



Girl Guides in Québec buzzing with activity

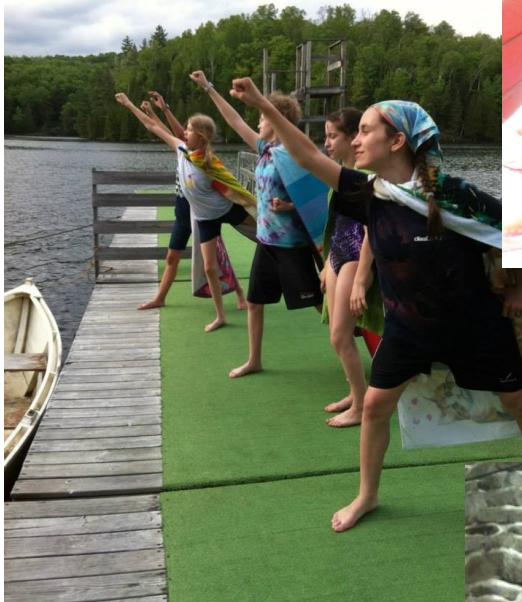


this Spring!

(left) Third year Guides, Pathfinders and Trex take part in a sound workshop offered by the International Congress of Acoustics and the Acoustical Society of America at the Palais des Congrès in Montréal



(above) Secteur Argenteuil Girl Guides starting off the day at Camp Wa-Thik-Ane, Morin Heights



(above) 1st Mount Bruno Pathfinders strike a superhero pose on the dock at Wa-Thik-Ane



(right) 1st Lachute Pathfinder Unit lead a song at central campfire in Stavert Lodge

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Never a dull moment!

Our 2012-2013 Guiding Year

The 2012-2013 Guiding Year has been jam-packed... In fact... Let's look at our overall provincial picture!



- * 4,480 unit meetings
- * 80+ camps
- * 300+ outings
- * 150 enrollment ceremonies
- * 40 advancement ceremonies
- * 22+ Thinking day ceremonies/meetings
- * 500+ Québec Spin crests flying out the door
- * 1760 girls
- * 402 adults
- * Countless unit planning meetings
- * 100+ district meetings
- * Countless camp planning meetings
- * Patrols to Ireland, Our Chalet, Oregon, national patrol travellers, New York State

Plus...

- * Summer Camp 2012
- * Launch of Québec Spin
- * Launch of Celebrating Great Guiding program & Glitter
- * Fall Camp Day 2012
- * Guider Symposium 2013
- * National Network Conference for Provincial Advisers
- * Spring Internet Advertising Campaign
- * FestiGuides – Adventure Trek 2013
- * Young Women's Forum
- * Countless provincial committee and team meetings
- * Wa-Thik-Ane Camp opening/closing days
- * 5 Council meetings
- * Annual General Meeting
- * New PC Honours Award

Amber, Elaine and I would like to thank each and every one in Québec for their valuable contribution to our dynamic Québec Guiding community. We are all striving to make a difference in the lives of our girl members and we know that we do have a positive impact in perhaps some subtle ways and not so subtle ways.

It is time to take stock of the past year, get some rest and relaxation over the summer and re-energise for the smiling faces and eager hearts of our returning and new girls.

*Have a great summer and enjoy!
Pamela, Amber and Elaine*

On ne s'ennuie jamais !

L'année guide 2012-2013

L'année guide 2012-2013 a été bien remplie... En fait... Voici un aperçu général du guidisme au Québec !



- * **4 480 réunions d'unité**
- * **80+ camps**
- * **300+ sorties**
- * **150 cérémonies d'adhésion**
- * **40 cérémonies d'avancement**
- * **22+ cérémonies pour la Journée de la Pensée**
- * **500+ badges du Défi Québec qui se vendent comme des petits pains chauds**
- * **1760 membres filles**
- * **402 membres adultes**
- * **D'innombrables réunions de planification d'unité**
- * **100+ réunions de secteur**
- * **D'innombrables réunions de planification des camps**
- * **Patrouilles en Irlande, à Our Chalet, en Oregon, voyageurs avec des patrouilles nationales, dans l'état de New York**

Plus...

- * **Camp d'été 2012**
- * **Lancement du défi Le kaléidoscope du programme**
- * **Lancement du programme Célébrer le guidisme exceptionnel et Glitter**
- * **Camp de jour d'automne 2012**
- * **Colloque des cheftaines 2013**
- * **Conférence du réseau national pour les conseillères provinciales**
- * **Campagne publicitaire Web du printemps**
- * **FestiGuides – Adventure Trek 2013**
- * **Forum des jeunes femmes**
- * **3 réunions CS/Conseillères/Conseil**
- * **D'innombrables réunions de comités et équipes provinciaux**
- * **Ouverture du camp et corvée annuelle au Camp Wa-Thik-Ane Camp**
- * **5 réunions du Conseil**
- * **Assemblée générale annuelle**
- * **Nouveau prix d'honneur de la commissaire provinciale**

Amber, Elaine et moi voulons remercier chacune d'entre vous pour votre contribution précieuse à notre communauté dynamique de guidisme au Québec. Nous cherchons toutes à faire une différence dans les vies de nos membres filles et nous savons que nos efforts ont un impact positif, de manière parfois explicite, parfois implicite.

C'est l'occasion de faire le bilan de l'année écoulée, de se reposer pendant l'été et de reprendre des forces pour accueillir de nouveau les beaux sourires et coeurs fébriles de nos filles qui reviennent de des nouveaux membres.

*Passez un été merveilleux et profitez-en!
Pamela, Amber and Elaine*

Announcing the NEW Provincial Commissioner Honours Award



I am pleased to announce the new Provincial Commissioner Honours Award that was introduced on May 2, 2013 at the provincial AGM.

How to Qualify for the Award:

Bronze – Being directly involved in the planning and organization of provincial events, camps, or initiatives twice in one Guiding year

Silver – Being directly involved in the planning and organization of provincial events, camps, or initiatives three times in one Guiding year

Gold – Leading or co-leading provincial events, camps, or initiatives in one Guiding year

I am already looking forward to presenting these awards for the 2013 year at the provincial AGM on May 1, 2014.

Please see the following pages on awards presented at this year's AGM for the 2012 award recipients.

- *Pamela Rice*
Provincial Commissioner



2012 Award Recipients presented by GGC Québec Council at the AGM—May 2, 2013

Shining Stars

—10 years as a Unit Guider

Jennifer Cessford
 Nissa Grant
 Marie-Eve Legault
 Stacey Thomas
 Not present:
 Gillian Ainsworth
 Diane Amyot
 Carolyn Berry
 Jutta Bouchard
 Melanie Cormier
 Maureen Collins
 Christine Gage
 Wendy Hauck
 Ann Kelly
 Elaine Lariviere
 Meaghan Macro
 Kathy Malas
 Susan Martel
 Amanda Michetti
 Diane Oki
 Pauline Owczar
 Janet Pompura
 Betty-Jean Quinn
 Renee Sabetta-Cavers
 Donna Wimmer

Guiding Lights

—25 years as a Unit Guider

Tracey Brennan
 Joanne Millette
 Hannelore Rene-de-Cotret
 Not present:
 Barb Collins

Provincial Commissioner Honours Award—BRONZE

Joanne Cardinal - Summer-Fall Camp 2012
 Jennifer Cessford - Summer-Fall Camp 2012
 Susan Sayer - Summer-Fall Camp 2012
 Jenn Bouchard - Summer Camp 2012 and Young Women's Forum 2012
 Pam Godfrey – Symposium 2011 and Fall Camp Day 2012
 Elaine Keeble – Symposium 2011-2012
 Amber LeBrun – Symposium 2011-2012
 Valerie Robb-McKay – Symposium 2011-2012
 Louise Triggs – Symposium 2011-2012
 Valerie Zaloum – Symposium 2011-2012
 Not present:
 Carmelle Goldberg – Summer-Fall Camp 2012

Provincial Commissioner Honours Award— GOLD

Heather Martin - Summer-Fall Day Camp 2011
 Nissa Grant & Kelly Vandzura - Summer Camp 2012
 Amber LeBrun & Diana Rice - Young Women's Forum 2011-2012
 Valerie Zaloum - Impact Soccer Day 2012

Commissioner Award

Karyn Doke
 Barbara Richard
 Tania Tautkus
 Stacey Thomas
 Not present:
 Sara DiMilo
 Helena Green

Silver Merit

Jennifer Bouchard

Gold Merit

Charyl Hyndman
 Connie Morgenstern Erndt
 Magatte Ndiaye

Medal of Merit

Lydia Berryman
 Not present:
 Elizabeth Leclerc Grondin



(2012 Award Recipients cont'd)



Certificates of Appreciation

Nina-Marie Bournival
Pam Godfrey
Emily Koehler-Lemaire
Heather Martin
Rebecca Purver
Brenda Quenneville
Louise Triggs
Lori Labelle
Dawn Coffey
Not present: Simon Côté Lemaire

Summer Camp 2012:

Sinclair Harris
Charyl Hyndman
Elaine Keeble
Ginny LeHoux
Annette Levasseur
Laura Litvack
Joanne Millette
Diana Rice
Angela Whelton-Quinn
Not present:
Heather Barwick
Alison Campbell
Holli Drum
Rhonda Dwyer
Jessica Ganten
Crystal Gillam
Kirsti Harris
Lucie Laurin
Christine Nadeau
Elyssa Nassif
Betty Prazenka
Jenn Robert
Esther Szeben
Jen Van der Wee
Christine Westwell

Young Women's Forum:

Not present:
Stacey Bouchard
Alison Campbell
Laura Michalovic
Hannah Miller

End of Term Gifts

Pam Godfrey – DC Support Specialist
Charyl Hyndman – Valois-Dorval DC
Magatte Ndiaye – Québec Provincial Treasurer
Not present:
KellyLee Bourget – Cookie Adviser
Kathy Green – DC of former La Tabatière District
Barbara Rivett – Lennoxville DC

Presentation of Membership Pins

(25 years and up)

25 Years

Robin Goudreault
Nissa Grant
Wendy Thomas
Not present:
KellyLee Bourget
Heidi Shapiro
Amanda Thomas

30 Years

Dawn Coffey
Danielle Duquette
Lynn Mooney
Not present:
Suzanne Pilon

35 years

Not present:
Wendy Hauck
Brenda Stone

40 Years

Sinclair Harris
Maria Meessen
Joanne Millette
Not present:
Kirsten Vice

45 Years

Mary Austin
Margaret Martin
Not present:
Lynn Dahl

50 Years

Louise Triggs



Happy travels to **Alexandra Meredith**, going to England, **Natalie Kennedy**, going to Kenya, **Daphné Sauv **, going to Our Chalet – all three with national groups, and **Kenza Deschenes-Kherchi** and her mum, Huguette Deschenes, going to Our Chalet in August. Have a wonderful time, all of you; take lots of pictures and we can't wait to hear all about your trips in the fall!



Independent Trip Opportunities

Now that your Units are done for the year, it is a great time to check out independent travel opportunities for you and your girls.

Guides

- * Guides may travel to the continental U.S. Check out some of the [GSUSA websites](#) for nearby Girl Scout Councils which may be holding camps you can attend. A weekend event is not hard to plan – contact Pam Godfrey at international@guidesquebec.ca if you are interested and I can put you in touch with a group who did this last June.
- * Think about an overnight adventure in **Ottawa** or **Qu bec City**. Many museums have sleepover packages. The train is a great way to travel and you then take public transit on arrival.

Pathfinders and Rangers

- * The only limit is your imagination, and maybe a budget! Do some leg work before talking to your girls about this as they do not know where to begin. The fall is a good time to start planning for a big trip in 2015. It gives enough time for parents to pay and/or fundraise.
- * Decide if you want to camp or need a warm bed.
- * Check out some of the GSUSA websites for local Girl Scout Councils which may be holding camps you can attend.
- * Check out WAGGGS countries' websites for camp events they will be holding.
- * Consider attending a session at a World Centre. This is the easiest possible way to plan a trip!
- * Contact Pam Godfrey at international@guidesquebec.ca for help in getting started.



Check out the next page for some special invitations! They'll soon be added to the International page on our website.

- Pam Godfrey, International Adviser



Opportunities for Travel:

California Dreamin²

International Camporee 2015
Girl Scouts NorCal

July 22 - August 2, 2015

This is a camping event in Pleasanton, California, which is a suburb of the San Francisco Bay area.

Registration will open October 2013.

Check out the website for complete information - <http://cadreamincamporee.org/>

NORJAM 2014, August 9-16, 2014 in Norfolk, UK.

Over 5000 attended last time!

<http://norjam.org.uk/>



An invitation for Adults via Facebook:

The Great Escape

October 4 – 6, 2013

Camp Wabasso, Bradford, New Hampshire

2013 will be our 31st year for The Great Escape. What is The Great Escape you ask? The GE is a relaxing and enjoyable weekend for adult Girl Scouts and friends in the beautiful countryside of Bradford, NH, run by volunteers from Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts. This year at the GE you can learn how to play Hand and Foot (Card Game), channel your inner Puppeteer, quilt for Project Linus, explore NH on foot, bring some elegance to your outdoor cooking with new recipes, or upcycle plastic grocery bags and tee shirts. These are just some of the workshops being offered this weekend. Or if you prefer, grab that book you have been dying to read.

Accommodations include tents, unheated cabins, a heated lodge and the Christa McAuliffe house. Cost for the weekend is \$55.00 and includes three meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday and believe me – you will not go away hungry. Our motto is “Gracious living in the out-of-doors” and that includes the meals!

Visit our website for updated workshops, registration info (you can now pay online) and pictures from past years: www.gsgreatescape.org; then check out our blog at <http://gsgreatescaper.blogspot.com/>



Wa-Thik-Ane has Water!

The Property Committee is thrilled to announce that after almost two years and many ups and downs, the well at Wa-Thik-Ane is complete, is functioning and is supplying our camp with beautiful, clean Laurentian spring water. Provincial testing indicates water of the highest quality coursing through the pipes for the satisfaction of all of your cooking and drinking needs. Please raise your glasses to the many people who have helped realize the dream of a new water system at

Wa-Thik-Ane and enjoy our wonderful water for years to come!

Nylon Tents on Algonquin and Cree Sites

Please remember, when you rent Algonquin or Cree site you will need to put up nylon tents on arrival. You will be supplied with the tents but it is your responsibility to put up the tents and take them down before you leave. In case of rain, special arrangements need to be made with the weekend GIC. This is a great opportunity for the girls to learn about the care of nylon tents!



Thank You!

It is hard to imagine what winter does to our beautiful campsite and this year's winter weather took a particularly high toll on the property. Access to the camp was delayed by late spring snow and many fallen trees. The dedicated Wa-Thik-Ane volunteer army had to go above and beyond to prepare the campsite for use prior to the arrival of our first groups. They had to work around wet weather, ongoing major construction and of course the bugs. Groups organized themselves to put up tents, repair stairs, clean buildings and sites, remove dead brush and trees, scrutinize and suggest upgrades to our electrical system and to our marquees, deliver new appliances, and so many more tasks.

Thank you does not seem like enough, but that is what they get. We give our most sincere and heartfelt thanks to the men, women, girls and boys who have given up their free time to volunteer this spring at Wa-Thik-Ane. We only hope that everyone who camps there this year understands the amount of volunteer time that it takes to prepare and sustain our beautiful camp!



2013 Québec Provincial Day Camp

October 5, 2013

A Wonderful Day at Camp Wa-Thik-Ane

WHAT: Camp fun at our camp in Morin Heights, camp skills, games, outdoor cooking and lots of fun!

WHEN: Saturday, October 5, 2013 – 9:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.; transportation by bus from several locations (tba)

The goal of this event is to encourage new and old campers and Guiders to visit the camp and try camping without the concern of the overnight or required planning, and to give those who love camping already another chance to enjoy it before the winter.

Look for the registration forms in the August *Piccolo* but mark this date on your planning calendar now!



Campers from Secteur Argenteuil all lined up and ready for the hike to Iroquois

Did you know...

Over 330 campers, including Girl Guide groups from 7 different districts, have already enjoyed the beauty of Camp Wa-Thik-Ane this season, in the rain and under the sunshine!

Our summer camp team is now busy preparing for three unforgettable weeks at Wa-Thik-Ane—running programming for girls of all ages and camp experience levels from July 7 to 27.

TRAINING SESSION: *Understanding the Adult Learner*

Due to popular demand a **second session** of this workshop will be offered as the new Guiding year begins.

Watch out for date and location details in the August *Piccolo!*



Understanding the Adult Learner trainers and trainees at the June 7 session in Lachine



A huge **thank you** to **Joanne Millette** and **Valerie Zaloum** who did such a fantastic job putting together a fun, engaging and informative evening!

Lachine Girl Guides visit with local police unit



The Lachine/St. Lawrence District held a bridging activity on May 8 with a visit to a local Lachine police unit. The girls learned a lot about what police officers wear, what is in their car, and what to do if they are attacked.

I would suggest for every Guiding unit to take part and learn about their local police units.

*Submitted by
Cathenna Michaud
Sunshine Owl
7th Lachine Brownies*

Trefoil News

Welcome to **Hannelore Rene de Cotret** who is stepping up to take the position of Trefoil Guild Adviser for Québec Council.

Many thanks to **Pearl Welsh** who has fulfilled this role for the past few years.

We wish you both the very best!

Treasurers' Trove

For Unit and District Treasurers

Mid-Year Reviews

Please don't forget to get your books done soon! Details were in the May *Piccolo*. Then you can relax for the summer. Have a great one!

If you have questions, I can be reached at finances-support@guidesquebec.ca

- Dawn Coffey
Treasurer Support Specialist

Confidentiality, Social Media and You

The beautiful summer weather is finally upon us, and as many of you are busy preparing for summer events, camps and PR events, there's one thing that I'd like you all to keep in mind:

Please protect the confidentiality of our girls' and other members' personal information when sharing stories!

With access to social media at our fingertips, it is so great to hear all about your camp weekends, PR events, and what's going on in your districts and units... But just as easy it is for you to post a Facebook status or tweet, it is just as easy for someone else to read it or share it. With that said, please be mindful that in Guiding you can learn lots of personal information about the other girls and Guiders in your Unit, like phone numbers and personal and health problems. Keep personal information private unless necessary for someone's safety. (see the [Code of Conduct policy](#) on MemberZone)

National is currently developing guidelines and recommendations for social media usage and other online activities that go above and beyond item 4 on the Code of Conduct (RE: Confidentiality). In the meantime, please enjoy sharing the wonderful stories of the great things you do in a way that does not divulge any personal information. Looking forward to sharing with you!

- Amber LeBrun
DPC - Girl Engagement

What's new on guidesquebec.ca?

- * You'll now find a link to download the **GGC Québec Council Contact List** on the '[Contact Us](#)' page (bottom right corner of the site)
- * Already pondering **program ideas** for next year? Take a look at the new '[Program Ideas](#)' section of the site. You'll find quick links to program resources from across Canada, as well as ideas divided by branch. Many thanks to QC Program Adviser Valerie Zaloum for putting this together!

An invitation from l'Association des Scouts du Canada:

MOOT 2013 - August 8-18

*Join in with 5000 youngsters
from all over the world!*

Organizers are expecting participants from all over the world, who will gather first at Awaca-menj Mino, an outdoor base 75 km north of Ottawa-. Then, the participants will head for Ottawa-Gatineau, Montréal, Québec City or Toronto for a community project.

Register by July 12!

Click [HERE](#) for a bilingual brochure with all the details!



Reminder:

When preparing Safe Guide forms for your event or outing, be sure to use the latest forms—available [here](#). This will save everyone some time and effort. Safe Guide forms should be sent to: sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca for assessment. Thank you!

Attention Unit Guiders!

If you know when your first meeting is scheduled for the 2013-2014 Guiding year, please let us know at imis@guidesquebec.ca. That way we can make the details available on the Unit Finder and it will save time when parents call the office looking for more information.

Looking ahead to 2013-2014...

July 7-27	Wonderful Weeks at Wa-Thik-Ane Summer Camp, Morin Heights
September	French program books—printed and priced the same as the English
October 5	Provincial Day Camp, Wa-Thik-Ane, Morin Heights
October 6	Wa-Thik-Ane Camp Clean-Up Day
October 19	Montreal Impact Soccer Day
November 22-24	Eastern Regional Trainers Conference
January 18 (tbc)	2014 Guider Symposium
May 1	AGM
Early May (tbc)	Festi-Guides (Rosemère)
May 10	Camp Opening Day



Precious shared moments at Camp Wa-Thik-Ane (Photo courtesy of Secteur Argenteuil)