteer time to camp projects like the clean-up weekend on May 13th to 15th. Details will also be in the Piccolo or you can speak to your District Camping Adviser. Finally you will be able to track the progress of this campaign by checking the amount of water that we collect in our giant fundraising bucket. Whether you contribute a little drop or a whole cascade, every little bit will help us fill the bucket, dig the well and succeed.

Let's all get involved in “Water for Wa-thk-ane”.



Amber and I want to thank Pathfinders, Rangers and leaders who came to the GFSC training on January 29th. Everyone had a great time, and many laughs were had as well. We welcomed over 30 participants and it was a great success. The day encompassed learning new leadership skills and putting them into practice. Discussions on personal Safety and a safety audit walk were done to have the girls discover where improvement could be made in their community.

If you are interested in having any of the participants do a Safety Audit Walk with your unit or if you know a girl or units, who would like to participate in this Challenge, contact us so we can help you and your girls. This training is also available in French.

Marguerite and Amber
gpsc_quebec@hotmail.com or
Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada

Red Cross First Aid Courses from Pulse Aide Inc.



Training Partner

Complete details of First Aid Requirements for Safe Guide Activity Levels are found in the Safe Guide document, July 2010 update, found on the Girl Guides of Canada website.

All courses include current Red Cross Manual and Certification valid for 3 years.

Emergency First Aid Course (8 hours) – Sat. Mar. 19, 2011 8:30am-5:30pm Howick \$95
Standard First Aid Course (16 hours) – Sat. & Sun. Mar 19 & 20, 2011 8:30am-5:30pm Howick \$115

Emergency First Aid Course (8 hours) – Sat. Apr. 9, 2011 8:30am-5:30pm Brossard \$95
Standard First Aid Course (16 hours) – Sat. & Sun. Apr. 9 & 10, 2011 8:30am-5:30pm Brossard \$115

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

Motivated Guiders = Happy Girls



Become Québec's New Training Adviser!!

Our Guiders need the support of a Training Adviser so that they can be inspirational and deliver programming that keeps our girl members coming back for more!

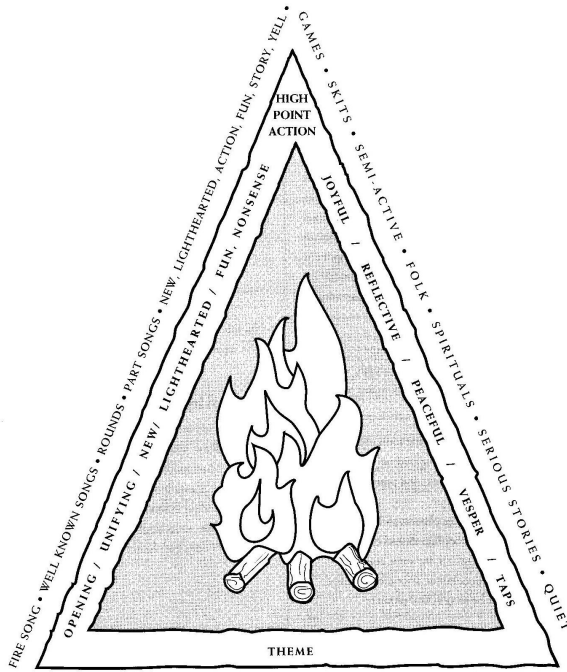
As Québec's Training Adviser, you will have the opportunity to work with a team of trainers and DCs to ensure that Québec's Guiders will be well prepared and motivated to deliver great programming. You will also represent Québec's needs as part of the Training Adviser network. This network will offer you the opportunity to meet women like yourself from across Canada, to learn and share ideas, as well as, provide input on up-coming training programs.

If you like to inspire others through great training experiences, enjoy being innovative, and want to make a difference to Guiding in Québec, then this is a key role for you to consider.

Note: While a training background is an asset, you do not necessarily have to be a trainer to take on this role.

Quebec pARTicipate Challenge 2011

CAMPFIRE PLANNING



1. Enjoy three well-planned Campfires in February, March and April 2011
2. Submit your three (3) Campfire Plans to the Arts Committee by April 30th
3. Crests will be mailed by early May

Send to Joan Lax joanlax@liberty-i.ca or Vera Esdon veraesdon@sympatico.ca

- 1) Unit Name & Number
- 2) District
- 3) Name and Address to send Crests
- 4) Number of Girls who participated in planning
- 5) Number of Guiders who participated

Campfire Plan (include three separate plans for your three Campfires) Include names of song, copies of poems, readings or stories

Campfire Theme _____ and Date of Campfire _____

1. **Opening** Opening (fire-lighting) song, thought, short poem or reading on the theme
2. **Unifying** Well-known song(s), unison, rounds, or part songs, everyone participates
3. **Lighthearted** Rounds, part songs, action songs, or story songs that help develop theme
4. **Fun and Nonsense** Lively, noisy, active songs, rounds, part songs, chants
5. **High Point** Games, yells, skits, creative stories
6. **Joyful** Transition to quieter fun songs, semi-active songs, folk songs, rounds, part songs
7. **Reflective** Thought provoking, inspirational
8. **Peaceful** Spirituals, unifying songs, rounds, a story/poem/reading with a message
9. **Vesper** A final thought in the form of a song, or short reading, reflecting our spiritual values in Guiding
10. **Taps** Sung at the close of a meeting, day or event. Daylight Taps if still daytime. **Brownie or Spark Closing** if appropriate

Public Relations = Growing Guiding



Let's Unveil the Best Kept Secret! Public Relations Adviser Needed

Growing Guiding in Québec ensures that we live up to our promise of 'taking action for a better world'. Confident, resourceful and courageous girls build stronger communities. We are the best kept secret in Québec! Let's take off the wrapper and get the word out!

As Public Relations Adviser you will have a critical role to play as we roll out our Membership Growth plans over the next three years. You will work with the Québec Membership Growth team to provide input, ideas and support for Membership Growth



Exciting Opportunity Website Manager

Quebec Council is looking for a volunteer Website manager to assume the responsibility of the Quebec Provincial website. The responsibilities will include keeping our site current, passing along new submissions to our web master, ensuring that old outdated material is removed from the site as well as other site related tasks. The position does not require any programming skills however knowledge of website functionality and layout design is a must. This is an opportunity to let your creative juices flow! For more information please contact Joanne at: joanne.millette@gmail.com

Thank You Training!!

The Provincial Council would like to extend a very big **Thank You** to everyone who made the 2011 Provincial Training Day a big success. From the Training committee who organized the event, to the Trainers and experienced Guiders who shared their talents and offered trainings to the Guiders who took the time to come out and participate, thank you one and all. This year was extra special as it included the "Girls for Safer Communities" mentors as well as Pathfinders and Rangers who joined us and took part in this exciting training.

Merci



July 23 ~ July 30, 2011
2011 Interprovincial Opportunity
Spirit of Adventure Rendezvous – SOAR 2011 in Agassiz, BC

My unit is looking for 2 Pathfinders to participate in this Adventure. Girls from across Canada, USA and other countries will gather in Vancouver at the end of July 2011. What a great way to experience this great country.

Come join the over 2000 girls in this Spirit of the Valley event.

Check out this great link with great pictures from past SOAR's:

<http://www.bc-girlguides.org/soarbc/index.html>.

Guiding is all about camping, and what can be better than going camping in Vancouver and meeting a whole bunch of new girls all wanting to have a great time.

Cost: The camp fee is \$450.00 (including HST) per participant plus airfare and personal expenses (Approximate cost of trip \$ 1250.00, excluding personal expenses). The Provincial Council will subsidize \$250.00 per girl.

Camp fee is inclusive of food, excursions, program activities, event t-shirt, hat and crest.

Interested girls should fill in STG.1 and STG.2, forms and follow the instructions for Nationally sponsored international trips This information can be found on the National website at:

<http://forms.girlguides.ca/default.aspx>

Deadline for Applications: ASAP (please don't delay this trip is only 6 months away)

Please send all applications to: Girl Guides of Canada – Guides du Canada, Quebec Council, 1939 de Maisonneuve W., Montreal, QC H3H 1K3, Attn: Interprovincial travel

**Quebec Provincial Travel Opportunity
Irish Girl Guides - Centennial Camp 2012**
event includes Pax Lodge, London, Dublin & touring Ireland
-the DEADLINE is fast approaching-

EVENT DATES

July 1 – July 15, 2012
Irish Girl Guide Camp
July 4 – July 11, 2012



*Experience international friendship at Pax Lodge World Center
Share the events and activities of the Irish Girl Guide - Camp 101 (7 days),
Go on amazing sightseeing trips, shopping, a play and sites of interest in London,
as well as excursions in Ireland, and so much more.
Chosen participants will have an active role in the building of the final itinerary!*



DO YOU KNOW THE PERFECT GIRL WHO REALLY SHOULD APPLY?

Now's the time to tell her so!

The deadline is fast approaching and if that girl hasn't thought about it yet, here's your chance to encourage her to apply. Sometimes the inspiration is there, but only those who follow through and complete the full application, and get it and their references in on time can be chosen to go! Don't let her miss out on her chance to be chosen for this unique event!

HOW TO APPLY?

Event Application has been e-mailed to Rangers and Pathfinders in IMIS.

If you wish to receive a copy, please e-mail ireland2012.gc@gmail.com

APPLICATION DEADLINE March 17, 2011

PICTURES NEEDED

If you have pictures taken in 2010 at the following events, please send them to Janice at jamesandjanice@gmail.com

Camps, Provincial Training Day, Girl Recognition, the Eradicate Poverty and Hunger Challenge or a major PR event.

Please ensure that you have Image Releases for all.

Thank you for your contributions!



SUMMER CAMP NEWS

Wonderful Week at Wa-Thik-Ane

Wonderful Week at Wa-Thik-Ane Camp programs will focus, based on age appropriate programming, on learning to live comfortably in a tent while exploring nature, learning camp skills, having fun at the lake, being creative and enjoying camp life.

Wee Camp Together !!

5 - 8 years old with a female adult
Sunday July 3 — Tuesday July 5
\$ 125—for girl & adult

Woods, Water and Wonderful Fun !

6 - 9 years - Tues. July 5 — Sat. July 9
\$ 200—per girl

Week in the Woods at Wa-Thik-Ane !

9 - 17 years - Sun. July 3 — Sat. July 9
\$ 275—per girl
Select Guide, Pathfinder or Ranger program options

Screened Staff and/volunteers who will camp in tents near the girls. All campers will participate in regular camp activities including waterfront, outdoor cooking, games and campfire; are expected to help with camp chores and fully participate in all activities.

Camp fee includes:

- Accommodation in a canvas tent *
- Meals and snacks for camp period
- All program activities and equipment
- Opportunities for your daughter to learn skills, explore nature and gain independence

Camp fees do NOT include:

- Transportation
- Personal equipment
- Tuck shop purchases (treats, badges etc...)

Detailed flyers will be emailed to all members or are available at :

www.guidesquebec.ca

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED !!

Specialty Camps \$ 300 per week per girl

Waterfront Fun

8-12 years - Sun. July 10 - Sat. July 16
12-17 years - Sun. July 17 - Sat. July 22

Explore the waterfront and participate in swimming, boating, lifesaving at Lac Bouchette; for girls who enjoy being in and on the lake as a part of camp life.
GGC Swim Test must be passed prior to camp.

Music, Arts & Drama

10-14 years - Sun. July 23 - Sat. July 30

Make the woods ring with song, create with Nature and perform under the sun and stars; for girls looking for creative outlet while enjoying camp life.

Wilderness Safety

12-17 years - Sun. July 31 - Sat. Aug 6

Explore the backwoods, learn about staying safe outdoors and test your survival skills while enjoying camp with your friends.

Standard First Aid Certification available for additional fee.

Frogs & French Toast

8-11 years - Sun. Aug. 7 - Friday Aug 12

Explore the frog pond, chase Butterflies & fireflies, try your hand at cook in new and different camp ways. (*Residential)

Rangers, Guiders & Moms Price—TBA

Standard First Aid

14 years plus - Sat.-Sun Aug 6-7

Intro to Canoeing

14 years plus - Sat.-Sun July 16-17

CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WA-THIK-ANE CAMP CLEAN-UP DAY - May 14 2011

Put it on your calendar now and keep it free – ALL Guiding members with their families and friends are invited to help clean up our provincial campsite. Help is needed to clean and inventory sites, pitch tents and skilled labour is always welcome for electrical, roofing, carpentry, plumbing and other tasks.

A BBQ lunch provided for all helpers.

Please complete the attached form OR send your name, phone number, a short explanation of why you would be interested in the particular position as well as the name of a Guiding member who could act as a reference for you to gcguidescamp@bell.net

Wonderful Week at Wa-Thik-Ane - July 3-9, 2011

PLEASE NOTE: Without committed adult volunteers, these camps will not happen.

4 Site Coordinators

Responsible Guiders are required to manage program and activities for branch specific sites at the Wonderful Week at Wa-Thik-Ane 2011. These women will plan the program and menus as part of a team with the Camping Committee and the other Coordinators

WWTA Food Coordinator

An organised woman is needed to work as part of the Camping team to plan menus, organise food purchasing and manage food distribution during the camp period. Detailed knowledge or skills are not required but an asset

WWTA Health & Safety Coordinator

A Guider with current First Aid is needed to work as part of the Camping team to ensure Safe Guide compliance in the planning process, organise first aid supplies before camp and manage health and safety including medication distribution and first aid emergencies during the camp

Commitment includes 4-6 planning meetings and at camp July 2-9, 2011 (with your daughter(s) if applicable)

Volunteer Guiders

12-15 Guiders & interested women are required to help implement program and activities for branch specific sites (*Sparks Mom & Me; Brownies; Guides; Pathfinders & Rangers*) at the Wonderful Week at Wa-Thik-Ane Provincial Camp 2011. These women, who if not guiders will be PRC screened, will enjoy being outdoors and are prepared to be positive and flexible. Site Guiders will ideally participate for the full camp they are assisting, however, if not available for the full camp, a minimum of 2 nights is requested. Previous camping experience is an asset but not required.

Commitment includes 1-2 information meetings and minimum 2 nights camp between July 3-9, 2011.

(Your daughter(s) would receive a discount on the camp fee if applicable.)

Specialty Camps 2011

Specialty Camp Planning Committee & Site Guiders

Guiders & women with particular skills or talents are being sought to help with planning and implementation (with a staff team) of specialty camps Please **“Recognise and use your talents and abilities.”**

Waterfront Camps – July 10 – 16 (8-12 yrs) & July 17-22 (12-17 yrs)

Music, Arts & Drama – July 23 – 30 (10-14 yrs)

Wilderness Safety – July 31 – August 6 (12-17 yrs)

Nature & Cooking – Aug 7 – 12 (8-11 yrs)

SERVICE & SISTERHOOD EVENT

For Pathfinders & Rangers

Friday May 13 – after 7 pm to Sunday May 15 – 1 pm

Enjoy camping and outdoors and **want to take action for a better world?**
Will you **share your talents & abilities** doing a Service Project at Camp Wa-Thik-Ane?
Want to **share in the sisterhood of Guiding** with other Pathfinders & Rangers?

SIGN UP NOW!

ONLY \$20 per person (5 meals & accommodation included)

Groups can choose a project ahead of time to accomplish project planning challenges or help out where the Camp and Properties Committees feel they are needed.

Activities will focus on planning and socialising, camp Clean-up – cleaning, repairing and rebuilding;
Saturday evening is for campfire, fun and friendship; wrap up on Sunday morning with games, outdoor fun and finishing up projects.

Unit Guiders – if 6 girls OR your entire unit (if less than 6) register - One Guider is free

Guiders or girls can get copies of the SG1 & SG2 forms
from QCGuidescamp@bell.net or call the office to have them mailed to you

CAMP STAFF NEEDED

Enthusiastic women (18 yrs and over) are needed to help animate camp and outdoor activities at Camp Wa-Thik-Ane in Morin Heights. Staff will be required to plan and implement programs* which include Camp Skills, Nature Study, Sports & Games, Arts & Crafts, Swimming & Boating and other Guiding program activities in a camp setting. Ideal candidates are studying Recreation, Education or a related field; have experience with Girl Guide programs and camp; are First Aid & Safe Guide qualified; and are enthusiastic and energetic. Transportation to/from camp is the responsibility of the individual.

***Weekend Animation Team** - Saturdays and/or Sundays during late May-June-September-October. One Coordinator and 3-4 Animators are required - Responsibilities will include planning half-day or full day programs to meet the themes and needs of different rental groups.

***Lifeguards & Boating Staff** -

- 1- Saturdays and/or Sundays during late May-June-September-October. Responsibilities will include supervising and planning waterfront activities and needs of rental groups.
- 2- July 2-August 14 – working as a part of a Camp Staff Team to plan and implement a summer camp program including Swimming, Boating and other waterfront activities

***Summer Camp Staff** – July 2 - August 15 – One Coordinator and 3-4 Animators are required to work as a team to plan and implement a residential summer Guiding camp program in tents. More details available from the office or QCGuidescamp@bell.net

INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS should contact the office or
QCGuidescamp@bell.net for more information

CAMP VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

NAME:		IMIS #:
Phone:		Alt. Phone:
Email:		
District/Unit:		
I am interested in <input type="checkbox"/> volunteering <input type="checkbox"/> find out more about volunteering at:		
WONDERFUL WEEKS AT WA-THIK-ANE 2011		
<input type="checkbox"/> Site Coordinator (Please circle) Spark Brownie Guide Pathfinder-Ranger		
<input type="checkbox"/> Food Services Coordinator <input type="checkbox"/> Health & Safety Coordinator		
<input type="checkbox"/> Site Gulder (Please circle) Spark Brownie Guide Pathfinder-Ranger		
<input type="checkbox"/> Specialty Camps - Please specify area of interest: _____.		
FALL DAYCAMP 2011		
<input type="checkbox"/> Site Coordinator (Please circle) Spark Brownie Guide Pathfinder Ranger		
<input type="checkbox"/> Food Services Coordinator <input type="checkbox"/> Health & Safety Coordinator		
<input type="checkbox"/> Day Camp Team (Please circle) Program Food Services Health & Safety (Specific level? Spark Brownie Guide Pathfinder Ranger Adults)		
Wa-Thik-Ane Camp Clean-up		
<input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Wa-Thik-Ane Property Committee		
I would like to help because:		
Guiding Reference:		
Name:		Position:
Phone:		Email:
<input type="checkbox"/> My participation would include my _____ daughter(s) aged _____.		



PROGRAM

Micheline Labonté, Program Adviser

National Service Project

The National Service Project: EmPOWERing Girls will be launched in February. The 2011 Service Project is all about recognizing the power that Canadian girls have to impact their communities and change the world around them.

Check in the next Piccolo for activities to do with your unit.



Good complement for the program

What is Défi Climat?

- The largest awareness-raising and mobilization campaign in the fight against climate change in Quebec;
- Hundreds of businesses, public institutions and organizations across the regions of Quebec participating by mobilizing their employees or students;
- Close to 60,000 citizens committed to reducing their greenhouse gas emissions by changing their lifestyle at home, at work and when travelling.

Why take up the Défi Climat challenge?

- To do your part for the environment;
- To participate in the movement for a more sustainable society;
- To reduce your energy consumption;
- To respect future generations;
- To improve your quality of life and health;
- To win prizes!

Organizations may register until April 15, 2011

PROGRAMME

Projet national de service

Le projet national de service (EmPOWERing Girls) sera lancé en février. Ce projet est de reconnaître le pouvoir de l'impact que les filles canadiennes ont sur leurs communautés et changé le monde autour d'elles.

Recherché dans le prochain Piccolo pour des activités à faire avec votre unité.

Bon complément pour le programme

Qu'est-ce que le Défi Climat?

- La plus vaste campagne de mobilisation pour la lutte aux changements climatiques au Québec
- Des centaines d'entreprises, d'institutions publiques et d'organismes de toutes les régions du Québec qui participent à mobiliser leurs employés, étudiants et élèves;
- Près de 60 000 citoyens et citoyennes qui s'engagent à réduire leurs émissions de gaz à effet de serre en modifiant leurs habitudes de vie et de déplacement.

Pourquoi relever le Défi Climat?

- pour faire sa part pour l'environnement;
- pour participer au mouvement pour une société plus durable;
- pour réduire sa consommation d'énergie;
- pour respecter les générations futures;
- pour améliorer sa qualité de vie et sa santé;
- pour gagner des prix!

La clôture des inscriptions pour les organisations est le 15 avril 2011.

<http://deficlimat.qc.ca/deficlimat2011/en/What-is-Defi-Climat>

World Thinking Day 2011 newsletter



Each year on **22 February**, Girl Guides and Girl Scouts all over the world celebrate **World Thinking Day (WTD)**. This is a special day when Girl Scouts and Girl Guides think of each other and give thanks and appreciation to their "sisters".



The 2011 theme

This year the theme is UN Millennium Development Goal (MDG) 3: girls worldwide say "empowering girls will change our world" and the aim is to raise awareness of the situation for many girls and young women and empower them to take a stand against inequality. In different areas of the world, women do not have the same access to education, work and leadership opportunities as men.

Did you know ...

- Women hold only 19 per cent of the world's parliamentary seats
- Girls are twice as likely to be unable to read as boys
- Women do two thirds of the work in the world, but earn only 10 per cent of the income
- Six out of every ten women experience physical or sexual violence in their lifetime

Support the Fund

Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting is about empowering girls and young women to develop leadership skills and live fulfilling, happy lives. By donating to WAGGGS' World Thinking Day Fund, you can help empower and support girls and young women around the world!

For WTD 2011 we have identified five countries to showcase gender equality and women's empowerment, demonstrating how Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting supports the girls and young women in these countries to have a long-term impact on their communities. The five focus countries are: Bolivia, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of Congo, Nepal and Yemen.

You can find out more about the countries and the Fund on the World Thinking Day website.

Get involved

- **Download the activity pack**, which contains lots of WTD activities on the theme of gender equality
- **Purchase WTD badges or pins** – proceeds from sales go towards the WTD Fund www.waggs-shop.org
- **Check the fundraising ideas** from the WTD website
- **Send an online WTD card**
- **Leave a WTD message** on our special online board
- **Upload an image of your national uniform** and share it with Girl Guides and Girl Scouts globally
- **Add your WTD activity** to our new online map
- **Donate** to the World Thinking Day Fund

How you helped in 2010

In 2010 the theme was **MDG 1: end poverty and hunger**. Thanks to your fundraising efforts, the WTD Fund provided:

- Leadership training and a refugee support project in Georgia
- Resources and support for Girl Guides and their communities in earthquake-stricken Haiti
- Vocational and income-generating skills training for young women in the Maldives
- A goat-rearing project in deprived regions of Sudan
- A vehicle for the Girl Guides Association of Zimbabwe to reach out to girls and young women in poor, remote areas

Read about last year's celebrations.

For more information visit www.worldthinkingday.org or email wtd@waggsworld.org

World Thinking Day

On 22 February each year 10 million girls and young women and over one million adult volunteers celebrate World Thinking Day by doing activities and participating in campaigns related to the years' theme.



The World Thinking Day theme for 2011 is **MDG 3: girls worldwide say “empowering girls will change our world”** and the aim is to raise awareness of the situation for many girls and young women and empower them to take a stand against inequality. This World Thinking Day website has exciting new functionality! You can now [upload pictures](#) of your national uniforms, [add your WTD activities](#) to our new global map and [send an online card](#)!

World Thinking Day (WTD) was first celebrated in 1926 at an International conference in the USA, when attendees decided that there should be a special day when **Girl Scouts and Girl Guides all around the world think of each other and give thanks and appreciation to their ‘sister’ Girl Guides and Girl Scouts**. In 1932, at another event in Poland, the idea of further showing appreciation and friendship to all girls by offering a voluntary contribution to the World Association was established.

How do we celebrate

Every year girls and young women around the world organize fun activities to celebrate World Thinking Day and to learn more about the theme. These are just some examples of what they did in 2009, which focused on the theme girls worldwide say “Stop the spread of AIDS and other diseases”:

- The 22nd Hamilton Spark Unit in Hamilton, Ontario, raised a total of \$112.00 to buy 16 mosquito nets for the 'Malaria Bites' programme through the Canadian Red Cross.
- The Association des Guides Musulmanes du Liban celebrated World Thinking Day 2009 with songs, games and sweets. They visited patients in a hospital to wish them a speed recovery and put a smile on their faces.
- In Santiago, Panama, Guides did some door to door visits in the neighborhood to give information on HIV and AIDS. They also did a survey about the knowledge on HIV and AIDS in the village of La Chorrera.
- Federação de Bandeirantes do Brasil asked their members to participate in an interactive online course about the theme 'Stop the spread of AIDS'. The course is part of the project 'Listen, Learn and Live' about preventing the spread of AIDS and sexual transmitted diseases.
- ASIJ Troop 16 from Tokyo Council of USAGSO participated in a postcard exchange, traded patches with troops in other countries and also a couple shoeboxes with things from Japan with troops in Ireland and New York.
- A group of Wolves called 'The Joyful group of Winnie The Pooh,' which meets at Primary School n^o1 Jaworze (Poland), took part in a Red Cross initiative called “Stop malaria”. They watched a multimedia presentation and learned important facts about the disease

Today World Thinking Day raises funds for the Movement worldwide, benefiting millions of girls through the work of the World Association and our Member Organizations. The money raised is used to carry out projects and advocacy campaigns and to support Member Organizations in their work at the grass roots level.

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For 2010 we highlighted the difference Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting makes and the ways it challenges poverty in five countries. The five countries, one from each of our regions are:

1. Haiti
2. Georgia
3. Maldives
4. Sudan
5. Zimbabwe

Each of the five countries in 2010 will receive a small grant from the World Thinking Day Fund for a project along the theme of 'Poverty' in order to offer more to girls. Read more on the [WTD website](#).

Get involved!

- 1 Visit the [World Thinking Day 2011 website](#) to learn about the theme and more about Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting worldwide using our fun and informative activities. Complete six activities to earn a World Thinking Day badge (available to purchase from our online shop)
- 2 Make a donation to WAGGGS or raise funds for World Thinking Day – there are some great suggestions of how on the World Thinking Day website
- 3 Become an advocate for change through the Millennium Development Goals – find out more using our online resources
- 4 Spread the word! Tell other people about World Thinking Day and invite them to join us in this unique global day. Find out what others are saying about it and how you can help raise the profile
- 5 Send a WTD card to a Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting sister somewhere in the world and start an international friendship based on cultural understanding.

The 2011 theme is taken from the first UN Millennium Development Goal and is part of our [WAGGGS Global Action Theme](#) girls worldwide say “together we can change our world”. The theme encourages girls, young women and those around them to make a personal commitment to change the world. Our World Thinking Day themes will continue to be based on the Millennium Development Goals and will be as follows:

2010 “together we can end extreme poverty and hunger” (MDG1) We have a special focus on the difference Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting can make in five countries: Zimbabwe, Sudan, Maldives, Haiti and Georgia

2011 “empowering girls will change our world” (MDG3)

2012 “we can save our planet” (MDG7)

GUIDERS – please mark your calendars!!

**The Annual General Meeting of GGC-Québec Council
will be held on May 5, 2011.**

**Details and ticket information to follow in the March
*The Piccolo.***

Unit and District Treasurer's Calendar

Check your Treasurer's Handbook for more specific information; this is a brief outline

<p>January</p> <p>Prepare financial books for review; complete reviews for Units</p> <p>January 31: District Annual Financial Reports and supporting documents to be sent to Quebec Council Office</p> <p>Unit Annual Financial Reports and completed Financial Review Checklists to be sent to Quebec Council Office</p>	<p>February</p> <p>Collect and remit donations for the Canadian World Friendship Fund (suggested \$1 per member minimum) to Quebec Council Office</p>	<p>March</p> <p>Classic chocolate and vanilla cookies delivered</p> <p>Fundraising blackout starts</p>	<p>April</p> <p>Fundraising blackout ends one month after delivery of cookies</p>
<p>May</p> <p>Payment due for cookies</p> <p>Deadline for District surcharge requests (for high rental costs)</p> <p>District Meeting: Appoint financial reviewers for Units if necessary (changing unit treasurers only)</p>	<p>June</p> <p>GST / QST rebate requests due to Quebec Council Office</p> <p>Prepare financial books for mid-year review, review and forward Annual Financial Reports and completed Financial Review Checklists for Districts and Units (as necessary) to Quebec Council Office by June 15</p>	<p>July</p> <p>Go hiking, camping or whatever</p>	<p>August</p> <p>Relax, you've earned it</p>
<p>September</p> <p>District Meeting: Update bank account signing officers</p> <p>Visit bank to change the signing officers</p> <p>Chocolatey Mint Cookie delivery</p> <p>Fundraising blackout starts</p>	<p>October</p> <p>District Meeting: Districts should prepare annual budgets for the 2012 calendar year. Submit to Council by October 31</p> <p>Fundraising blackout ends one month after delivery of cookies</p>	<p>November</p> <p>Payment due for cookies</p>	<p>December</p> <p>District Meeting: Appoint financial reviewers for Units</p> <p>Year-end is December 31 for Units and Districts</p>

Calendrier des Trésorières des Unités et Secteurs

Vérifiez votre manuel de la trésorière pour les détails spécifiques; ce tableau est un bref résumé:

<p>Janvier</p> <p>Préparation des documents pour la révision financière</p> <p>31 janvier : le Rapport annuel du secteur et les documents justificatifs doivent être envoyés au conseil québécois</p> <p>les Rapports annuels des unités et les Listes de vérification de la révision financière doivent être envoyés au conseil québécois</p>	<p>Février</p> <p>Collection des fonds pour le pour « Les fonds d'Amitié Mondiaux Canadiens » (\$1 minimum par membre est suggéré) au conseil québécois</p>	<p>Mars</p> <p>Livraison des biscuits classiques : chocolat et vanille</p> <p>Aucune activité de financement permise pendant un mois</p>	<p>Avril</p> <p>Activités de financement permises un mois après la livraison des biscuits</p>
<p>Mai</p> <p>Paiement des biscuits au conseil québécois</p> <p>31 mai : la demande d'autorisation de percevoir des frais supplémentaires doit être soumise au Conseil québécois</p> <p>Conseil du secteur: résolutions désignant les responsables de la révision financière pour les unités s'il y a changement de trésorière</p>	<p>Juin</p> <p>15 juin: Date limite pour la demande de remboursement de TPS/TVQ</p> <p>Préparation des documents pour la révision financière mi-exercice pour le 15 juin</p>	<p>Juillet</p> <p>Camping, marche, excursion, etc.</p> <p>Profitez du temps chaud pour la baignade et les plaisirs de la plage</p>	<p>Août</p> <p>Détendez-vous, vous l'avez mérité</p>
<p>Septembre</p> <p>Conseil du secteur: résolutions désignant les signataires autorisées pour les comptes du secteur et pour les unités</p> <p>Signataires autorisées se rendent à la banque pour s'identifier et signer</p> <p>Livraison des biscuits chocolatés à la menthe</p> <p>Aucune activité de financement permise pendant un mois</p>	<p>Octobre</p> <p>Conseil du secteur: approbation du budget annuel du secteur, pour l'année 2012. A soumettre au conseil québécois pour le 31 octobre</p> <p>Activités de financement permis un mois après la livraison des biscuits</p>	<p>Novembre</p> <p>Paiement des biscuits au conseil québécois</p>	<p>Décembre</p> <p>Conseil du secteur: résolutions désignant les responsables de la révision financière pour les unités</p> <p>La fin de l'exercice financier à tous les niveaux des GGC est fixée au 31 décembre</p>