



Girls from the 1st Mount Bruno Spark Unit *taking a dip* at Camp Wa-Thik-Ane

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Highlights:

- [Membership Growth contest winners](#)
- [Montreal Impact Girl Guides Day](#)
- [It's cookie time!](#)
- [2012-2013 international opportunities](#)

Provincial Day Camp is just around the corner!

Be sure to join us at beautiful Camp Wa-Thik-Ane in Morin-Heights on **September 29**. Details and the patrol registration form are available on the [GGC-QC website](#).

Questions? Contact: camping@guidesquebec.ca

Recruitment events

are taking place all over the province this month.

Tell us about yours and let us help you promote it!



QC Girl Guides information booth at the Pincourt Firemen's Day

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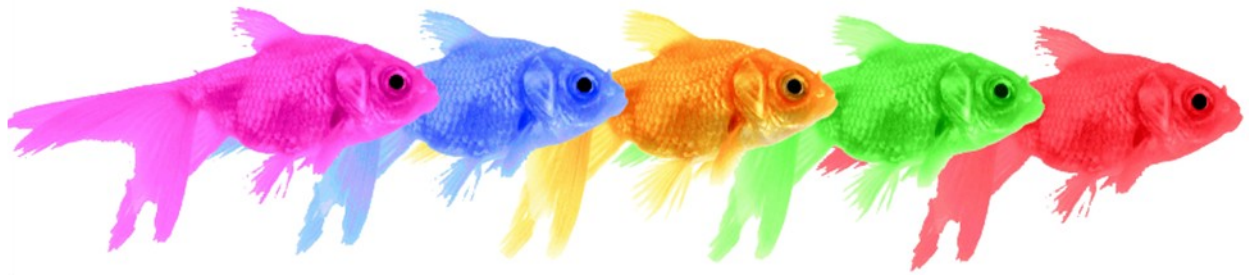
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Spring Recruitment Campaign Contest Winners

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Spring Recruitment Campaign

200 \$ Défi : Retention
\$200 Retention Challenge



WINNER: SECTEUR ARGENTEUIL

Congratulations to District Commissioner **Sara Ogilvie** and her team of dedicated Guiders for the highest percentage of returned girls during the pre-registration period (40%)! Bravo!



WINNER: 1ST LASALLE SPARKS

Congratulations to Guiders **Anne Murray** (Contact), **Rebecca Chaput**, **Kimberly-Ann Chaput**, **Nancy Duffina**, **Robin Goudreault**, and **Alison Hamer** for the most new girls recruited in a single Unit during the pre-registration period! Job well done!



Mark your calendars!

The Montreal Impact soccer team invites Guiding and Scouting to the final game of the season on Saturday, October 27.

Note that ticket orders must be requested at the **District** level.
Ask your Unit Guider or District Commissioner for details.
Click [here](#) for a map of Saputo Stadium.

Tickets are limited – don't miss out on this great opportunity!

JOURNÉE DES SCOUTS ET GUIDES SCOUTS & GUIDES DAY

Samedi 27 octobre, 14h / Saturday, October 27, 2pm



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Coût / Cost: **11\$**

- Possibilité de faire partie de la haie d'honneur
- Opportunity to be part of the Honour Row
- Mention de chaque groupe sur l'écran géant
- Big Screen mention for every group
- Un badge de l'événement pour chaque Scout et Guide
- An event badge for every Scout & Guide

Pour des billets veuillez contacter :
For tickets, please contact: _____



Girl Guides of Canada Guides du Canada

Cookie Selling Days at **Sears** are October 13 and 14

- * If you're interested in selling our yummy chocolatey mint cookies at Sears, please register online [here](#)
- * For more detailed information, check out the [Cookie Day in Canada](#) page in Member Zone



Mint Cookies will be arriving shortly!

- * Delivery information has been sent to all receivers
- * If there are any questions regarding the procedures, please email cookies@guidesquebec.ca

Happy Cookie Selling!



Cookie Reminders

- * If you have a cookie story or selling suggestion and want to share it, send it to Kellylee at cookies@guidesquebec.ca and we will put it in the *Piccolo*.
- * If you have selling tips to share, please send them our way so we can share them with each other. We're always looking for innovative ways to sell our cookies!
- * The **Cookie All Stars** prizes will once again be awarded this season, so remember to keep track of your Unit numbers and add them to the upcoming Spring campaign.
- * Keep in mind that **Québec Cookie Ribbons** are also still available. Submit your Unit numbers using the provided [template](#).



Congratulations to the following girls for selling
 8 cases or more in the
 Mint & Classic 2011-2012 campaigns

8 cases sold	Daphna McAndrew Ashley Baumber-McCarrey Skye Adams Grace Mckirdy Jillian Quigley Amanda Dupuis Paige Robb Melissa Bradley Keira Boyle	Taijah Smith Tanaya Smith Lorna Houx Sophia Favit Katherine Winslow Megan Weir Alyson Vildosola-Ring Bethan Jenkins Mackenzie Staveley Elizabeth Moellenhoff
9 cases sold	Elizabeth Barnes Anne Varvarikos Amanda Page Kailani Pierre Rebecca Hepworth	Megan Kane Emma Bastien Katie Kyriakatos Megan Rost
10-15 cases sold	Solène Darveau Talia Martin Samara Roth Melanie Almanza Megan Zelikovic Victoria Bouchard Lorelai Miller Maya Fiore	Arielle Seguin Marnie Epstein-Atkinson Stephanie Barnes Anja Eickemeyer Emmerson Sanders Coombes Jennifer Vandenyssel Téa Barrett Ella Kunz
16 or more cases sold	Emily Schamerhorn Carolanne Carr Callista Brewer Nadia Martyniuk Vanessa Rathwell Brenna D'Ambrosio	Katherine Fairchild Kaitlyn Tyndall Sarah Newman-Zaloum Keona Daisy Melo



Attention Guides, Pathfinders, Rangers and Guiders

Please reserve

Sunday, October 21

from 1-4, location TBA,
for a fun-filled afternoon
of sharing.

Don't forget to check out [Patrol](http://patrol.girlguides.ca),
(patrol.girlguides.ca) - GGC's site
for **Pathfinders, Trex and
Rangers** – for details on interna-
tional opportunities and more!

The past five months have been busy ones for our world travelers.

- ◆ We have had girls and a Guider selected to represent Canada on trips to Scotland, and Oregon.
- ◆ We had a group, sponsored by Québec Council, who travelled to London and Ireland.
- ◆ We had two groups who planned independent trips to New York City and to Our Chalet (including stops in Amsterdam and Munich).
- ◆ We had two Guide groups attend a Girl Scouts USA camp in June.

Domestic and International Opportunities Offered by National for Girls & Guiders – 2013

NEW this year:

- GGC has decided to offer two nationally-sponsored “domestic” trips to Manitoba and Newfoundland, as well as three “international” trips to Kenya, Our Chalet (Switzerland) and England. Girls and Guiders may do one domestic trip and one international trip during their time as a member of GGC.
- All Pathfinders, Rangers and Unit Guiders should have received an email in early September from National with the information regarding the nationally-sponsored trips for summer 2013. Please check with your girls and/or Guiders to ensure they received the email.

*** Please see the next pages for information on the five 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 Pam Godfrey.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

The deadline for all applications is **Friday, November 15, 2013.**
Applications must be submitted ELECTRONICALLY only, to pam.brown.godfrey@gmail.com
QUESTIONS? Require help with the forms? Contact Pam Godfrey: tel: 514-694-8458,
pam.brown.godfrey@gmail.com



<u>DOMESTIC TRIPS</u>					
Name of trip	Location	Overall dates	Event Dates		
Arctic Adventure 2013 Churchill, Manitoba	Churchill, Manitoba	July 14-27, 2013 (tentative)	July 15-26, 2013 (tentative)		
	Who	Cost to girls (estimated)	notes		
	8 girls aged 15-17 as of June 30, 2013 and 2 Guiders *	\$3,000.00 Less \$1,500 from national Less \$450.00 from Québec	GGC is in partnership with Global Explorers, offering an exciting outdoor adventure. You will learn about Northern Canada, climate issues, Arctic conservation and First Nations history and culture, as		
Name of trip	Location	Overall dates	Event Dates		
Newfoundland Adventure 2013	Newfoundland	July 24 – August 3, 2013 (tentative)	July 26-31, 2013 (tentative)		
	Who	Cost to girls (estimated)	notes		
	8 girls aged 14-16 as of June 30, 2013 and 2 Guiders *	\$3,000.00 Less \$1,500 from national Less \$450.00 from Québec = \$1,050.00 (approximately)	GGC is in partnership with G Adventures, is offering an outdoor and historical adventure. Activities will include the Viking legacy at Gros Morne National Park, wildlife, kayaking, hiking on the Vilking Trail and sightseeing in St. John's.		
<u>INTERNATIONAL</u>					
Name of trip	Location	Overall dates	Event Dates		
Kenya Adventure 2013	Kenya, Africa	July 31 – August 13, 2013 (tentative)	August 2-11, 2013 (tentative)		
	Who	Cost to girls (estimated)	notes		
	2 patrols of 8 girls each aged 15-17 as of June 30, 2013 and 2 Guiders per patrol*	\$4,500.00 Less \$2,500 from national Less \$600.00 from Québec = \$1,400.00 (approximately)	GGC is in partnership with a youth service organization. Participants will develop leadership skills and global awareness, explore the landscape and engage in intercultural exchange with local communities. There will be hiking, camping, a safari, as well as a visit to the burial site of Lord & Lady B-P.		



Name of trip	Location	Overall dates	Event Dates
Swiss Adventure Our Chalet, Switzerland	Switzerland Who 8 girls aged 14-16 as of June 30, 2013 and 2 Guiders *	August 5-19, 2013 (tentative) Cost to girls (estimated) \$3,800.00 Less \$2,000 from national Less \$540.00 from Québec = \$1,260.00 (approximately)	August 10-18, 2013 (tentative) notes Our Chalet is a World Centre of WAGGGS. It has been open since 1932 and is located in the Swiss Alps. It provides opportunities to get close to nature as well as develop your potential through outdoor challenges. This is a very physical event. The trip will include sightseeing in Zurich.
Name of trip	Location	Overall dates	Event Dates
WS2013 International Camp, West Sussex, England	South of England Showground, Ardingly, West Sussex (approx.. 60 km south of London)	July 31-August 14, 2013 (tentative) Cost to girls (estimated) \$3,800.00 Less \$2,000 from national Less \$540.00 from Québec = \$1,260.00 (approximately)	August 3-10, 2013 (tentative) notes WS camps have been held for more than 30 years. The theme is “Ancient Antics”. Activities will include sailing, abseiling, archery, judo, cultural activities, live bands and crafts. The GGC patrol will be twinned with a GGUK unit during the camp and will have homestay before the camp. Several days will be spent in London after the camp.

In order to qualify, participants must be physically fit and be active Members of Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada.

Participants must have a minimum of two nights Guide camping experience for all **International** events.

For more information, please consult the National Web page www.girlguides.ca (under *Members > International Opportunities*)

Financial Training

It is time to think about **trainings** for the fall. Many Unit Treasurers and several district ones could benefit from attending a financial training.

If there are several people in your district who are interested, let me know and we can arrange a date. If you are alone, let me know and I'll tell you if there are any other trainings around which you might be able to attend. I don't mind coming to small groups.

The training takes about 3 ½ hours or a bit longer if people have lots of questions. We will cover all you need to know to keep your books to the standard required by National, including **mid-year and year-end reporting and budgeting**.

Signing Officers

It is time once again to change or re-affirm your **signing officers** on your bank accounts. This must be done every year at a district meeting, followed by visits to the banks involved.

Pamela Rice and **Susan Welsh** are to be the Provincial designates on all district level accounts.

The District Commissioner and District Treasurer should be on all district and Unit accounts. Remember that there must be at least **four** signing officers on each account. (You may have five if it makes it easier to get cheques signed.)

For Units and districts, the procedure is the same as last year. Check the **Unit and District Treasurer handbooks** for the details and sample wording for motions. (Handbooks are posted on the GGC-QC website, under 'Forms')

Cookies

The Chocolatey Mint Cookies will be delivered soon. Remember that there is a blackout on other fund-raising for one month after cookies are delivered to allow the girls to concentrate on selling at least two cases of cookies each.

If you have any questions about these or any other Guiding financial matters, feel free to contact me at dsn@guidesquebec.ca

Dawn Coffey
Treasurer Support Specialist



From the Property Committee...

Wa-Thik-Ane Fall Camp Closing 2012 - Sunday, September 30, 2012
(following Provincial Day Camp on September 29)

Come and join us for a fun working day as we put Wa-Thik-Ane to bed for this year!

- All buildings and sites will be prepared for winter.
- Site utensils will be brought to the food building to be washed and stored there in Rubbermaid containers to be ready for next year.
- Tents will be taken down, labelled and put into storage.

Those Guiders involved in the Day Camp are welcome to stay overnight in Stavert.

Please indicate your availability by contacting qcpropertycommittee@gmail.com.
The more the merrier!

Hello Guiders!

GET OFF TO A
GREAT START
THROUGH
GIRL
ENGAGEMENT
.....with Best
Practices



OCTOBER 2012



Watch out for
"Glitter's" ideas

BONUS!

Ask your DC for your
2012-2013 desk calendar
and Guiding Almanac



BEST PRACTICES FOR GIRL PROGRAMMING

Best Practices is designed to help run great Guiding Programs that girls will love! This page will provide monthly themes and checklist. More ideas and resources coming soon!

Girl Leadership Development

Things to think about to ensure engaging programming:

Being able to give feedback, evaluate program activities and have their voice heard is an essential part of leadership development.

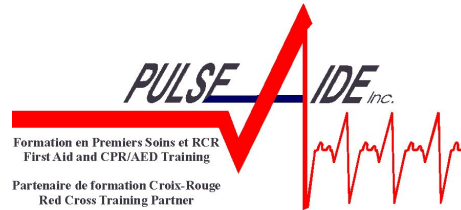
- ✓ **Sparks** and **Brownies** can easily give feedback using the Two Stars and a Wish format. (see page 77 of *Sparkling Ideas: Program Ideas for Spark Guiders* and on page 121 of *Let's Share Ideas: Program Ideas for Brownie Guiders*.)
- ✓ **Guides** should be introduced to reviewing activities as a learning experience, expressing their likes and dislikes, debriefing what happened and keeping ideas for the future.
- ✓ **Pathfinders, Rangers** and **Extra Ops** regularly evaluate activities as part of their activity planning cycle, assessing whether objectives were met, if things were forgotten or miscalculated and celebrating success.



First Aid Courses

Red Cross First Aid Courses from Pulse Aide Inc.

Tailored to the needs of GGC
as per Safe Guide July 2012



Complete details of First Aid Requirements for Safe Guide Activity Levels are found in the Safe Guide document, **July 2012 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 10-14 and 29-32.

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

2012 Update for a Health Care Professional acting as First Aider (p. 12 and p. 32)

Any Health Care Professional acting as First Aider must be licensed and insured to provide health care in the province/territory of the activity and be working in a relevant field of health care. They must have a current CPR certification, and both the CPR and the professional qualifications must be entered into iMIS. A Health Care Professional acting as First Aider outside of Canada must have a Standard First Aid Certificate.

First Aid Kit (see p. 31)

A first aid kit appropriate for the activity and environment must be on-hand for all activities, including regular Unit meetings.

Tentative Courses for 2012 - dates and locations to be confirmed

All Pulse Aide Inc. Courses include the Canadian Red Cross 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.

<p>Emergency First Aid Course (8 hours) \$100 Sat. Oct. 20, 2012, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Standard First Aid Course (16 hours) \$120 Sat. and Sun. Oct. 20 and 21, 2012, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Emergency First Aid Course (8 hours) \$100 Sat. Nov. 24, 2012, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Standard First Aid Course (16 hours) \$120 Sat. and Sun. Nov. 24 and 25, 2012, 8:30am - 5:30pm</p>

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 Joan Lax at pulseaideinc@gmail.com**

News from the Provincial Office

Welcome to our new District Commissioners!

The following Guiders have been elected as Co-District Commissioners:

Katherine Harris - Riverdale District

Lisa Labelle - Riverdale District

Congratulations and welcome to the DC Circle!

Updates to Unit information?
Changes in location? Of Leaders?

Email them to us at

guides-quebec.imis@bellnet.ca

so we can have the correct information available to all and reflected on the online Unit Finder.

In the Headlines...

Thrown in the Lake: POV from First-Time Guider

Spark Guider Renée Kennette from Secteur Argenteuil was a guest blogger for the GGC blog last month! She tells us all about her experience as the Responsible Guider for their District Camp at Wa-Thik-Ane.

Girl Guides is new for me – I became a Sparks Guider last September when my twin daughters joined. Little did I know that I'd love being a Guider!

Read the entire blog entry [here](#).

Don't forget you can send us your stories and photos to be published in our very own [GuidesQuébecBlog](#). Email us at communications@guidesquebec.ca



Renée and her daughter



Girl Guides of Lennoxville. From left to right: Meaghan Rivett, Alyssa Laurent, Shannon Jackson (leader), Abby Oakley, and Emma Andrews. Photo: Gib McInnis

Girl Guides of Lennoxville meet for a new season

Bravo to the Lennoxville Girl Guides!

The group was the focus of a feature article in The Sherbrooke Record. Lennoxville PR Adviser Shannon was quoted:

The goal of Girl Guides of Lennoxville is to empower girls, and we want the girls to know they have a sisterhood in Guiding. The goal of the Lennoxville group is to ensure we can mingle French and English together, so we want Anglophone girls working with Francophone girls to build a community of friends.

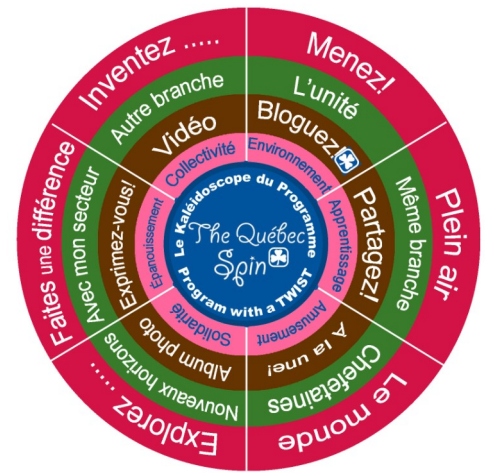
Read more [here](#).

The Québec Spin - Le kaléidoscope du programme

It is ready for **ACTION!**

Spin resources will arrive **September 15th!**

Learn more from your District Commissioner
or check out the video link - coming soon!



1st Mount Bruno Spark Unit



{ public relations marketing } PR NEWS

Look for the launch of our new Québec Provincial Website in early October!



The screenshot shows the website interface for the Girl Guides of Canada. At the top, there is a navigation bar with social media icons (Facebook, YouTube, LinkedIn, Pinterest, etc.) and links for 'National Website', 'Join Us', and 'Welcome [Sign In]'. Below this is the main header with the Girl Guides logo and 'Alberta Council' text. A main menu includes 'Home', 'Parents', 'Girl Members', 'Adult Members', and 'My GGC', along with a search bar.

The main content area features a large image of three girls in blue uniforms hugging. Below the image is a 'Girl Greatness Awards' announcement: 'Nominations from March 2nd to March 31st, 2012. Voting from May 1st to May 25th, 2012.'

Below the image are three columns of content:

- JOIN US:** 'Are you looking for a place to do fun things with your friends? A way to get involved within your community? A chance to try a bit of everything? It's very easy to join!' with steps: 1. Find a Unit, 2. Register Online. Links for 'More information on Girl Membership' and 'More information on Adult Membership' are provided.
- NEWS & ARTICLES:** 'GGC Announces Inaugural Girl Greatness Awards' (January 03, 2012), 'Happy International Women's Day!' (January 24, 2012), 'Vote WAGGGS as one of Top 50 Inspiring Ideas!' (March 13, 2012), and 'Happy World Thinking Day!' (April 22, 2012).
- UPCOMING EVENTS:** 'Provincial - Registraion Event' (January 03, 2012), 'Provincial - Camping Event' (January 24, 2012), 'National - Cookie Sales Event' (March 13, 2012), 'National - Membership Event' (April 22, 2012), and another 'National - Membership Event' (April 20, 2012).

At the bottom, there are 'QUICK LINKS' (Unit Finder, Forms, Cookies, Newsletters, Store) and 'RECENT TWEETS' (a tweet from @girlguidesofcan about an Earth Hour party). The footer contains 'Who We Are', 'Branches' (listing Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders, Rangers, and Adults), 'Support Us' (Donate Now, Ways of Giving, etc.), and 'Contact Us' (Alberta Council address, phone, fax, email). A 'Provincial Websites' dropdown menu is also present.

GGC-QC 2012-2013 Guiding Calendar

Date	Event
September	 Launch of Celebrating Great Guiding and The Québec Spin 
September 15	DC/Adviser/Council Day (full day) + <i>Be Inspired!</i> Guider Workshops (two half day sessions)
September 18-21	Cookie delivery time
September 29	Provincial Day Camp (Registration deadline of Sept. 24, 9am will be strictly enforced)
September 30	Camp Clean Up Day – Essential for Camp Operations!
October 11	International Day of the Girl – stay tuned for more information
October 21	International Travel Event
October 27	Montreal Impact Guides and Scouts Day (deadline for ticket orders: Sept. 27)
January 19	Guider Symposium
February 15-17	Snow Trails
February 23	DC/Adviser/Council Meeting (½ day Saturday)
April	Prepare applications for Provincial Scholarship deadline of June 1
May 2	AGM
May 22	DC/Adviser/Council Meeting (evening meeting)
May (tbd)	Young Women’s Forum
May (tbd)	Adventure Trek
Spring	District Membership Growth Workshop

Updates will be provided as they become available