

The Piccolo



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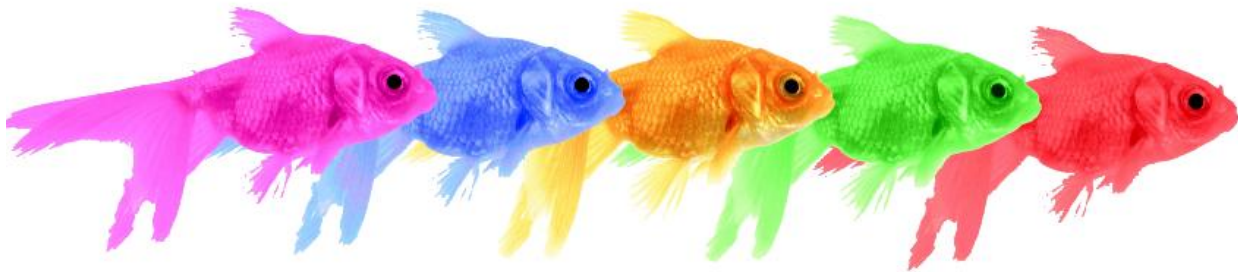
Les deux concours se terminent à la fin du mois (31 mai 2012)!

Both contests end at the end of this month (May 31, 2012)!

Concours de secteur - District Contest

Campagne de recrutement
Spring Recruitment Campaign

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CONCOURS D'UNITÉ _ UNIT CONTEST

RECRUTE UNE AMIE
BRING A FRIEND

GAGNE UNE PARTY
WIN A PARTY



*Pour plus de détails, veuillez consulter le [Piccolo du mois d'avril 2012](#)
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Rocking Guiding 2011/2012

As this Guiding year winds down I am very excited about the path we have taken and the one we are embarking on for 2012/2013.

This has been a year of exploring, gaining new insights, learning new skills and collaboratively working to create the spring board for the next two years. Celebrating Great Guiding not only launches our new Member Experience initiative (see logo below) but it speaks to all the great Guiding experiences that girls and Guiders share together.

Over the last nine months we have launched or will soon launch:



I don't know about you, but... I am a little breathless when I look at this!!! I am also truly inspired by the girls I meet, the Guiders, DCs, Advisers, committee members, and specialists who fire my enthusiasm for Guiding in Québec.

This has been a whirlwind year and the pace we have set has been demanding but also very rewarding. I am very fortunate to be supported by women who share my love of Guiding and by the Rangers in my Unit who help me keep focussed on the girls.

I want to thank all of you for the valuable part you play in the sisterhood of Guiding, ensuring our girl members have the best experience, and for making our mission of 'enabling girls to be confident, resourceful, and courageous and to make a difference in the world' a reality.

Have a restful and relaxing summer and I am looking forward to seeing you in the fall!!

Pamela Rice
Provincial Commissioner

On fait bouger le guidisme! 2011/2012

Alors que la fin de cette année de guidisme s'approche, je suis très enthousiaste au sujet du chemin qu'on a parcouru et celui qui nous attend en 2012/2013.

Ce fut une année d'exploration, de prendre de nouvelles perspectives, de découvrir de nouvelles compétences, et de travailler ensemble pour créer un tremplin pour les deux prochaines années. Le guidisme exceptionnel ne lance non seulement notre nouvelle initiative du Comité expérience des membres mais il adresse toutes les expériences de guidisme extraordinaires dont les filles et les chefetaines partagent.

Ces derniers neuf mois on a lancé ou on lancera bientôt :



Je ne sais pas pour vous, mais... Je suis un peu épatée quand je regarde tout ça! Je suis véritablement inspirée par les filles que je rencontre, les chefetaines, les commissaires de secteur, les conseillères, les membres des comités, et les spécialistes qui m'enthousiasment.

Ce fut un tourbillon d'une année et le rythme qu'on a suivi a été exigeant mais aussi très enrichissant. Je suis très chanceuse d'avoir le soutien des femmes qui partagent ma passion pour le guidisme et des Rangers dans mon unité qui aident à me garder centrée sur les filles.

Je vous remercie toutes pour le rôle précieux que vous jouez dans la solidarité féminine du guidisme, en assurant que nos filles ont des expériences inoubliables, et pour réaliser notre mission d'encourager les filles à être sûres d'elles, débrouillardes et courageuses, et à faire une différence dans le monde.

Je vous souhaite un été reposant et régénérateur et j'ai hâte de vous revoir l'automne prochain!

Pamela Rice
Commissaire provinciale

THE NEW QUÉBEC CHALLENGE

FROM THE PROGRAM / GIRL ENGAGEMENT TASK GROUP

LAUNCHING THE QUÉBEC SPIN!

A product of teamwork

At our recent AGM, the Girl Engagement/Program Task Group launched the newest Québec Challenge. It had been several years since Québec had a fresh challenge to call its own. A talented and insightful task group shared ideas, priorities and needs, and came up with a new challenge quite unlike any you might find out there!

The Québec Spin

encourages you to tackle a project, event, program activity, or any goal for that matter, and customize your approach. It encourages networking with others, expanding your horizons and sharing your success in ways that put the girls' skills and interests into the mix. And it doesn't involve a lot of reading and tick-boxes – all

the energy can focus on a plan and a goal!

Our focus group "Playdate" held in March was a valuable test for the Challenge.

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*"I THINK IT WILL BE A BIG
HIT WITH THE GIRLS!"*

*"LOVE IT! SO WHEN
CAN I START?"*

Guiders from many communities got together to take the Spin for a spin! The feedback was both positive and constructive, and this feedback took the draft form to its final version. The Québec Spin Challenge can

be accomplished in many, many ways, and each can earn an element of the crest to build on!

If you, girl members from your Unit or your family would like to appear in our promotional video this summer, please e-mail your name and contact info to: gqcqcprogram@gmail.com



The Focus Group's Spin

Guiders who attended the Playdate are the first who will have earned their Spin crest when we go into production in the fall. They did so with their project of building a promotion strategy to involve girls in introducing the new Challenge!

To accomplish their plan, we will be looking for 30 girls to appear in a video that will explain the Québec Spin Challenge! The filming will happen over the summer, and will be ready for launch in the fall. With such a cool means of promoting a Challenge, there's no telling just how far the Spin will be spun!

We could go viral!

Mid-Year Reviews

The Guiding year is winding to a close, and while most of you will have a break from doing Guiding books over the summer, there is one job left before you can relax! The time for the mid-year report has come.

All Treasurers should balance their books at this time in preparation for the fall. Your mid-year report will cover the period from Jan 1, 2012 to the spring "end" of the Guiding year, the exact date of which will vary depending on your Unit or council, usually in May or June. Doing this now will help you to close your books at the end of December, as everything should balance and make sense for the first half of the year, and it will be done while you still remember what happened!



Units and Trefoil Guilds

Financial Books should be collected by the District Treasurers, who should check that everything balances, is reasonable and clearly explained.

District Treasurers should have someone else look over their books. This can be another signing officer, so long as it is not the person responsible for keeping the books. Please print and send a copy of the Monthly Report to date (i.e. January 1, 2012 to the end of the season) and a completed Financial Review Checklist to the Provincial Office. Please include some explanation of major variations from your budget, given that the budget is for the full year.

It would be greatly appreciated if reports were received at the Office as soon as possible after the end of your season, preferably by the end of June.

We will randomly select a few Districts for complete review, in which case you will have to send in all documents as is done at year-end in January.

Once you have had your books reviewed, simply carry on from where you left off. Remember that you will have to submit your books, receipts, etc. for the *entire year* when you submit your books for the Annual Financial Review in January.

For **Units and Districts** where the treasurer is changing over the summer, a full independent review must be done now.

If you have questions, I can be reached at
dsn@guidesquebec.ca

Dawn Coffey,

Treasurer Support Specialist



NEW – “Camping Connections”

Make new friends through camping!

- Would your District/Unit like to camp but you don't have the numbers?
- Is your District/Unit having a camp that has room for a few extra girls/Guiders?
- Would your Unit like to camp but you do not feel comfortable taking your Unit on your own?
- Does your District only have one Guide Unit (for example) and you would like to camp with another Guide Unit?

If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, then the Camping Committee would like to help *connect* Districts/Units that have places in their camps with Districts/Units that are not able to camp on their own. You can place a free 'ad' on our *Camping Connections* page in the *Piccolo*.

Please include the following information when sending in your posting:

If you want to camp:

- Branch, number of girls, number of Guiders, preferred dates (or season), contact email address

If you have room at your camp:

- Branch, number of spaces available for girls, number of spaces available for Guiders, location, dates, contact email

Send your postings for *Camping Connections* to Angie Kruller at camping@guidesquebec.ca



Quebec Fall Day Camp 2012

Fall Day Camp at Camp Wa-Thik-Ane is back!

******SAVE THE DATE******

Saturday September 29, 2012

Preliminary information for the Fall Day Camp will be in the June *Piccolo*. More details will follow in the August *Piccolo*.

New this year: SG.1 and SG.2 forms will be sent to District Commissioners mid-August.

FIRM deadline for registration will be **Thursday September 20, 2012** so start talking it up with your Unit/District before your Units close for the summer.

Last year 300+ girls, Guiders and moms participated. Be sure to get your Unit Registration Form in early to guarantee your spot.

Suggestion: E-mail Fall Day Camp information to your parents the last week of August instead of waiting until your first Unit meeting. That way they will be able to hand in their SG.2 and payment at the first Unit meeting.

Interested in being part of the planning committee for this event? Send an e-mail to Angie Kruller at camping@guidesquebec.ca

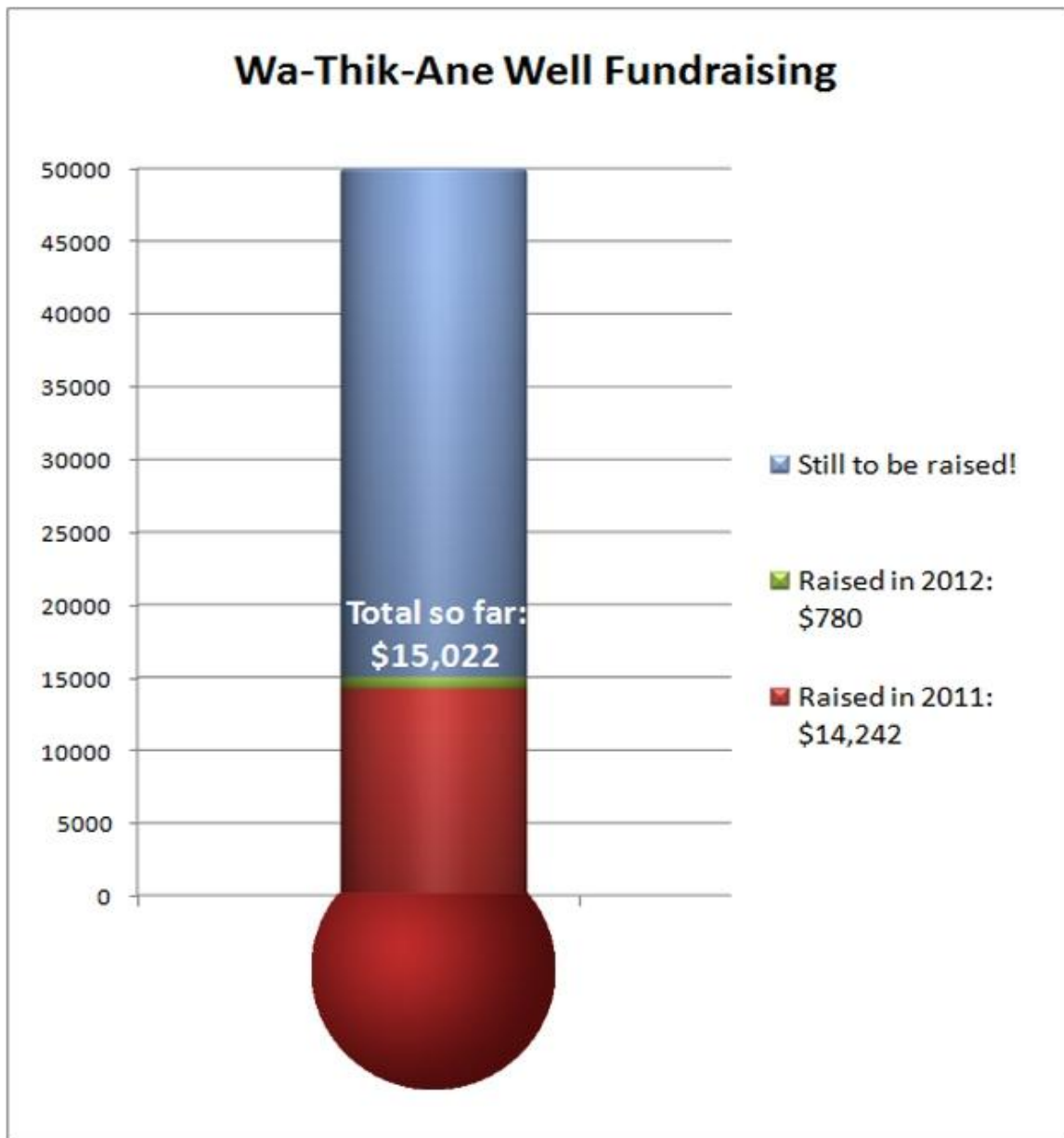
Looking forward to seeing you there!



It is never too early to start thinking about fall camp and what better way to enjoy the return to Guiding than at beautiful Wa-Thik-Ane.

Warm September days, the spectacular fall foliage and no bugs!

We can't wait to see you at camp!



1st Richelieu Rangers take a bite of the Big Apple!



The weekend of April 27-29, 2012, Guiders Carole Knaapen, Lorraine Hamel and Ingrid Hamel and the 1st Richelieu Rangers from Des Montérégiennes District had the pleasure of traveling to New York City. We drove in 2 vans to Albany, NY, and took the Amtrak train into the city, which was amazing - way better than taking the bus from Montréal. Once there, we hit the town... Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum... the 9/11 Memorial... and then we saw the Broadway musical RENT... and that was only Friday!

Saturday morning we took a hop on/hop off bus tour downtown to Soho. It was great to listen to the tour guide tell us about all the sights along the way while we leisurely soaked up the sun and shared good times. Once in Soho, we did some shopping. Next we visited Battery Park to have a look at Lady Liberty... It

was nice to enjoy some greenery and waterfront after having been in the crowded city. We hopped on the bus for the rest of the tour back to Times Square where we visited Macy's and a few other stores and finished the day at the Hard Rock Café for supper.



Sunday morning was spent doing last minute shopping in Times Square... Hershey's and M&M stores as well as a few touristy places to get all the souvenirs the girls wanted to bring back for friends. What an amazing experience and a great way to end the Guiding year!



*By Ingrid Hamel, 1st Richelieu Rangers
and DC for Des Montérégiennes District*



DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 11-12	Wa-Thik-Ane cleanup
May 17	Deadline for Cookie invoice payment to Province
May 21	Journée des Patriotes – Provincial Office Closed
May 31	Deadline for <i>Wonderful Week at Wa-Thik-Ane</i> summer camp registrations
May 31	Pre-registration period (early bird fee of \$115) ends
May 31	Deadline for Unit and District Spring Recruitment Contests
June 1	On-line registration opens for <u>new</u> members
June 7	Deadline for June <i>Piccolo</i> submissions
June 9	DC + Council + Advisers Meeting

THIS MONTH'S HANDY GGC QC E-MAIL ADDRESSES:



Safe Guide	safeguide@guidesquebec.ca	Submit your Safe Guide forms
iMIS Inquiries	guides-quebec.imis@bellnet.ca	Request updates, reports, etc.
Communications	communications@guidesquebec.ca	<i>Piccolo</i> , blog submissions, etc.
General Inquiries	programsupport@guidesquebec.ca	Includes contracts to be signed, on-line registration support, weekend camp reservations
Nominations	nominations@guidesquebec.ca	Nominate yourself or someone else to an open position at the Provincial level
Tip of the Hat	tipofthehat@guidesquebec.ca	Recognize special efforts and achievements by fellow adult members