



## Girl Guides rock on ice, too!

Québec Pathfinders, Rangers, Trex, and Guiders take part in Snow Trails—a polar-themed winter camping extravaganza



**Snow Trails 2013** took place February 15-17 at Cap-St-Jacques and the polar-themed winter camping extravaganza turned out to be an exhilarating experience for all who attended. 41 Pathfinder, Ranger and Trex-aged girls from around the province along with twenty leaders built quinzees and pitched tents and then braved the -17 °C chilly overnight temperature to sleep in them. This was an intense skill building weekend that not only gave a new group of Québec girls the opportunity to build their confidence with winter survival skills, but also allowed a new group of leaders to learn from more experienced ones and build their skill set as well.

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The two night camp included both an indoor and outdoor overnight portion. During the educational night on Friday, the girls learned the background skills necessary for a safe and successful winter camping experience. They then put their new knowledge into practice on Saturday, taking on the labour-intensive and exhausting work of building eight quinzees as well as learning firsthand the correct procedure for pitching tents in snow. The hard work started early in the morning and was completed just as the last remnants of the late day sun dipped below the horizon. The ideal Cap St-Jacques venue allowed the possibility of a back-up interior sleeping option as well as a kitchen where a team of dedicated volunteers kept the pans frying and the pots bubbling with hot tasty meals. After dinner and preparing themselves for the cold night ahead, the girls traipsed back out and snuggled into their cozy quinzees while the leaders who slept outside did so in tents. As it turned out, the quinzee inhabitants fared far better in terms of warmth than their tent tenant counter-parts!

On Sunday, lunch was an outdoor affair. Camp participants, as well as a number of third year Guides who attended with their leaders for the day, took part in an outdoor cooking demonstration. They then chose the method that most appealed to them and made their own meal using either a Coleman stove or one of the various backpacking stove options that had been demonstrated. Other activities on Sunday included Geocaching and a "snow village" tour. The smiling faces of the newly minted winter campers as they enthusiastically showed off their quinzee creations was evidence of the well deserved pride they felt. In the words of one of the organizers, "Girl Guides rock on ice, too!"

*Submitted by  
Connie Morgenstern*





## Northshore does it up—

## *Sangam* style!



The Northshore District had their Winter Camp at Cap-St-Jacques for World Thinking Day. Each Unit represented one of the four world centres and had to prepare an activity, snack, and craft for the weekend.

Sparks – Pax Lodge, England

Brownies – Sangam, India

Guides – Our Cabaña, Mexico

Pathfinders – Our Chalet, Switzerland

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Northwood Brownies had the girls make henna hands as a craft, and their snack was mango lassi and papadams. As for an activity, the girls had practiced an Indian dance called “Sangam Style” for about a month and presented it at camp. The dance was choreographed and taught by Brownie Keona Daisy Melo. The T-shirts all have “Sangam Style” sewn on and bells sewn on sleeves.

*Submitted by Daisy Owl*

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## Nominations are now open for the 2013 Girl Greatness Awards!

But don't delay—they close March 31



Girl Guides of Canada's Girl Greatness Awards is all about applauding girl Members who accomplish great things in their lives and in their communities. The awards recognize one girl per branch who has excelled in one of the following award categories:



Click [here](#) to visit the national website for more details.

# Thinking Day Ceremony à la Valois-Dorval



What do you get when you mix 4 third year Guides, 2 Pathfinders, 2 Rangers and 6 Guiders together to help plan a Thinking Day event? **MAGIC!**

After three planning meetings and a set-up, practice and sound check the night before (with special thanks to some supportive dads), Valois-Dorval held a beautiful Thinking Day ceremony on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at the Valois United Church in Pointe-Claire, Quebec.

The girls planned the entire evening. With the starting point on the song “I Am One Voice” (I am 1 in 10 million) sung as a solo by a Ranger and Pathfinder and the theme of being different but the same – the girls chose the songs to sing; planned what to say during a candle lighting ceremony honouring the five regions of WAGGGS, our founders and what Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting have given the world; prepared a powerful PowerPoint presentation about “If our World was a Village of 100 Girl Guides”; researched and prepared a slide show and bookmarks illustrating Girl Guide and Girl Scout uniforms, badges and promises from more than 20 countries; and even had a Ranger arrange a discount from her employer for our yummy snack afterwards.

All 8 units with over 120 girls, 22 leaders and the girls’ parents were invited to attend. Each Unit was represented by girls who had the opportunity to carry a flag, light a candle, or help lead the promise during the evening ceremony, which lasted just over an hour.

We were very excited to be joined by our Provincial Commissioner, Pamela Rice, and our Deputy Commissioner, Amber Lebrun who attended and walked in proudly with our colour party.

It was a wonderful evening with a great message that while Guiding may be different in other countries, we are all very much the same. The girls effectively communicated to their peers and parents that we all want the world to be a better place and we are continually taking action to do so. Another great message which everyone left with was “We are one in 10 million... but we are not alone.”

Some of the girls where asked what they thought of the evening... One responded, “I loved that we got to plan and organize the evening and then watch it happen, it was cool.” Another girl just said “WOW.”

Yup, “WOW”, that about sums it up.

*Submitted by Charyl Hyndman*

*Valois-Dorval District Commissioner / Guider with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Strathmore Guides/ proud mom of two Committee Members*

Our district Thinking Day event is always something to look forward to. This year, it brought together 130 girls and 32 guiders from 13 different units.

Girls had a blast at the WAGGGS-themed event, planned entirely by our two Pathfinder units.

A highlight is always the recognition of some of our guiders at the end of the evening. This year we recognized eight women in our district for the amazing work they do.



## Lakeshore is proud of its award recipients!

- ‡ Hannah Miller: Bronze Unit Guider
- ‡ Rachel Martiniello: Bronze Unit Guider
- ‡ Betsy Williamson: Bronze Unit Guider
- ‡ Vicki Johns: Silver Unit Guider
- ‡ Danielle Duquette: Gold Unit Guider
- ‡ Jennifer Cessford: Bronze Medal of Merit
- ‡ Pam Godfrey: Gold Medal of Merit
- ‡ Nissa Grant: Gold Medal of Merit



*Submitted by Nissa Grant*

## QC Spin Stories



### 2nd Riverdale Guides

*Submitted by Katie Harris*

### Make a Difference – Unit – Video – Community



Over the holidays, the 2nd Riverdale Guides completed the Québec Spin challenge by putting on a play to collect school supplies for children in Haiti.

We reached out and found someone who had recently started construction on a school in Haiti and was willing to deliver the supplies herself.

We put on a production of "The Paper Bag Princess" and invited our entire district and the parents of our Guides. The cost of admission was a school supply item.

The girls also achieved several program badges such as the Theatre badge and Sewing badge.

Our play was recorded and made into a dvd by one of our volunteer parents. The girls were then encouraged to bring the dvd to school to show their classmates. We will pass along a copy of the recording to the Girl Guide office.

## Spring Re-registration and New Member Recruitment - The Basics!

### ⇒ Re-registration period will be as follows:

- April 1- April 30 – Only girls returning to the same unit
- May 1 - All girls plus new members (new members may use paper prior to this date or if the parents are really reluctant to go online)

### ⇒ Online Registration and Paper Registrations

Thank you for helping us reach 74% online registration for the 2012-2013 Guiding year. We need to continue to increase this rate.

- All girls are to be re-registered online with the following exceptions:
  - \* Do not have a credit card or debit card or will not use these forms of payment using the internet
  - \* No or limited access to the internet
  - \* Registering in French (There are outstanding technical issues to date)

### ⇒ New Crest! Plus \$5 Discount

- Each re-registering girl and new member starting April 1 will receive from their Guiders a new crest designed by a girl member. The winning entry will be selected by March 26. A supply of crests will be given to each district for distribution to units by mid-April.
- The registration fee will be \$115 starting April 2 to June 2 and \$120 after that date.

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## April is *'Bring a Friend'* Month!

Make sure that you open up your units and invite the girls to bring in their friends. Now is the time to start building for next year! You can use the [Québec Spin](#) to plan and hold your Bring a Friend meeting(s) and share your great ideas too! Don't forget to request your ['I Added a Friend' crests](#).



## Spring Advertising Campaign

An on-line related advertising campaign is being worked on – stay tuned for more details!



## Re-registration Incentive for Districts



**Districts with 1-10 re-registrations for 2012-2013 Guiding year** (Your DC has your 2012-2013 number) –  
Grow by 5 more re-registrations compared to 2012-2013 and receive **\$50** to put towards a girl event

**Districts with 11- 40 re-registrations for 2012-2013 Guiding year** (Your DC has your 2012-2013 number) -  
Grow by 10 or more re-registrations compared to 2012-2013 and receive \$75 to put towards a girl event

**Districts with 41+ re-registrations for 2012-2013 Guiding year** (Your DC has your 2012-2013 number) -  
Grow by 12 or more re-registrations compared to 2012-2013 and receive \$100 to put towards a girl event

\*\*\*Incentive ends June 1, 2013\*\*\*

### Spring Re-registration and New Member Recruitment Campaign Calendar

Week of/Date	Activity
March 18-22	Pick-up or delivery of unit re-registration kits
March 25-29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selection of crest design for renewal of membership and new members for the 2013-2014 Guiding year</li> <li>• Units to start handing out (as per their own unit/district plan) re-registration promotional cards and encourage parents to re-register their daughter(s)</li> <li>• By end of March, all parents will receive an e-mail regarding the re-registration details for their daughter</li> </ul>
April	<b>Bring a Friend Month</b> – Guiders to organize their unit's bring a friend meeting(s) – Consider an open house for the month of April
April 1-5	Units to continue to hand out (as per the unit/district plan) re-registration promotional cards and encourage parents to re-register their daughters
April 8-12	Potential launch of online advertising campaign
April 15-19	Units to check roster and update unit roster tracking form - Follow up with parents who have not re-registered
April 22-26	No action required
April 29-May 10(as per the unit plan)	Units to check roster and update unit roster tracking form - Follow up with parents who have not re-registered (as per the unit plan)
May 3-17	Guiders to hand in the unit tracking form to their District Commissioner (as per her instructions)

### GGC Québec Council join International Women's Day Celebrations



On March 8, 2013, [International Women's Day](#), Provincial Commissioner Pamela Rice and Interim PR Adviser Nina-Marie Bournival had the honour of being invited to represent Girl Guides at the West Islands Women's Centre's 14th Annual International Women's Day breakfast. They had the pleasure of meeting guest speakers Doreen Edward, President and Founder of VOBBC (Venturing out Beyond our Cancer) and Cassandra Leslie, Photographer and Owner of C2 Studios—two incredibly inspiring women who spoke from the heart and both managed to bring us all to tears.

 International Women's Day 2013



Pamela and Nina then split up and attended PR booths at Dawson College with Guider Marie-Eve Legault and at RBC Westmount Square with Monklands DC Patricia Tellis. It was a day to remind women everywhere that all the hard work we do in our communities does not go unnoticed. A huge thank you to Linda Farnesi and Guider Diana Rice for the invitations to join them in their celebrations!



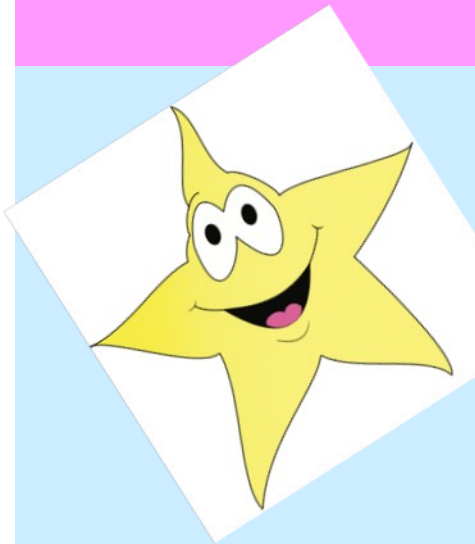
Hello Guiders!  
 A LITTLE MEANS A LOT  
 THROUGH  
 GIRL ENGAGEMENT  
 ...with BEST PRACTICES



IDEAS FOR  
 MARCH

“BRIDGING: GETTING TOGETHER  
 WITH OTHER BRANCHES”

PARTICIPATE IN AT LEAST ONE ACTIVITY WITH OTHER BRANCHES. PARTICIPATE IN ONE ACTIVITY WITH GIRLS IN THE NEXT BRANCH OF GUIDING



Will it be a board game by candle light or a chocolate fondue at a sleepover...?



“Glitter’s” activity idea!

Destination  
 EARTH HOUR

<http://www.earthhourcanada.org>

Saturday, March 23  
 8:30-9:30 p.m.  
 (wherever you are)

Get in on it! Plan on it! Get together!

The world will be turning off their lights for just one hour. Organize an Earth Hour event. Ask the girls how they can be part of the fight against climate change.

Sign up for Earth Hour at [www.earthhourcanada.org](http://www.earthhourcanada.org) to see what others are doing around the globe. Twitter?

@WWFCanada and @EarthHourCanada

Maple-drenched goodness—another great bridging activity.

Book a Guide at the Morgan Arboretum in Ste. Anne de Bellevue. Provide pancakes and maple syrup.

*Best Practices are presented in every month's Piccolo. This is for leaders to use when planning and evaluating engaging programming. Check off the monthly themes as you and your Unit accomplish them. You will be delivering a program that allows girls to discover, explore and be adventurous.*



## *SPA Night* with LINK!

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 6 from 5 p.m. – 10 p.m.

**WHERE:** L'Oasis de L'Île Spa

25, chemin des Îles Yale, Saint-Eustache

<http://www.oasisdelile.com>

**COST:** \$25/\$21.50 (for students)

With spring just around the corner, why not take a night off and relax with LINK. We are headed off for an evening at the SPA! We'll have access to a variety of saunas, steam rooms, Jacuzzis and pools. Why not leave all your cares at home and join us for a calm and relaxing night out! Don't forget to pack your bathing suit!

Hope to see you all there!

For any questions, contact:

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*A Link member can be any young woman in Guiding aged 18 to 30 years old. Link is an open forum for young woman to connect with one another. It's a place for those who are unable to commit to a Unit or for those who are looking to be a part of Guiding outside of being a Unit Guider.*



**WHEN:** Sunday, May 5, 2013 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**WHERE:** Parc Régional de Longueuil, 1798 rue Adoncour

**WHO:** ALL Units, Districts, friends and family

**COST:** FREE!

Come and join us for an end of year celebration like no other! Drop by for a few hours or for the whole day and participate in a wide range of challenges and activities showcasing the many sides of Guiding. This is a great opportunity for your girls to meet new friends, broaden their skill set and complete another Québec Spin challenge as well.

Be sure to stop by the Science booth and experiment with the things around you. Trek on over to the camping station and test your camping skills. Want to learn more about Guiding around the world? Visit the International station to learn about the world centres and discover some of the amazing travel opportunities Guiding has to offer. Make a difference in your community by participating in the Earth Action challenge. More of an explorer? Then be sure to visit the exploration booth and get ready to hike around the park discovering the various types of plant and wildlife...

Be sure to invite your family and friends to join you in discovering all that Guiding has to offer!

For any questions, contact:

Amber LeBrun, [dpc.scp-amber@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:dpc.scp-amber@guidesquebec.ca), 514-296-8811



**WHEN:** Saturday, May 11, 2013  
from 10 a.m.—4 p.m.

**WHERE:** Mountainside Church,  
687 Roslyn, Westmount

**WHO:** ALL Pathfinders, Rangers  
and Guiders aged 18-35

***You are One in Ten Million: Inspiring You to Make Connections with the World***

We are happy to announce that this year's guest speaker will be:

**Katelyn Bateman – Founder of Amélioration Jeunesse Internationale**

The Young Women's Forum is back for another year of sharing and inspiring one another to make a difference in the world. This year's forum is more interactive than ever before, challenging you to look beyond yourself and your community.

The day is all about sharing your knowledge, your skills and is an opportunity for you to help shape the future of Guiding in Québec.

For more information, contact:  
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or Diana Rice: [ricedi1981@gmail.com](mailto:ricedi1981@gmail.com)

## PATHFINDERS & TREX

### ***LISTEN UP! And GET INVOLVED!***

*Come explore the wonders of acoustics and the exciting future possibilities linked to sound!*



The International Congress of Acoustics and Acoustical Society of America are pleased to offer a special one-time workshop for Pathfinder-aged Girl Guides in the Montreal area during their international conference. Girls will enjoy hands-on experiments and learn about career opportunities from women scientists, engineers and professors from all over North America. Girls earn a patch while having a fun night. Pizza will be served to participants, so please let us know if you have any food allergies.

Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2013  
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Where: Palais des congrès de Montréal  
Fee: FREE, except for parking costs



**Registration deadline: May 1, 2013 - *Space is limited so register soon!***

Email [programsupport@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:programsupport@guidesquebec.ca) to register for this once-in-a-lifetime experience. Include Guider name and contact information, Unit name and number of girls attending. (Third-year Guides accompanying Pathfinder-aged girls are welcome too!)



## CANADIAN WORLD FRIENDSHIP FUND PIZZA CHALLENGE



Please see the [February Piccolo](#) for information on how to complete the challenge and submit your entry. **The deadline is April 30, 2013**

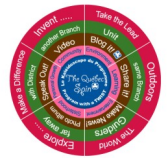
## TRAVELLING THIS SPRING OR SUMMER?

If you are thinking of taking your girls on a trip, make sure you allow enough time for the Safe Guide Assessor to check out your plans. If you are going across the border to Ottawa, or across the border to the US with your girls, there are specific requirements. Don't risk disappointing your girls by leaving it to the last minute with the possibility that you have missed an important part of the planning stage. Please consult [Safe Guide](#) for more information.

Some ideas for travel with your Guides and Pathfinders are: Ottawa, Toronto, Quebec City, camping in the maritimes. You can also check out the Girl Scouts web sites for events in our neighbouring states. If some of these interest you, and you would like some help planning, please contact Pam Godfrey, International Adviser, at [international@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:international@guidesquebec.ca)

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## More QC Spin Action!



### 1st Lennoxville Guides

Submitted by Esther Keller

**Explore – Unit – Blog – Environment/Entertainment**

The 1st Lennoxville Guides have long completed their first Québec Spin Challenge – it's about time that we share it with you! Our **Guide Unit** spent a day **exploring the outdoors** and the girls **learned about our environment** and **entertained** the leaders. (They decided that choosing only one word from each circle wasn't descriptive enough.

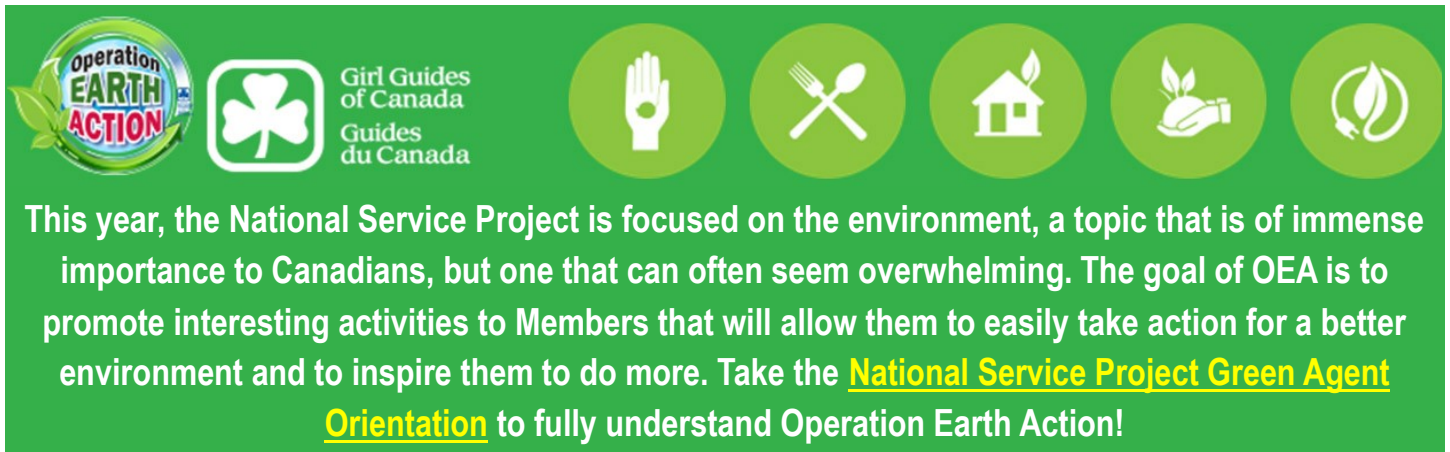
Afterwards we set up a blog for our unit and Emma posted a **blog** about our day out!



Our blog (Mont Bellevue Hike, for the challenge) can be found at the following address: <http://1stlennoxvilleguides.blogspot.ca/>



The 1st Lennoxville Guides organized a toiletries drive for a local women's shelter. They sure have had a busy year so far!

Ready to put *your* own spin on programming?  
Learn more about the challenge [here](#)





 Girl Guides of Canada  
 Guides du Canada

This year, the National Service Project is focused on the environment, a topic that is of immense importance to Canadians, but one that can often seem overwhelming. The goal of OEA is to promote interesting activities to Members that will allow them to easily take action for a better environment and to inspire them to do more. Take the [National Service Project Green Agent Orientation](#) to fully understand Operation Earth Action!

### Operation Earth Action

Pledge	Take Action	
Use reusable water bottles	Map your meal	Plant a tree
Use reusable shopping bags	Make your own Green Products	Be an Energy Detective



A chance to make a difference in the world!  
Isn't that what we are all about!?

Have you taken the Pledge yet?  
**Girl GREEN-ness Starts Here**  
[www.nationalserviceproject.ca](http://www.nationalserviceproject.ca)

The OEA program is very simple, it's designed to be easy for any of our 90,000 Members to complete, but interesting and engaging enough to inspire Members to do more. We came up with four take-action activities that Units can do to make a direct impact on their local environment and two pledge activities that we can encourage all Members to do to help them reflect on their personal, daily impact on the environment.



## Classic Cookie Campaign—Spring 2013

Cookies will be delivered across the province between March 22 and March 27. All Cookie Receivers, District Cookie Advisers and District Commissioners have been notified of specific delivery dates. Delivery-related [information for Cookie Receivers](#) and other cookie-related documents including a [Cookie PR Toolkit](#) are available on Member Zone.

Any requests for additional cases should be submitted to [cookies@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:cookies@guidesquebec.ca) as soon as possible, using a [Cookie Delivery Incident Reporting Request Form](#). Requests will be accommodated on a first received first delivered basis, however there is no guarantee all wish list orders will be fulfilled.

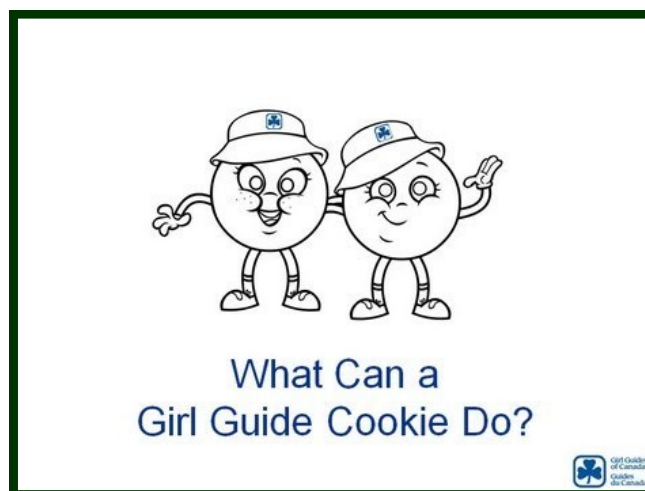
## Cookie Finder Map

Don't forget to log your group selling event on the [Cookie Finder map](#). Simply fill out the [Cookie Sales Event form](#). It's a great tool but will only work if you populate it with your events!



## Cookie Day in Canada

The [Cookie Day in Canada booking site](#) is now open and spaces are filling up fast. The site will remain open until Friday, April 12, 2013.



**Click the image to find out!**

## Upcoming Training Session:

### OUTDOOR ACTIVITY LEADERSHIP (OAL)

#### *Residential Camping—Leading Module*

This training covers **basic planning and technical skills** needed to take girls on an overnight adventure in a residential facility. (8 hour module)

It is recommended **for new leaders** or **inexperienced campers** to acquire all the skills and knowledge needed to take girls on a one or two night residential camping experience, and to ensure that they have the skills and confidence to deliver a **fun, safe, age-appropriate camp**.

- **Leading**
- **Planning**
- **Food and nutrition**
- **Camp life**

If you want to learn new skills and be better equipped to take girls on outdoor activities and to residential camp, this training is for you. Be better prepared, and take the stress out of finding adventure in the world around us, with girls of all ages.

#### **Recognition: Training in iMIS and a green pin**



Camping Trainers can offer you a full Saturday day training in April, but we need to know WHO is interested. Please think about this marvelous occasion to strengthen your skills. We will choose the date depending on your availability.



### REGISTRATION

Please send an **email** to [training@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:training@guidesquebec.ca) or [louise.triggs@rocler.com](mailto:louise.triggs@rocler.com) with the information below ASAP

#### **Subject: OAL Residential Camping**

Training day preference:            April 6                             April 20                             April 27

Name \_\_\_\_\_ iMIS # \_\_\_\_\_ (if available)

Spark                             Brownie                             Guide                             Pathfinder

District \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ email address: \_\_\_\_\_



## Clean-Up Weekend:



Set aside **Saturday, May 11** for camp opening & clean-up day at Wa-Thik-Ane. Spring always brings a lot of fix-up and clean-up projects for the camp. This year's opening tasks include; repairing beams, changing floor boards, opening marquees, pitching tents, clearing fallen branches, small carpentry jobs, small electrical jobs (licensed electrician required), small plumbing jobs, and many more projects. This is a very important day for the camp and we count on your volunteer support to get a head start at preparing the camp for the season ahead.

As usual we will supply a BBQ lunch for our hard working volunteers so in order for us to plan for and purchase food we would ask you to let us know if you are coming and how many you will be. Please RSVP as soon as you can to: [gcpropertycommittee@gmail.com](mailto:gcpropertycommittee@gmail.com). Questions can also be sent to this e-mail address. We look forward to seeing many of you on **Saturday, May 11**.



## Wa-Thik-Ane Weekend Positions Available:

Camp Wa-Thik-Ane needs to fill some key weekend positions. Weekend rental groups are entitled to a resident Guider-in-Charge as well as lifeguards and boating specialists in season. Interested individuals can apply for as many or as few weekends as they are available.

These are paid positions. If you would like a job description and more information please contact the Property Committee at: [gcpropertycommittee@gmail.com](mailto:gcpropertycommittee@gmail.com).



### Shop for our cause, Thursday April 25, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Back this year, better than ever! We have expanded this wonderful fundraising opportunity to include two Dix Mille Villages locations, Pointe Claire and NDG. Monklands District will be supporting us by hosting the NDG event. Dix Mille Villages is a Fair Trade store with handicrafts from around the world. A percentage of all profits will be going to camp Wa-Thik-Ane. Please see our [full page bilingual flyer](#) for details and coupons in [English](#) and [French](#). This is a great opportunity to expose our girls to the concept of Fair Trade and the difference this makes in the lives of many women around the world. Any Unit interested in booking a brief introduction to Fair Trade at one of their April meetings can contact Kirsti Harris at: [harris.kirsti@gmail.com](mailto:harris.kirsti@gmail.com)

## Thank You!

On January 29, the Property Committee hosted an evening with the *Lakeshore Players*. The play was fantastic and the event was a huge success. We are happy to report that we raised \$1285.00. A big thank you goes to the *Lakeshore Players* for providing us with this opportunity and to all of you who came out and supported Wa-Thik-Ane. **Bravo!**



## NEXT **CAMP WA-THIK-ANE** CLOTHING ORDER!

Just in time for your Spring Camp!

- ☘ Get your Gildan t-shirt and sweatshirt with a *French* or *English* graphic
- ☘ Personalize it with your name... Guider name, camp name
- ☘ Delivered to the GGC Québec office once a month
- ☘ Adult and children's sizes available

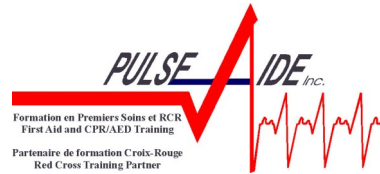
Order from Positive Identity by filling in this [order form](#) by March 29 and receive your shirts by the end of April.



**Comments or questions?** Please contact Kelly at [kellyvandezura@videotron.ca](mailto:kellyvandezura@videotron.ca)

### FAQs:

- *What if I miss the order deadline?* We will continue to run monthly orders.
- *Any other shirts for sale?* New items will be made available as we get closer to the Wonderful Week at WTA 2013.
- *What size should I order?* Check the size chart on the order form; shirts are made large!



## Upcoming courses offered by Pulse Aide Inc.:

(tailored to the needs of GGC as per Safe Guide - July 2012)

### Location: Lachute

- ◆ **Emergency First Aid Course** (8 hours) Sunday, March 24, 2013, 8:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. \$100

### Location: NDG\*\*\*

- ◆ **Emergency First Aid Course** (8 hours) Saturday, April 20, 2013, 8:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. \$100
- ◆ **Standard First Aid Course** (16 hours) Saturday, April 20 and Sunday, April 21, 2013, 8:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. \$120

\*\*\***Note:** These will likely be the last courses offered for the 2012-2013 Guiding year.

For more information or to register in a scheduled course,  
please email **Joan Lax** at [pulseaideinc@gmail.com](mailto:pulseaideinc@gmail.com)

## REMINDERS:

- ◆ **It's time to check your First Aid certification before spring and summer camping!** Don't wait until you are sending in your camping plans to the Safe Guide Assessor Team before first checking on your First Aid certification expiry date! There is NO leeway - you are either certified, or you are not. It doesn't matter if your certification expired only "yesterday", or if you have already cashed the cheques from the parents, or if you have already paid a non-refundable deposit on your campsite. You cannot be the First Aider for camp unless your certification is current and will not expire before the end of the camp. So NOW is the time to find that card and check your dates! The second thing to check is that your qualifications are duly entered into iMIS before you present your camp plans for evaluation by a Safe Guide Assessor.
- ◆ All Pulse Aide Inc. courses include the Canadian Red Cross First Aid and CPR/AED Revised Program Standards for 2013, and the new Red Cross Manual. Certification is valid for three years from the date of the certification.
- ◆ Upon completion of a recognized First Aid training, GGC-Québec Council will reimburse 2/3 of the cost for an adult Guider.



**Safe Guide**, our risk management program, must be completed within six months of becoming a registered Guider. **March and April are the most important months for Guiders who joined in September as it is their deadline for the Safe Guide Training. A special email has been sent to all.**



**DCs:** To avoid any panic, book a Safe Guide training for your district NOW. Contact [sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca) or [louise.triggs@rocler.com](mailto:louise.triggs@rocler.com). Give us two dates to choose from, book a location, and we'll get rolling. It will be advertised in the next *Piccolo*.



The next Safe Guide training will be held in **Beaconsfield** at the Chalet Beacon Hill Park, 100 Harwood Gate (cross street Alton, exit Hwy. 20 at St. Charles); time and date to be determined

## Safe Guide for your Cookie Blitz:

Guiders, please refer to Safe Guide, Section 4: **Activity Guides** (pages 59 and 60) to ensure the safety of your cookie selling activities.



## SPRING is coming!



This means we're talking about more outdoor activities, nature activities, residential camping and under canvas camping. It is time to start planning your activity.

Consult your [Safe Guide](#) at all times.



For any questions, contact:

**Louise Triggs**

Safe Guide Adviser

[sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca)

Many thanks to the District Treasurers who turned out to help review each other's books. For those of the District Treasurers who did not attend, note that the **District financial books** should have been sent to the office by now!

The **Unit and Trefoil Guild books** should have been reviewed and the Annual Financial Reports and Financial Review Checklists should have been sent to the office.

Don't forget your **CWFF money!** Please send your cheque to the provincial office. It should be for at least all money you have collected if you had a special event, or at least \$1.00 per member.

## ***The cookies are coming! The cookies are coming!***

When you pay for cookies, \$48.45 per case goes to Québec Council. The national portion of that (including what national pays Dare) is \$27.50 per case, Québec Council keeps \$20.95, and you get to keep \$11.55 between the Unit and District.

Don't forget to account for cookies you give away or use in the Unit or District... These cookies cost you \$4.04 a box, under whichever Expenses column is appropriate on the spreadsheet *on the same line as you enter your payment* for them.

For those who have Special Order or Travel Cookies, you will pay \$39.00 per case to Québec Council, keeping \$21.00 per case towards your trip. If you want more information about these cookies, contact the office or me.



Remember that **we are not to run other fundraisers for one month after we receive the cookies**, so that means from the end of March until the end of April, unless you have special permission. This is to take advantage of our large scale advertising and to allow the girls to concentrate on the best fundraising opportunity we have: 64% of sales remain in Guiding. There is no better fundraiser out there that I know of.

If you have any questions about accounting for cookies or anything else about Guiding finances, e-mail me at [finances-support@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:finances-support@guidesquebec.ca)

Dawn Coffey  
Treasurer Support Specialist



## DESIGN A CREST CONTEST

### Revised deadline!

The deadline for the spring 2013 Design a Crest contest has been moved up to

**Friday, March 22**

Here are the **rules**:

1. There must be a trefoil in your design.
2. The following bilingual text must appear:

‘Québec Guiding 2013-2014—Guidisme Québec 2013-2014’

3. Email your crest design to [communications@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:communications@guidesquebec.ca) before March 22, 2013

Check the February *Piccolo* for contest details.

### FAQ for March - Where can I find a copy of my registration tax receipt?

It's that time of year when we're receiving parent inquiries regarding receipts.

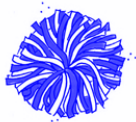
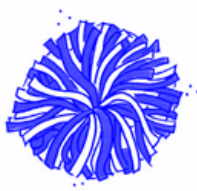
- If a girl was registered **online**, a receipt (registration confirmation) was automatically emailed on the day of registration. If the parent/guardian cannot find the email and requires a duplicate copy, please ask them to write to the national office at [taxreceipt@girlguides.ca](mailto:taxreceipt@girlguides.ca) with their daughter's name and iMIS number
- If a girl was registered by paper, receipts were mailed out from the provincial office in early February and they should have received it by now

### Summer Camp at Wa-Thik-Ane

The WWWTA brochure with full camp descriptions is available here → [EN](#) | [FR](#)

Registration forms are available here → [EN](#) | [FR](#)

Read *All About Wa-Thik-Ane* [here](#).



**GGC Québec Council Annual General Meeting**  
*Growing Leadership: For Today and Tomorrow*  
**May 2, 2013**



Tickets are \$45.  
Email [programsupport@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:programsupport@guidesquebec.ca)  
to reserve your spot.

Come and share your great moments with the girls this past year - bring pictures, program ideas and more, to celebrate your successes. Bring your note book to collect great ideas for the new Guiding year!

Thursday, May 2, 2013  
Crowne Plaza Hotel  
6600 ch. Côte de Liesse  
Montréal, QC, H4T 1E3



# News from the Provincial Office

## **Tweet to Triumph**—Embracing Social Media

Submitted by **Connie Morgenstern** - Excerpts from the [GuidesQuébecBlog](#)

There's nothing we Girl Guides won't do when we hear the word *challenge*, right?

Tuesday night at the Provincial PR Committee meeting the subject of social media came up. We discussed strategies for increasing our Québec Council Facebook presence, such as encouraging our Districts to contribute more blog entries, using Twitter, following GGC on Twitter and so on. The marketing team at the provincial office has been hard at work on this and have been doing a great job, however, we need more news and photos from the field to tell the world what great Guiding in Québec is all about...

...So here is the official **Tweet to Triumph** challenge to all my fellow GGC District PR advisers and anyone else in the Guiding community who would like to join us.

- #1. Set up a Twitter account. You can do this at [twitter.com](http://twitter.com) very easily. All the info you need is there. If you're still apprehensive here's an interesting blog to help you avoid some common twitter-verse pitfalls: <http://blogs.constantcontact.com/product-blogs/social-media-marketing/25-things-that-make-you-look-dumb-on-twitter/> You don't actually need a smartphone to tweet, you can use your computer or even your iPad.
- #2. Follow me on Twitter @CM\_ggcStLazare and I will follow you back.
- #3. Follow GGC Québec council on Twitter <https://twitter.com/guidesquebec> or @guidesquebec
- #4. Tweet to GGC Québec Council that you are joining the challenge.
- #5. Encourage anyone and everyone in your District to do the same. This includes leaders, older girls, parents and any friends of Guiding.
- #6. Send out at least two tweets a week related to news in your district. (You can even tweet photos!)
- #7. The District PR adviser with the most followers by April 30th wins. (Wins what? No idea! I know Nina-Marie is already shopping for a good surprise! Nina Marie is our intrepid interim-Committee Chair and of the generation born with texting thumbs!)

Read Connie's full blog [here!](#)

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## Guiding Principles for Facebook

(compiled from a [GirlGuidesCANBlog series](#) to provide GGC Members, volunteers, and parents with a better understanding of social media issues and best practices)

With over 417 fans on Facebook and 333 followers on Twitter it's easy to get excited about GGC Québec's venture into social media and perhaps we should remind ourselves of the basics.

When sharing on your Facebook page, remember that GGC Members must have a signed Image Release form (IR.1) in order to be photographed and have those images used for Guiding purposes – both off and online. As girls in Guiding are minors, be careful not to use their full names (first names only). It is best to identify a group rather than individual girls. We know we're stating the obvious here, but basically, if you wouldn't do it offline (e.g. put up a photo on a notice board with girls' names), don't do it online! Safe Guide rules and guidelines should still be followed in both instances.



### GGC Facebook Fan Pages vs GGC Groups

#### A Facebook Page (GGC National administers a Fan Page)

- The administrator of a Fan Page remains anonymous
- Can be found in a search
- Updates show up on your fan's pages, helping increase your audience reach

#### A Facebook Group

- Functions primarily as a message board and the administrator of a Group is visible to every group member
- Generally used to support a cause or common interest
- Cannot be found by non Fan Page fans and updates do not show up on your member pages

# GGC-QC 2012-2013 Calendar

<b>March 22-24</b>	2013 National Networks Conference, Toronto
<b>April 1</b>	Deadline for GGC National Scholarship applications
<b>April 30</b>	Deadline for Canadian World Friendship Fund Pizza Challenge
<b>May 1</b>	Deadline for WWWTA Summer Camp registrations
<b>May 2</b>	GGC-QC Annual General Meeting (AGM)
<b>May 5</b>	Festi-Guides: Adventure Trek
<b>May 11</b>	Young Women's Forum
<b>May 11</b>	Wa-Thik-Ane Camp Opening and Clean-Up
<b>May 28</b>	DC/Adviser/Council Meeting (Tuesday, 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.)
<b>June 1</b>	Deadline for GGC Québec Council Scholarship applications
<b>June 5</b>	Science workshop for Pathfinders, Palais des congrès, Montréal
<b>July 7-27</b>	Wonderful Week at Wa-Thik-Ane Summer Camp, Morin Heights



GGC-QC Rangers in their quinzhee at Snow Trails 2013