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To Heather Martin for her work organizing the Provincial Fall Camp. The camp was a fantastic, successful day for 400 girls and women. It created wonderful memories for girls and leaders. What a beautiful way for all of us to get better acquainted with Wa-Thik-Ane!

**Jill Rothberg**  
**Lakeshore District**



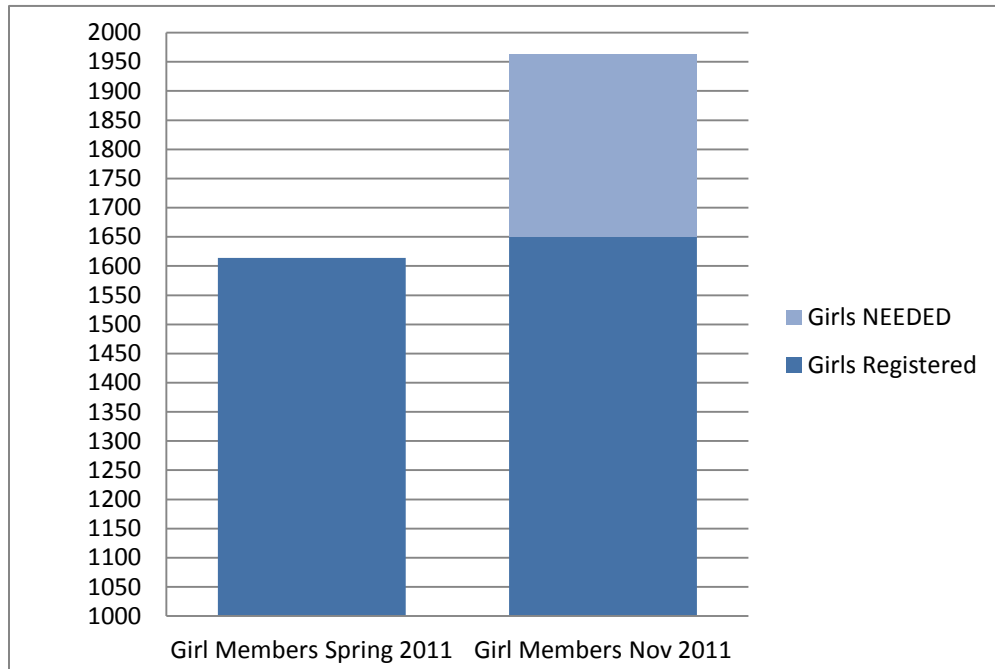
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**Membership Growth: 1000 Members 2014 Recruitment Campaign**

**So, how are we doing so far?**

We are at 87% of our 2011 goal – that’s a 3% increase since spring and **312 more girls** to go!



Your hard work and determination is paying off! Please keep sending in any outstanding registration forms, and let’s keep driving those numbers!

***With 312 more girls this Guiding year, together, we can increase by 1000 members by 2014!***

## What's the Membership Growth Committee Up To?

The Membership Growth Committee will be meeting on **November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011**. What are some of the exciting initiatives they will be discussing?

**Pilot Projects** – Test out Membership Growth strategies in the field!

**New Unit Start-Up Team** – Support new unit start-up and new Guiders!

**Strategic Alliances** – Partner with outside organizations to promote Girl Greatness in Québec!

Does this peak your curiosity? Interested in having a say as to how these initiatives go down? Want to make sure that your district's membership growth needs are addressed? Let's put your ideas into action - Read the next paragraph!

### The committee seeks more members: Up to the challenge?

Are you an out-of-the-box thinker that likes to tackle challenges? Are you creative and resourceful with a burning desire to promote girl empowerment in Québec? Do you represent or have a deep understanding of a particular region or community? WE WANT YOU! Contact: [emily.guides@gmail.com](mailto:emily.guides@gmail.com)



**Communications Task Force –  
2 spots available for Unit Guiders!**

**About the Communications Task Force.** A Provincial Council Task Force meets *once or twice* to discuss a specific mandate for which a high degree of consultation is required. The **Communications Task Force** is essentially an opportunity for a cross-section of organization stakeholders to participate in an open exchange regarding internal and external communications tools.

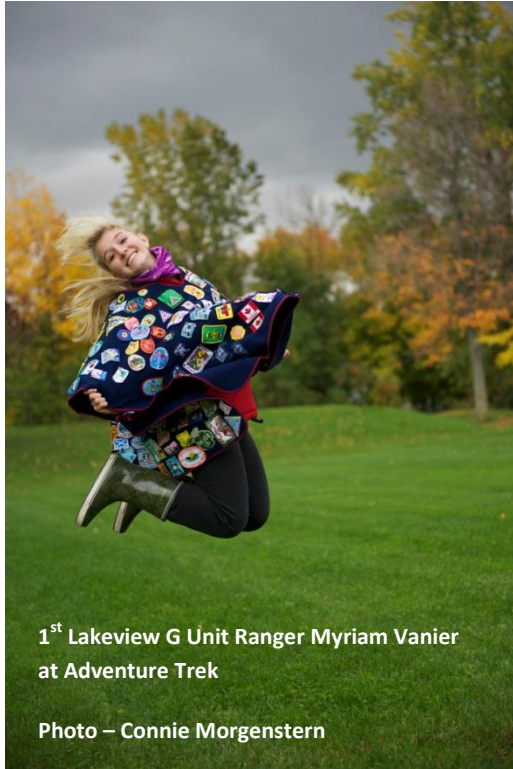
**Mandate.** Consult key stakeholders regarding communication needs and tools (internal and external). Present and evaluate current tools. Develop recommendations.

**The Opportunity – 2 spots for Unit Guiders.** This is your chance to tell us how you feel about our communications and to provide us with your valuable suggestions! We will evaluate and discuss such tools as the Piccolo, mass emailings, our website, social media, etc.

To participate: Send an email to [emily.guides@gmail.com](mailto:emily.guides@gmail.com) **before November 21<sup>st</sup>** with the following information: Name, Unit and District, days of the week and times at which you absolutely can NOT meet. 2 names will be drawn at random on November 21<sup>st</sup> at which point you will be contacted!

# adventure trek...québec style!

*How we put our mission into action!*



1<sup>st</sup> Lakeview G Unit Ranger Myriam Vanier  
at Adventure Trek

Photo – Connie Morgenstern

“À vos marques, prêtes, GO! [On your marks, get set, GO!]” sounded the kick-off to Adventure Trek-Défi Aventure, issued by Mayor Yvan Cardinal this past October. And it was an adventure indeed! By touring stations led by Girl Guides on a circuit in and around Olympic Park in Pincourt, Québec, members of the community had the chance to take a taste of Guiding activities such as geocaching, zumba classes, sampling international tapas to represent the Guiding World Centres, nature survival and backpacking, service projects such as Yellow Fish Road – and there was even a flash mob!

As Québec’s flagship event of the Guiding year, uniting Girl Guides of all branches across the province, Adventure Trek offered more than just a showcase to the public. “It was a fantastic opportunity for girls to explore all that is offered through Guiding leadership-wise as well,” commented Deputy Provincial Commissioner and member of the Adventure Trek Organizing Committee, Amber Lebrun. “For instance, the *Express Yourself* booth gave girls a platform to be themselves completely, and to explore their confidence, which is something that Guiding is all about.”

With an outstanding turnout on a very windy and showery autumn afternoon, members and non-members alike participated first-hand in how we enable girls to be confident, resourceful and courageous, and to make a difference in the world.

*To hear about more awesome things your fellow Girl Guides across the province are up to, please check out the [GuidesQuébec blog](#) or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)!*

## **thank you!**

Thank you to all volunteers who made Adventure Trek a huge success and special thanks to:

Organizing Committee	Connie Morgenstern	Valerie Zaloum	Joanne Cardinal	Pincourt District
Janice Béchamp	Monica Brinkman	Susan Sayer	Meaghan Macro	Heidi Whipple

## **did you get your crest?**

If you didn’t pick up your Adventure Trek Crest on the day of, contact the provincial head office to get yours! Contact: [programsupport@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:programsupport@guidesquebec.ca)

# défi aventure...façon québec!

*Comment nous transformons notre mission en action!*



L'unité MAC s'amuse en apprenant le Zumba!

« À vos marques, prêtes, GO! », c'est ainsi que le maire Yvan Cardinal donnait le coup d'envoi à Adventure Trek-Défi Aventure en octobre dernier. Et quelle aventure! En parcourant un circuit de kiosques organisés par des guides au parc olympique de Pincourt, au Québec, les membres de la communauté ont eu l'occasion de découvrir le guidisme à travers une foule d'activités représentatives du mouvement, telles que le géocaching, le zumba, la dégustation de tapas représentant les centres mondiaux de guidisme, la survie et la randonnée en nature, ainsi que l'action communautaire

avec des projets comme le Chemin du poisson jaune – on y a même aperçu un *flash mob*!

Véritable événement phare de l'année réunissant des guides des quatre coins de la province, le Défi Aventure était plus qu'une vitrine pour le mouvement. « C'est aussi une occasion formidable pour les filles d'explorer les possibilités de leadership que leur offre le guidisme », explique Amber Lebrun, commissaire provinciale adjointe et membre du comité organisateur du Défi Aventure. « Par exemple, le kiosque *Exprimez-vous* offrait aux filles la chance d'être authentiques et de développer leur confiance, un élément central du guidisme. »

Bravant le vent et la pluie, une belle foule s'est déplacée pour l'événement. Membres et non-membres ont pu y constater comment les guides donnent aux filles l'occasion de développer leur confiance, leur débrouillardise et leur courage, et de faire une différence dans le monde.

*Pour en apprendre davantage sur les activités de vos consœurs Guides partout dans la province, rendez-vous sur notre blogue [GuidesQuébec](#), ou suivez-nous sur [Facebook](#) et [Twitter](#)!*

**merci!**

Nous remercions tous les bénévoles qui ont fait de l'événement une réussite, et nous sommes particulièrement reconnaissants des contributions de:

Comité organisateur	Connie Morgenstern	Valerie Zaloum	Joanne Cardinal	District de Pincourt
Janice Béchamp	Monica Brinkman	Susan Sayer	Meaghan Macro	Heidi Whipple

**avez-vous votre badge?**

Si vous n'avez pas eu votre écusson Défi Aventure le jour même, vous pouvez toujours contacter le bureau chef et nous vous l'enverrons! Contact: [programsupport@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:programsupport@guidesquebec.ca)



Guider Symposium 2012

# *Empowered Guiders* Leadership in Guiding

Saturday – January 21<sup>st</sup> 2012

*Save The Date*

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

**Where:** Stay tuned

**Time:** 9:00am – 4:30pm

A symposium for all Guiders in Québec

**Exclusive Guider Swag Bags**

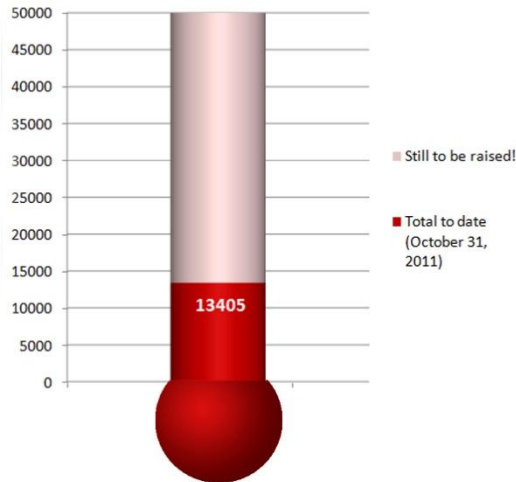
Lunch and refreshments will be provided

**Register now** and don't miss out on this amazing day!  
RSVP at [programsupport@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:programsupport@guidesquebec.ca) or on [Facebook](#).

# News from the Property Committee



Wa-Thik-Ane Well Fundraising



**Défi aventure – Adventure Trek” contest winners:** Thank you to everyone who dropped by the Wa-Thik-Ane property table and who took part in our contests. The winners are:

Marble Guess: Kaitlynn Rodney of Greenfield Park – there were 122 marbles

Identify the Picture: Debbie Paish – Liesse District

Free Night at Wa-Thik-Ane: Alexandra Gagliano – Monkland District

**Congratulations to our winners!**

**Clean up Day 2012:** Mark your calendars now for Saturday **May 12, 2012** so that you can help get Wa-Thik-Ane ready for another great summer of camping.

## THEATRE FOR A GOOD CAUSE



**Hey theatre lovers! The property committee invites you to a “Wa-Thik-Ane Well” fundraiser evening with the Lakeshore Players.**

**The Lakeshore Players have been around for nearly 50 years, entertaining West Islanders with laughter and drama. The play is “Picasso at the Lapin Agile”, written by Steve Martin (that’s right, “the” Steve Martin) and directed by Jessica Abdallah.**

**The play will be in the beginning of May. Come out and enjoy a great evening. Maybe bring your mother...**  
(Hint, hint, it makes a great Mother’s Day gift)

**More info to come...**



Autumn leaves were falling but the rain was holding off, and 8 buses of excited Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders and Rangers pulled into the Camp Wa-Thik-Ane parking lot on October 1, 2011 to participate in our 2011 Québec Provincial Day Camp.

The morning was spent doing branch specific program activities. Close to fifty Sparks completed their Going Outside Keeper with crafts, a nature walk and learning about having fun outdoors around Huron site. More than 100 Brownies spent their time earning their Be Aware Badge. They each made their own birthday candle holder and then lit the candle, built fires and made shelters in the woods of Iroquois and Montagnais Sites. The birds had left their beaks and feet for girls to explore, understand

and experiment with at Mohawk Site where 120 Guides completed most of the Bird Watcher Badge and some of their Beyond You Challenges. The 15 Pathfinders challenged themselves and provided service, installing bird houses and a duck box, helping the Property Committee complete the span of the bridge between Mic Mac & Chippewa learning about safe tool use while doing a camp service project. Finally, the Rangers in camp were seen in a variety of places, helping as unit leaders, with committee tasks and with the camp service project.



The entire camp then gathered in different locations for a make-it-yourself patrol-style cookout where girls got to know new friends and make themselves a pizza wrap over a campfire. When a bit of confusion arose over food distribution, all the girls and Guiders handled it in true Guiding fashion and remained cheerful and shared with all.



Afternoon activities saw some Guides & Pathfinders hike to the Bluff, others explored the Ranger Site frog pond area while some tasted a variety of new camp foods they had cooked themselves. We had girls of all ages doing music and drama, while Sparks & Brownies hiked the camp trails, fished off the beach and explored the low ropes course.



After challenges, crafts and beads on their branch home sites, girls and guiders alike proceeded to supper at one of 4 different locations where they enjoyed pasta with meatballs, salad and 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary birthday cupcakes.

The day finished with a campfire based on our Quebec Arts Challenge. Finally it was back on the bus with a snack in hand and back to the "city". Reports are that many

had trouble keeping their eyes open after a fun-filled day in the outdoors exploring camping life and getting to know our provincial campsite. A special thank you needs to be extended to the Camping Committee and Day camp team who worked hard to make the day a success for all.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WA-THIK-ANE!**



## **Thank-you – Heather Martin and Camping Committee**

On behalf of Québec Council I would like to thank Heather Martin for her leadership of the Camping Committee and all the work that she and others have put in to help us put the spotlight on camping, keeping a summer camp program going with wonderful volunteers and successful day camps in the fall.

Heather during her term showed creativity and her hard work that helped make camps and events possible.

*Thank-you Heather and keep thinking outside of the box!*

## **Announcing New Camping Adviser – Angie Kruller**

It is with great pleasure that I am announcing on behalf of Québec Council the appointment of Angie Kruller as the new Québec Camping Adviser.



For those of you who know Angie, she brings with her a passion for camping whether under canvas or in a residential setting. Camping is an essential part of girl programming – we know from our own research that for girls, their camping experience is the highlight of the year, is a highly valued activity. It is an important factor that keeps girls coming back to Guiding year after year.

Angie's accomplishments and experience with camping is extensive, and includes:

- 🏠 Division Camping Advisor 1997
- 🏠 Lac Adair – From 1998 until it closed a member of team that took care of the camp including maintenance
- 🏠 Camping Trainer
- 🏠 Patrol Guider at camps in Chile, South America; Whale of a Time, New Brunswick; SOAR BC; CM 99 Alberta.
- 🏠 Unit Guider for group of guides for 2 weeks to PEI
- 🏠 Camping adviser for Lakeshore District – from 2009
- 🏠 Attended camp conferences in Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Toronto

I look forward to working with Angie and the Camping Committee. Angie will Chair the Camping Committee and will also represent Québec on the National Camping Network.

Pamela Rice  
Provincial Commissioner  
Commissaire Provinciale

## Program is..... *Wherever you find it!*

You hear the phrase **Girl Engagement** everywhere you turn in Guiding. For girls and Guiders to be truly excited about what they do together, what you do has to appeal to girls and leaders alike.

**How do you turn lots of different ideas into activities that can be acknowledged with a badge or crest??**



Our program books are just the beginning! When cruising for new ideas, don't forget to check out the **National as well as Provincial websites**. Great ideas are to be found across the country, along with challenge information and crests to underline successful experiences with a wide range of topics and many kinds of hands-on skills learning.

### **Recipe Book for Fun & Successful Meetings**



Here's a taste of some of those great resources available, fresh off BC website, produced by the BC Program Committee on behalf of BC Council in celebration of the GGC 100th Anniversary, this **Recipe Book** features **over 100 tips and hints, craft & game ideas, recipe ideas, as well as themes for meeting nights, sleepovers and camps.**

<http://www.bc-girlguides.org/wp-content/uploads/Recipe+Book+for+Fun+and+Successful+Meetings.pdf>

National has just completed a review of all our program books, looking for the small changes that will keep their content current. The resulting updates will be available soon.

Meanwhile, some of our new program initiatives (Cookies Rising, Girl Empower, Girls for Safer Communities, and the new Be a Model Citizen emblem for Pathfinders) are as much a part of the program as what is found in the current program books.

*Would **YOU** like to be part of developing new program challenges for Québec??*

**We need your great ideas!**

Contact [ggcqc.program@gmail.com](mailto:ggcqc.program@gmail.com)

# *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.

## *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.

As always, if you have any financial questions, e-mail Dawn at [dsn@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:dsn@guidesquebec.ca)

## **Girl Registration Forms 2011-2012 - A5P**

**Please ensure the girls are using the A5P from the National website.**

**The new registration form for 2011-2012 has a Code of Conduct section for the parent to sign. The old A5 did not have this section and therefore the girls' profile for this Guiding year is incomplete.**

**Please destroy all copies of the old A5s you have in your Districts and Units.**

Thanks!

***Brenda***

# Red Cross First Aid Courses from Pulse Aide Inc



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!**

All Pulse Aide Inc. Courses now include the NEWLY RELEASED First Aid and CPR/AED Revised Program Standards for 2011, and the NEW Red Cross Manual. Certification is valid for 3 years.

**Emergency First Aid Course** (8 hours) – Sat. November 12, 2011 8:30am-5:30pm NDG \$95

**Standard First Aid Course** (16 hours) – Sat. & Sun. Nov 12 & 13, 2011 8:30am-5:30pm NDG \$115

**Emergency First Aid Course** (8 hours) – Sat. November 26, 2011 8:30am-5:30pm NDG \$95

**Standard First Aid Course** (16 hours) – Sat. & Sun. Nov 26 & 27, 2011 8:30am-5:30pm NDG \$115

## 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.

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**Upon completion, GGC-Québec 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](mailto:joanlax@liberty-i.ca)



# International News

## News from WAGGGS

**Stop the violence. Speak out for girls' rights.** Have you added your voice yet to our 'Stop the violence. Speak out for girls' rights' campaign? Visit [www.stoptheviolencecampaign.com](http://www.stoptheviolencecampaign.com) to add your voice to our online counter and find out about other ways you can get involved. Email [stoptheviolence@waggsworld.org](mailto:stoptheviolence@waggsworld.org) for more information.

**World Thinking Day 2012.** The new theme for World Thinking Day (WTD) 2012 is "We Can Save Our Planet", based on UN Millennium Development Goal 7: Environmental Sustainability. The new [website](#) has lots of resources, activity ideas and the new activity pack. Don't forget to purchase your WTD badges from our [online shop!](#)

**Volunteer at a WAGGGS World Centre.** Discover your potential, make new international friendships, explore a new country and develop your skills by volunteering at one of the WAGGGS four World Centres. There are a whole host of different roles available from marketing and communications to community action. Visit the micro sites of [Sangam](#) in India; [Our Cabaña](#) in Mexico; [Pax Lodge](#) in the UK and [Our Chalet](#) in Switzerland for more information.

## International Opportunities offered by National for girls & Guiders – 2012

All Pathfinders, Rangers and their leaders and District Commissioners should have received an e-mail at the end of October with the information regarding the nationally-sponsored trips for summer 2012. There are no trips to World Centres in 2012. The format for funding has changed and once decisions were made at national, it was too late for booking at the Centres. Please see the next page for information on the 4 trips being offered. All girls who fit the age criteria may apply and the cost to the girl is indicated on the grid. **Any adult member may apply – you do not need to be a leader with the older girls.** The cost of your trip is covered by national. If you did not receive the e-mail, and would like it, please contact me.

### APPLICATION DEADLINE:

The deadline for all applications is **Friday, January 27, 2012** at the Provincial Head Office.

### QUESTIONS or help with the forms:

Pam Godfrey tel: 514-694-8458  
[pam.brown.godfrey@gmail.com](mailto:pam.brown.godfrey@gmail.com)



The Girls' World Forum 2012 will be held in Chicago July 11-17, 2012. GGC will be sending 2 girls ages 14-17 and 1 adult (who is a designated Young Women's World Forum 2010 participant).

The Girls' World Forum is the third and final event in a series of forums that are part of WAGGGS' global centenary celebrations. The World Forums, hosted by Girlguiding UK in 2010 and the World Centres in 2011 have engaged over 250 young women in discussions on WAGGGS' Global Action theme, girls worldwide say "Together We Can Change Our World" which addresses the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

<b>Name of trip</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Overall dates</b>	<b>Event Dates</b>
<b>Northwest Centennial Roundup Camporee</b>	Foster Lake, near Sweet Home, Oregon, USA	August 5-14, 2012	August 6-12, 2012
	<b>Who</b>	<b>Cost to girls (estimated)</b>	<b>notes</b>
	2 patrols of 8 girls each aged 12-16 as of <b>July 31, 2012</b> and 2 Guiders per patrol*	\$2,200.00 Less \$1,200 from national Less \$300.00 from Québec = <b>\$700.00</b> (approximately)	Activities will include various sports, waterfront swimming & boating, as well as a big 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday party
<b>Name of trip</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Overall dates</b>	<b>Event Dates</b>
<b>Change the World – International Camporee, Connecticut, USA</b>	Connecticut, USA	August 3-13, 2012	August 5-11, 2012
	<b>Who</b>	<b>Cost to girls (estimated)</b>	<b>notes</b>
	2 patrols of 8 girls each aged 11-13 as of <b>July 31, 2012</b> and 2 Guiders per patrol*	\$2,200.00 Less \$1,200 from national Less \$300.00 from Québec = <b>\$700.00</b> (approximately)	Girls from Connecticut, other countries and states will come together for fun and friendship. There will be a girl forum where girls can address the ways in which they want to change the world, as well as the usual camp activities.
<b>Name of trip</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Overall dates</b>	<b>Event Dates</b>
<b>Costa Rica Adventure</b>	Costa Rica	July 31-August 16, 2012	August 1-15, 2012
	<b>Who</b>	<b>Cost to girls (estimated)</b>	<b>notes</b>
	2 patrols of 10 girls each aged 13-17 as of <b>July 31, 2012</b> and 2 Guiders per patrol*	\$3,200.00 Less \$1,500 from national Less \$510.00 from Québec = <b>\$1,190.00</b> (approximately)	GGC is in partnership with Canada World Youth. This is an international development adventure, where participants work with communities around the topic of environmental sustainability, participate in Costa Rican traditions and learn about local issues, live with a host family and meet members of the Costa Rica Guiding Association.
<b>Name of trip</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Overall dates</b>	<b>Event Dates</b>
<b>Ayrwaves 2012, Scotland</b>	Eglington County Park, Kilwinning, Ayrshire, Scotland	July 23-August 3, 2012	July 25 - August 1, 2012
	<b>Who</b>	<b>Cost to girls (estimated)</b>	<b>notes</b>
	10 girls aged 13-14 as of <b>July 31, 2012</b> and 2 Guiders*	\$2,800.00 Less \$1,500 from national Less \$390.00 from Québec = <b>\$910.00</b> (approximately)	International camp with activities including hikes, day trips, abseiling, climbing, boating and Scottish culture.

\*In order to qualify, participants must be physically fit and be active Members of Girl Guides of Canada. Participants must have a minimum of 2 nights Guide camping experience for all events, other than Costa Rica.