



A NEW Québec challenge is here!

Québec, c'est la fête!

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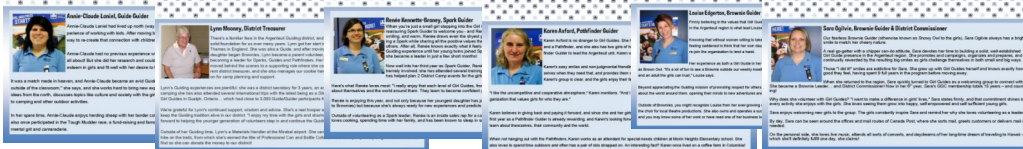
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HAPPY NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK!

Did you know we have over 400 adult members plus over 200 non-member volunteers in Québec Guiding? We thank each and every one of you for all you do to support our mission and nurture Girl Greatness in your communities.

Secteur Argenteuil paid tribute to their Guiders with a series of volunteer profiles to showcase 'ordinary women... doing extraordinary things!' (Blog entry coming soon!)



National Volunteer Week is **April 6-12**. Have you heard of the [Volunt-Hear Hotline?](#) Drop them a line and tell the country who you want to thank and recognize. Better still, [share your stories with us](#) so we can help shine the light on the women in our province whose dedication and hard work is making a difference in their communities.

Highlights:

- [New Québec challenge](#)
- [Festi-Guides is coming!](#)
- [Summer camp volunteer call out](#)
- [Recap of Winter Guide Camp](#)
- [Lakeshore District raises funds for Wa-Thik-Ane](#)

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The Guides of March: Provincial Guide Camp Rocked!

[Look inside](#) for a recap of the first Provincial Winter Guide Camp!



With many, many thanks!

Elaine, Amber and I would like to thank each and every one of you for your diligence and hard work in continuing to build our vibrant Guiding community in Québec.

It has been quite a journey for us over the past three years. With your support, that of your Council, Advisers and Council staff, the entire team has been able to introduce such new initiatives as; Adventure Trek—Festi-Guides, our annual symposium, an integrated social media presence, Québec Spin, our new website, Québec-based advertising and many other perhaps less visible ideas that have contributed to our Guiding community.

Our visits to the districts have been very rewarding and have allowed us to get in touch with what is happening in your community, learn about your successes and your concerns as well. We hope that you felt that we were listening and that we were able to make progress in addressing the points raised to us.

We are very excited about the upcoming change in leadership and have the fullest of confidence that Québec will continue to flourish and be an exciting place to do Guiding.

*Elaine, Amber and Pamela
Thank you and best wishes*



Un grand remerciement!

Elaine, Amber, et moi-même tenons à remercier chacune d'entre vous pour votre travail acharné et votre dévouement continu à l'établissement d'une communauté de guidisme dynamique au Québec.

Nous avons embarqué dans tout un voyage au cours des trois dernières années. Avec votre soutien, celui de votre conseil, les conseillères et les employées du conseil, l'équipe au complet a été en mesure de créer de telles initiatives que; Aventure Trek-Festi-Guides, notre symposium annuel, une présence intégrée sur les médias sociaux, le Défi Québec, notre nouveau site web, une campagne de publicité base au Québec et beaucoup d'autres initiatives, peut-être moins visibles, mais qui ont néanmoins contribué à notre communauté de guidisme.

Nos visites dans les secteurs ont été très enrichissantes et nous ont permis d'entrer en contact direct avec ce qui se passe dans les diverses communautés et surtout d'apprendre de vos succès et de vos préoccupations. Nous espérons que vous avez senti que nous écoutions et que nous avons pu faire du progrès pour résoudre les points qui ont été portés à notre attention.

Nous sommes très enthousiastes au sujet du changement à venir en matière de leadership et nous avons pleine confiance que le Québec continuera de prospérer et être un lieu passionnant d'être membre des Guides du Canada.

*Elaine, Amber and Pamela
Merci et meilleurs voeux*

GGC Québec Council
invites you to attend the

Annual General Meeting and dinner
May 1, 2014


Join us as we install
Québec Provincial Commissioner **Valerie Zaloum**
and present the new Council

Special Guest:
Susan Birnie, Deputy Chief Commissioner—Member Services


Outgoing PC Pamela Rice along with her deputies Elaine Keeble and Amber LeBrun
will wish everyone a special farewell as their terms come to an end

Crown Plaza Hotel, Dorval, 6600 Côte de Liesse, Montréal, QC
Cost: \$50 per person, Registration and cocktails: 5:30 p.m.

Order tickets at info@guidesquebec.ca by April 23



Calling all **LINK** members! Mark your calendars:

Ever wanted to try eating in the dark at  ?

This is your chance! The ladies of Link will be dining there on **Saturday,**

April 19 at 8:30 p.m. Space is limited, so RSVP as soon as you can. The cost is \$34 for a two course meal and \$41 for a three course meal + tax and tip.



Other upcoming Link events:

- ♦ Nordic Spa night at L'Oasis de l'Île: Saturday, May 17 from 5 p.m.
- ♦ High Tea at the Ritz Carlton: date TBD
- ♦ Other potential outings: La Ronde, waterpark, Old Port, apple picking, theatre night

What would you like to do? Are you 18-35 and a current Guiding member? Link needs your input so we can organize activities that appeal to you. If you have a suggestion or are interested in organizing an activity, please let us know.

Many Link activities are also open to potential Guiding members. If you have a friend, co-worker or family member who is thinking about joining Guiding, why not bring them along? Please make sure to RSVP, as certain activities have limited space.

For more information or to sign up for an activity, please contact: Jenn Bouchard - 514-835-1042— jenn.bouchard@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

Festi-Guides!

May 10, 2014



Attention: All units, districts, members, friends and families!
Come and celebrate our year end like a Girl Guide!

Come discover **Park Charbonneau** and have a great time!

Saturday, May 10, 2014

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Located at the end of Charbonneau Street
Rosemère (QC), J7A 5W1
(There is plenty of parking)

Let's celebrate together.

What will your girls get out of this event?

She will have an amazing adventure, non-stop fun, a chance to discover her potential, build confidence, increase global awareness, and perhaps become a leader.

Here are some things happening...

Plan your visit today!

Talk to your girls and open the invitation to their families and friends. Bring a picnic lunch and make a great day with family and friends. Everyone is welcome to discover all that Girl Guides has to offer!

Are you planning to attend as a Unit or District? Keep your eyes peeled for more details and a registration form for you to submit ahead of time—this way you'll save time at check-in!

Over the next month, you will get to know the Festi-Guides "Fun" Team. Don't miss out!

**FREE
EVENT**

Sign up early for Festi-Guides and you'll get your guide to the party of the year! Get in on the act and get your groove on!

ALL IN A DAY'S PLAY

Come by for fun activities, games and more. Challenge yourself to learn new skills in exciting activities designed especially for this event, including a variety of challenges. Meet new friends and experience a special end-of-year celebration with memories to last a lifetime.

Festi-Guides Top Ten— What makes you love Guides?

1. Science and technology
2. Outdoor adventure, camp cooking, Camp Wa-Thik-Ane, scavenger hunt
3. Game Zone
4. Community service with a shoreline clean up
5. Healthy living
6. Friendship and Mosaic workshop
7. Cookie fun
8. Sports—Do you know what a pickle ball court is? Have you ever tried pétanque?
9. 50 Objects of Guiding
10. Travel

Plus much more!

SAVE THE DATE!



MAY 24, 2014:

Taking It Outdoors—
Bringing camping and environmental advocacy into the spotlight



Keynote speaker announced: **Candis Steenbergen**, author of *Girlhood: Redefining the Limits*

The **Young Women's Forum** is back for another year, and this time, we're taking on the outdoors. This year's forum will be **more hands-on than ever before**, allowing young women to explore the camping and environmental aspects of Guiding that are important to them.

Get to know other young women from around the province and discuss **what matters to you**. 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.

We are lucky to be joined by Candis Steenbergen, who made a big splash with her presentation to Guiders at the Symposium in January. Candis is a young, dynamic Brownie Guider in Valois.

WHEN: Saturday, May 24, 2014, 10 a.m.—3 p.m.
WHERE: Mountainside Church, 687 Roslyn, Westmount, H3Y 2V1
WHO: Pathfinders, Rangers and Guiders: ages 12-35

Invitations are being sent out in April, so keep an eye out if you have not yet received yours.

For more information or to RSVP, contact:
ywf.gqc@gmail.com

2014 Camp WTA Tent Rising Week

We all want to see the sun rise from the Bluff in 2014, so please help out!

There are loads of fun projects to do at WTA to get the camp ready for all of us to use this spring and summer. This year the Property Committee is hoping to provide opportunities for everyone to get involved and get some **Camping Equipment Training** towards your

Saturday, May 10: Clean Up

The first steps into the camp are always fun! Teams of volunteers are sent to each site to shake the winter away. Armed with gloves, brooms & washcloths, the sites are opened, shined up and stocked with the required items for campers to use. A list of issues requiring further maintenance at each site is created.



May 10 to 16: Maintenance

Changing floorboards, small carpentry jobs, small electrical jobs (licensed electrician required), small plumbing jobs, and many more projects. Once the list of projects is pre-



Tent Pitching 101:

With the sites and marquees ready, we need to get our tents up. We are inviting you to join us at camp to pitch our tents and help with final repairs. If you have never pitched a WTA tent, you really do want to learn how. It is a very satisfying "Team Project". We will have trainers on site to offer the OAL Tent Module to anyone interested.



Please **RSVP** as soon as you can to: iacbouchette@guidesquebec.ca. When are you available? What can you help with? (tents, clean-up, maintenance...) Questions can also be sent to this e-mail address. We look forward to seeing many of you on **Saturday, May 10**.

Please pay it forward—we all love WTA!

NEW PROVINCIAL CHALLENGE

Québec, c'est la fête!

Québec is known around the world for *joie de vivre*
- and we celebrate our love of life regularly!

For all branches

Look into some of the many festivals that take place all year round in the province.

- The Québec Winter Carnaval celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2014
- Montréal plays host to Just for Laughs, the Festival de Jazz, museum day and dozens of film, cuisine and cultural festivals year round.

Festivals can be about **music, dance, traditions, or local products** when they come into season: Ice Fishing for les petits poissons des cheneaux (tommycod) in Ste-Anne de la Pérade, blueberries in Lac St-Jean, and of course “le temps des sucres”(sugaring off) in sugar shacks all over the province. St-Jean has hot air balloons, Brome Lake has its fair, and St-Tite has a big Western Festival, right down to a rodeo and cowboy hats.

For suggested activities and complete badge requirements, download:
(soon available on the ‘Challenges & Activities’ page of the QC website)

- ⇒ [Québec, c'est la fête information sheet](#)
- ⇒ [Appendices: 'The sugar shack experience' and the 'ceinture fléchée'](#)



Québec, c'est la fête!

Le Québec est connu dans le monde entier pour son hospitalité et sa joie de vivre—et nous en célébrons régulièrement!

Pour tous les niveaux

Recherchez certains des multiples festivals qui ont lieu au Québec, un peu partout, et tout au long de l'année.

- Le Carnaval de Québec, qui a fêté son 60e anniversaire en 2014!
- Montréal est le berceau du festival de jazz, le Juste pour rire, et les dizaines d'autres : le film, la cuisine et plein d'autres festivals l'année longue.

Les thèmes des festivals sont très variés: **la musique, la danse, les traditions régionales, ou les produits du terroir** local en saison, incluant la pêche blanche à Ste-Anne-de-la-Pérade, les bleuets au Lac St-Jean, sans oublier le temps des sucres dans les cabanes à sucre partout au Québec. La ville de St-Jean-sur Richelieu a ses montgolfières, les villages autour le Lac Brome ont leurs « foires » en septembre, et St-Tite est fière de son festival western, avec ses fameuses bottes de cowboys et le rodéo.

Pour les activités suggérées et pour connaître les exigences de l'écusson, téléchargez: (bientôt disponibles sur notre site web)

- ⇒ [Québec, c'est la fête—trousse d'information](#)
- ⇒ [Annexes: 'The sugar shack experience' & 'The ceinture fléchée'](#) (en anglais seulement)

50 objects Guiding objects Guidisme

Have you had a look lately at our [growing collection?](#)

What do YOU think defines Guiding?

It's not too late to have your say!

The submission period closes on April 30.

Download the [Activity Guide](#) for suggestions by branch and visit our [website](#) for all the details.

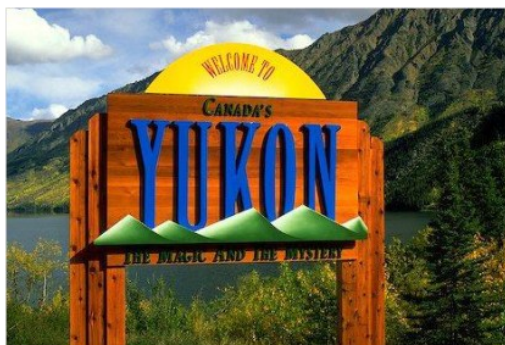


Looking for more great new program ideas?

BC Council has posted an event tool kit called "Rainbow Revelry" for Sparks and Brownies, with oodles of ideas from all over the rainbow - and a great crest to match!

Here's a sampler: from the Blue program - celebrate that spring has finally arrived with activities for water and sunny skies, and all sorts of other blue things!

Click [HERE](#) to view whole program kit.
The crest is available through BC Council for \$1.50 each plus tax and shipping.



A Québec Patrol Opportunity!

Camp 101 Yukon 2015

Whitehorse, Yukon

Strange Things Done

Under the Midnight Sun

July 4—July 12, 2015: This is an amazing opportunity for both girls and Guiders to participate in a great camping adventure and meet Guiders, girls and Girl Scouts from across Canada and Alaska!

Camp 101 Yukon is to celebrate the future of Yukon Guiding:

- To share the spirit of the north with our sisters in Guiding
- To foster an appreciation and responsibility for nature conservation through camping
- To try new and exciting things that wouldn't necessarily be available to all girls in more southern regions

An eblast was sent [to all Guiders](#), and [to all Pathfinders and Rangers](#) with the details.

All forms and application information are available on the QC website: [Guider information](#) | [Girl information](#)

Guide Guiders: Please extend the invitation to any third year Guides who will be 12 years old by the time of the camp.

Deadline to apply: May 31, 2014

Summer Camp – volunteer call out!



Just down the road

is a beautiful place by the water's edge...

Called Wa-Thik-Ane...

Where everlasting memories are made along with good food and adventure.



New friends are met and hours of laughter and fun

are experienced.



So whether you are starting your memory book or continuing it, we need you

Come join us at this beautiful place full of laughter and fun as...



- ... a volunteer leader for the Sparks *Mom and Me* camp from July 6th to July 8th
- ... a volunteer Brownie leader or Brownie site quartermaster from July 8th to July 11th
- ... a volunteer Guide leader or Guide site quartermaster from July 6th to July 12th
- ... a volunteer Pathfinder/Ranger leader from July 6th to July 12th
- ... a food services volunteer from July 6th to July 12th
- ... a Brownie site quartermaster from July 13th to July 19th
- ... a Guide site quartermaster from July 13th to July 19th
- ... a food services volunteer from July 6th to July 12th

For more information contact Joanne Cardinal at jackson.mom@sympatico.ca or 514-453-2547

Experience Wa-Thik-Ane—Summer camp registration is open **until April 30**

For full details, click [HERE](#) to visit the Camping page of the QC website. Questions? Contact wwwta@guidesquebec.ca

Weekend at Wa-Thik-Ane for Guiders—June 13-15

All Guiders were sent an email invitation to take part in this camping weekend. Click [HERE](#) for details. Please RSVP by April 30, 2014.



Volunteer call out: Camping station at Festi-Guides

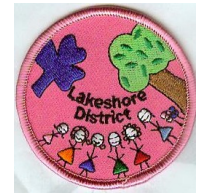
The Camping Committee is still looking for volunteers to help plan and organize a camp station at Festi-Guides on May 10. Camping enthusiasts with any level of camping experience are welcome! Interested? Contact Patricia: tellis.patricia@gmail.com

Experience Wa-Thik-Ane Summer Camp

- **Wee Camp Together** for girls 5-8 with their mom
 - July 6-8 & July 11-13; \$167 for both
- **Brownies** for girls 7-9
 - Week 1: July 8-11 (3 nights) - \$176.50
 - Week 2: July 13-19 (6 nights) - \$311.50
- **Guides, Pathfinders & Rangers** for girls 9 & up
 - July 6-12 & July 13-19; \$311.50 each week
- **Adventure Camp** for girls 10 & up with an adventurous spirit
 - July 20-26—\$411.50

[More information...](#)

BRAVO! Lakeshore District's first ever pancake supper fundraiser raised **\$1,136.24** for Camp Wa-Thik-Ane!



Inspired by other districts' fundraisers, we put our heads together and came up with the idea to host a pancake supper for our community. With all branches helping in various ways, we pulled off an extraordinary success. With over 270 people fed, our hardworking Pathfinders and Rangers prepped, flipped and served over 600 pancakes, along with sausages, fruit and drinks. Our third year Guides served and cleared the many plates, and hardworking Guiders washed many, many dishes!

This incredible success truly was a team effort. From all the units who prepared stuff for the event (check out the incredible centerpieces!), to the girls and women who volunteered their time, to the many Guiders and Guiding families from not only our district who attended and supported the event, we came together to show our love for our own Wa-Thik-Ane.

We look forward to making this an annual event!



Submitted by Nissa Grant, Lakeshore District Commissioner

The Guides of March: Provincial Guide Camp Rocked!

By Emily Koehler-Lemaire and Patricia Tellis

For certain literary buffs, the Ides of March (March 15th) is an unlucky date. Taking its name from Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*, in Act 1, Scene 2, a soothsayer prophesizes to Caesar to "beware the ides of March," which indeed turned out unlucky for Caesar, being assassinated by his closest friend Brutus on that very day in the ultimate betrayal of trust and friendship.

Indeed, many in Québec were cursing the ides of March this year as we were besieged by an impressive snowfall just days before, making it seem that spring would never come. Everyone except for those going to the Provincial Guide Camp, that is! The ides of March turned out to be a LUCKY day for us with the most perfect weather scenario one could hope for in a winter camp for 75 Guide-aged girls: tons of snow to romp and play in, with Saturday's mildness of spring temperatures to keep us warm and cozy outside all day participating in the many exciting activities planned.

The camp was planned around a First Nations theme, with all activities (and even the menu!) being based on Canadian aboriginal traditions. What a wealth of inspiration for the girls!

After arriving at the Centre de plein air l'Estacade in Saint-Paul-de-l'Île-aux-noix on Friday evening, the girls started off by making nametags in Inuktitut, being assigned tribes based on arctic animals and making group totem poles with their animals. The girls bunked down that night with an enthusiasm and excitement that was palpable! A long-time Guider once told me that Guiders "get paid in giggles in the bunks at camp at night". How true that is!



Saturday was a busy day for the girls, with a round robin of activities, including fire making, Inuit games, "finding balance", trail making and soap carving, amongst other snowy fun. Some of the girls commented that it was their first time making a fire or using a knife! What great experiences for them! Menu items included Birdseed and Raven Patties (egg sandwiches), Nuktuk Caribou Steaks (hamburgers), and Sliced Seal or Minced Hare (lasagna), amongst other snacks and goodies that got the girls whispering amongst themselves whether it was "real caribou" or not!

Saturday evening included birthday cake for Deputy Provincial Camping Adviser Patricia Tellis followed by a memorable Campfire. We sang *Fire's Burning* in Inuktitut, girls performed several skits, and we even ate "fish" (Goldfish crackers) to represent the Inuit birthday tradition of eating the fish that the chief has caught earlier in the day. Also part of the tradition is to dance around a fire and sing but, much to Patricia's relief, we didn't force her to do that!

Sunday featured bitter cold wintry weather, which hardly dampened the round robin of activities included making travois, bannock and inukshuks. During free time at camp, the girls had 12 Aboriginal-related challenges they could work on, inspired from the book [Share in the Celebration - Learning and Activity Guide](#) published by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (available in both French and English). Closing included the story of the origins of National Aboriginal Day, also from this book.



At camp, the girls received the Québec Provincial Guide Winter "Kona" Camp crest and Deputy Provincial Commissioner Elaine Keeble's crest. They also earned the "Girls Go North" Challenge from GGC-NWT council and the NEW "Québec en Fête" challenge crest – ooooh jealous?

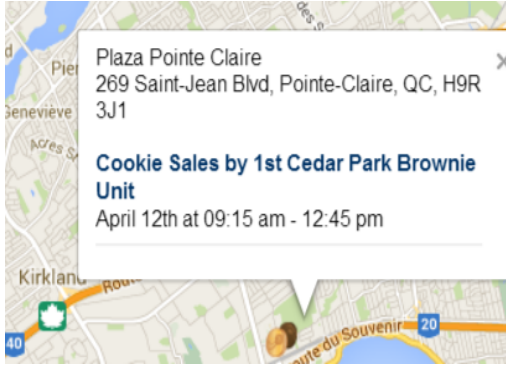
The girls had an amazing time at this very first ever Guide-aged winter camp. Special thanks go out to the organizing committee, under the expert leadership of Provincial Camping Adviser (and camp quartermaster) Angie Kruller, assisted by an enthusiastic team of Guiders from Lennoxville, Pincourt, St-Lazare, Des Montérégiennes, Lakeshore, Northshore, Argenteuil, and Lachine-St-Lawrence Districts. For many girls it was their first



camp experience – one that they will surely cherish for years to come!

Getting ready to sell, sell, sell?

Be sure to attract a crowd!



Out of cookie ideas? Feeling overwhelmed? Reference our [Cookie Resources](#) page for a gold mine of tips and tricks.

Register your event [HERE](#) on the **Cookie Finder Map** so people in your area know where and when to find you!

Once your girls have sold all their cookies... Don't forget to register your unit [here](#) for the National Cookie All Star program. *Deadline is Wednesday April 30!* Be sure to get Quebec's very own [Cookie Ribbons](#) for your girls! (and leaders!)

GGC QC ONLINE



[NDG Girl Guides have a rockin' good time!](#)



[Riverdale Brownies host a book club with a visit from their local librarian](#)





Safe Guide: our risk management program!

Safety is the responsibility of all!

April and May are months where many Guiders are due to complete their **Safe Guide training**.

Remember, it is compulsory for new Guiders to complete the training within the first six months of becoming a leader.

For a face-to-face training: If you would like a Safe Guide training in your district, contact your DC to give her the dates of your availability.

Online training: for Guiders who cannot attend a face-to-face training. Contact the provincial office (admin@guidesquebec.ca) for instructions and a PIN.



For **YELLOW** assessments, it is compulsory to provide an **SG.1, SG.2, SG.3, SG.4** and **SG.5** (if applicable). Forms must be sent to sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca 14 days in advance of your activity.

Also, it would be appreciated if all forms are sent together and the Responsible Guider (RG) indicates **iMIS numbers** for all adults participating in the activity.

Important reminders:



- The Safe Guide Assessor will communicate with the Responsible Guider (as indicated on the SG.3) only.
- Make sure First Aid qualifications, PRCs and A.7s are recorded in iMIS.
- If the Assessor requires more information, please provide it to them ASAP to help ensure your activity is reviewed promptly.
- **Every Guider** should be given the opportunity to do the paperwork for an activity.
- Please update your SG.4 form to include the location of your activity.
- If in doubt, ask, or consult the [Safe Guide document](#).

For any questions, email sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca

International News

Don't miss it!

2013-2014 Canadian World Friendship Fund **Pizza Challenge!**

February is the month in which most of us raise money for the CWFF. We have a challenge for units who raise money. There will be **two pizza parties awarded up to a value of \$100 each:**

1. The unit that has the year's **most novel way to raise funds**. *So get those creative juices running!*
2. The unit that **raises the most per person** registered in a unit, including the Guiders



Please complete the portion below and copy and paste it into an e-mail to international@guidesquebec.ca
Your funds should be sent in the usual way, via your District Treasurer. The deadline to enter is **April 30, 2014**.

Unit Name: _____ District: _____

of registered members (including Guiders): _____

Amount of money raised: \$_____ (please forward your money to your District Treasurer)

Contact Guider name, email address and phone number: _____

How were the funds raised? Did the girls come up with the idea? _____



Treasurers' Trove

For Unit and District Treasurers

GST/QST Transition Training

For those of you who did not make it to a session yet, I'm trying to organize some new ones. April 24 in the West Island will be the next. I've also been asked to do a *Question and Answer* -type session for those who have already done the Transition evening.

If you have a location for either type of session, give me some dates and we'll try to make it happen. We are talking fairly small groups, so a living room or basement will work. If you are interested in attending either one, let me know!

The Skinny on Cookies

Our cookies are our major fundraiser, and are exempt from taxes. So we don't charge or pay taxes on them. Yay!

When you pay for cookies, \$48.45 per case goes to Québec Council. The national portion (including what national pays Dare) of that 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 cookies**' (or 'travel cookies'), you will pay \$39.00 per case to Québec Council. The national portion stays the same at \$27.50 but Québec Council has dropped their portion to \$11.50, allowing the group travelling to keep \$21.00 per case towards their trip. 'Special order cookies' are only avail-

able to groups travelling: your SG.8 must be approved *before* you are allowed to order them, and the girls must sell two cases per campaign at the regular price for the unit. When the District Cookie Adviser orders the cookies, it must be clearly indicated that they are for the group travelling. If you want more information about these cookies, contact cookies.biscuits@guidesquebec.ca or me.

Remember that we are not to run other fundraisers for one month after we receive the cookies, so 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 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.

District Financial Books: Mid-Year Review

Advance notice: This year I want to see all the district books mid-year... just to make sure that things are going well with all the changes. So please send your books (with all the supporting documents) in at the end of May or early June, the earlier the better, please.

If you have any questions about accounting for cookies or taxes or anything else about Guiding finances, e-mail me at finances-support@guidesquebec.ca

Dawn Coffey

Treasurer Support Specialist

First Aid Training

Are you First Aid certified? These trainings by **Pulse Aide Inc.** are tailored to the needs of GGC as per the latest Safe Guide. They are based on the Canadian Red Cross First Aid and CPR/AED Program Standards for 2013, and include the current Red Cross manual and a Red Cross certification valid for 3 years from the end date of the course. Visit the [Training](#) section of the Québec website to learn more.

UPCOMING COURSES:

Location: NDG

- **Emergency First Aid** (8 hours)
 - Saturday, April 26, 2014, 8:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m., \$100
- **Standard First Aid** (16 hours)
 - Sat., Apr. 26 and Sun., Apr. 27, 2014, 8:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m., \$125

Location: NDG or West Island (TBD)

- **Emergency First Aid** (8 hours)
 - Saturday, May 3, 2014, 8:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m., \$100
- **Standard First Aid** (16 hours)
 - Sat., May 3 and Sun., May 4, 2014, 8:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m., \$125

***Note:** These courses are suitable for **Pathfinders** and **Rangers**



For details and to register, or to book a course for your own district or Guiding community, email Joan Lax at pulseaideinc@gmail.com

GGC QC Scholarship applications due June 1

Every year, Québec Council offers one scholarship of \$1,000 for a complete year of post-secondary education. This yearly scholarship is awarded to a versatile individual who is a registered member of GGC in Québec. Visit the [Scholarships page](#) of the GGC QC website for details including the application form.

For information about **national** scholarships, click [here](#). (The application deadline for national scholarships is April 1.)

Easter holiday office closures:

The provincial office will be closed on Good Friday, April 18 and on Easter Monday, April 21.

Spring registration reminders!

Online registration for the 2014-2015 Guiding year is now open for all girls returning to the same units.

Important dates:

- **Thursday, May 1 at 10am EST—**
Online registration opens for ALL current girl members including those advancing to a new branch
- **Monday, June 2 at 10am EST—**
Online registration opens for new members*

*New members may use paper prior to June 2

Contact Guiders:

By now you should have received your unit's **pre-registration kit** containing a re-registration tracksheet, personalized letter templates and other tools to help boost registration for next year.

Click [HERE](#) to read the eblast that was sent to all Guiders or ask your DC for details.



Each girl (new and returning) who pre-registers for the 2014-2015 Guiding year between April 1 and June 30 will be automatically entered into a draw to

WIN \$50!

40 names will be picked. The money will be deposited with the unit and is to be used towards a Guiding activity/camp/outing.
(The \$5 discount will not be offered this year.)

UNIT Re-registration Contest

Three prizes to be won! \$\$\$

Aim for the highest percentage of re-registered girls!*

1st prize: \$100

2nd prize: \$75

3rd prize: \$50

*Results will be based on the number of existing girl members who re-register for the 2014-2015 Guiding year between April 1 and May 31.

*Your unit will be automatically considered. No entry form is needed.

DISTRICT Re-registration Contest

Three prizes to be won! \$\$\$

Aim for the highest percentage of re-registered girls!*

1st prize: \$200

2nd prize: \$150

3rd prize: \$100

*Results will be based on the number of existing girl members who re-register for the 2014-2015 Guiding year between April 1 and May 31.

*Your district will be automatically considered. No entry form is needed.

GGC Québec Calendar

April 30	Deadline for summer camp registrations
May 1	GGC QC Annual General Meeting
May 10	Festi-Guides, Rosemère
May 10-16	Camp WTA Tent Rising Week
May 24	Young Women's Forum
June 1	Deadline for GGC QC scholarship applications
June 13-15	Weekend at WTA for Guiders
July 6-26	Experience WTA—Summer Camp
October 4	Provincial Fall Day Camp



Units in Monkland District discovered the world of curling with a visit from [Capital One Rocks and Rings](#) and Allison Ross, skip of the Québec provincial team! Find out how they set up the 'ice' and played two ends at their meeting—take a look at the [blog entry](#) by Brownie Guider Alexandra Dalgleish.