



Northern Lights District hosts a celebration like no other! Girl Guides from as far away as Lachute and Saint-Bruno gather in Rosemere for **Festi-Guides 2014!**

From camp cooking to a park clean-up, STEM experiments and active games, it was a showcase of the best Québec Girl Guides have to offer. Over 250 people including families and passersby visited the site. What a beautiful day it was to introduce the community to the world of Guiding! Read more on our blog [here](#) and take a look at the [photo gallery](#) on Facebook.



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- [2013 award recipients](#)
- [All sorts of advancement ceremony themes!](#)
- [Important updates to screening procedures](#)
- [Re-registration contest winners announced](#)
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Have your girls re-registered yet for the **2014-2015 Guiding year?** Remember, all girls (both new and returning) who pre-register **by June 30** will be automatically entered into a draw to **WIN \$50 towards a Guiding activity!** There will be **40** names drawn. Also, as girls register, they'll receive the 2014-2015 membership crest—designed by one of our very own girl members!




(left) Brownies in Riverdale District at their end-of-year advancement ceremony. Take a look at [page 6](#) for more advancement ceremony photos from around Quebec!

Hello SUMMER!

The rhythm of our weekly meetings is changing over into camps and outdoor events and celebrations of fun and successful seasons in our communities. Before we hang up the ditty bags and stow away the program books, I want to take this chance to thank all our Guiding volunteers, and invite you all to take a stroll through this edition of The Piccolo.

In a few sections, you'll find the  symbol. These are each different and wonderful opportunities for you to communicate your ideas and suggestions into the building of our Go-Forward plan for the 2014-2015 Guiding year. We want to hear from you!

Our AGM welcomed Susan Birnie, Deputy Chief Commissioner – Member Services, to share our event and bring us greetings from Sharron Callahan, Chief Commissioner.

I will let an excerpt from Sharron's greetings finish off this; my summer sign off. DO have a look for the  and help Girl Guides in Quebec steer a course that responds to its needs and reflects the exceptional talents that we have in this province.

From Sharron:

Thank you for championing Girl Greatness

Once again this year, we offered girls countless amazing experiences – from the excitement of going to camp for the first time to planning an anti-bullying event to going on an international trip. Whether it was the 950,000+ programming badges girls earned, or the countless Chief Commissioner's Gold Awards, Girl Greatness Awards or scholarships presented this year, our girls have achieved some amazing accomplishments thanks to your leadership and guidance.

Part of Girl Greatness is allowing girls to champion the issues that matter to them. This year we raised awareness with the global 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence campaign and became an important voice during the International Day of the Girl. Your mentorship means we're inspiring and empowering girls to be agents of change on issues of importance.

Thank you for shaping girls as green citizens

Girl Guides of Canada has always been at the forefront of raising awareness about environmental issues. This year, we were overwhelmed by how many units across Canada joined forces to help improve our environment through our National Service Project: Operation Earth Action. Camping and outdoor programming were also strong and vibrant components of the Girl Guide experience, remaining key in helping girls connect with their environment and with each other...

Thank you for all that you do for Canadian Guiding

Week in and week out, I know just how much you do for girls and Guiding. Whether you're a Unit Guider, Commissioner, Trainer or active in a Trefoil Guild, you're nurturing and encouraging such leadership traits in girls as resourcefulness, courage and a global perspective. And you do so with such passion.

Thank you for sharing your skills, your talents and yourself as a member of Girl Guides of Canada...

And from Valerie – Have a safe, happy summer!



Our Provincial Commissioner Valerie Zaloum was interviewed for *Les Versants du Mont Bruno* and the article appeared in the May 28, 2014 edition. She talked about her new role and shared stories about her community's Guiding past and present activities. Click [HERE](#) to read the full text!

2013 Award Recipients

presented by Québec Council at the AGM—May 1, 2014

Membership Pins (25 years and up)

25 Years

Patricia-Ann McCann
 Stacey Thomas
 Angela Whelton
 Valerie Zaloum
 Not present:
 Sophie Bacchi
 Carolyn Berry
 Heather Harper
 Annette Lesperance Massicotte
 Esther Munster
 Linda Piette

30 Years

Carole Blais
 Jutta Bouchard
 Patricia Tellis
 Susan Welsh
 Not present:
 Diane Bacchi
 Heather Barwick
 Caroline Bilovus
 Barb Collins
 Corey DeJean
 Renata Kozina
 Tammy Leclair
 Pamela Leger
 Hannelore Rene de Cotret

35 Years

Brenda Quenneville
 Not present:
 Brenda Beauchamp
 Evelyn King

40 Years

Donna Houseman
 Linda Hoyt
 Not present:
 Lyne St-Jean
 Maureen Collins

45 Years

Anita Scott
 Not present:
 Susan Forrester
 Irene Lambert
 Ruth Moore

50 Years

Pam Godfrey

55 Years

Cecilia Bourget

65 Years

Sheila Norman

70 Years

Pearl Welsh

75 Years

Not present:
 Miriam Tees

90 Years*

Daphne Sebag-Montefiore
 *First in Canada

Certificates of Appreciation

Festi-Guides

Amanda Notte
 Not present:
 Kenza Deschènes-Kherchi
 Alexandra Fraser
 Laura Jones
 Loretta Julien
 Ashlen Keeble
 Sharon King
 Magatte Ndiaye
 Caitlin Palmer
 Melissa Smithman

Symposium

Deborah Dumoulin
 Nissa Grant
 Anne Murray
 Diana Rice
 Kelly Vandzura
 Not present:
 Robin Goudreault
 Lorraine Hamel
 Melissa McKay
 Pauline Owczar (and caterer to DC/Adviser meetings)

Young Women's Forum

Laura Michalovic (not present)

Snow Trails

Ingrid Hamel
 Mary-May Hubert
 Not present:
 Kim Faber
 Carole Knaapen
 Dana Newbergher
 Sylvie Pirro

Fall Day Camp

Janice Douglas
 Janet Pompura
 Not present:
 Kathy Bateman
 Caroline Bilovus
 Janet King
 Jen Robert
 Sarah Young

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End of Term Gifts

Council Members

Elaine Keeble, Deputy PC
 Amber LeBrun, Deputy PC
 Pam Godfrey, District Support Specialist

Advisers

Pam Godfrey, International/Travel Adviser
 Valerie Zaloum, Program Adviser

Specialists and Chairs

Pearl Welsh, Trefoil Guild Specialist
 Not present:
 Joanne Millette, Property Committee Chair

District Commissioners

Ingrid Hamel, Des Montérégiennes
 Nissa Grant, Lakeshore
 Helena Green, Pointe-Claire
 Barbara Richard, Pointe-Claire
 Hannah Quinn, Valois-Dorval
 Not present:
 Ann-Alicia Rivett, Lennoxville

2013 Award Recipients (cont'd)

Certificates of Appreciation (cont'd)

Summer Camp

Annie Ajemian
Christine Downey
Carol Kelly
Lisa Labelle
Janet Pompura
Gail Routley
Tania Tautkus
Donna Wimmer
Not present:
Linda Almanza
Marilyn Barter
Dorothy Cardinal
Donna Collister
Genna d'Amours
Jessica Ganten
Laura Jackson
Janet King
Jamie Kinney
Ginny Lehoux
Laura Litvack
Meaghan Macro
Lori Matthews
Laura Montreuil
Christine Nadeau
Kat Pasco
Chelsea Quinn
Jill Rothberg
Esther Szeben
Tina Viger
Christine Westwell
Elizabeth Wightman
Nathalie Wightman

Property Committee

Holli Drum
Nissa Grant
Kirsti Harris
Sinclair Harris
Charyl Hyndman
Annette Levasseur
Sheila Norman
Kelly Vandzura
Sue Welsh

ERTC

Dawn Coffey
Mary-May Hubert
Margaret Martin
Janet Pompura
Carol Schweitzer

Screening Guru

Margaret Martin

Celebrating Girl Greatness Event

Lise Turner (not present)

Creative Centerpieces—2014 AGM

Nancy Duffina

Quebec Council Awards

Shining Stars

- 10 years as a Unit Guider

Stacie Bouchard
Connie Morgenstern Erndt
Not present:
Laura Provencal
Brenda Stone
Ann Vaincourt

Guiding Lights

- 25 years as a Unit Guider

Wendy Thomas

Letter of Commendation

Louise Triggs

Bronze Merit

Diana Rice

Gold Merit

Jennifer Bouchard
Cecilia Cherry
Amber LeBrun
Debbie Paish
Susan Welsh

Medal of Merit

Elaine Keeble

Quebec Award

Amber LeBrun

Beaver

Dawn Coffey
Pam Godfrey
Joan Lax
Anita Scott
Pamela Rice

Provincial Commissioner Honours Award

(FDC = Fall Day Camp; GS = Guider Symposium; FG = Festi-Guides; SC = Summer Camp; GR = Girl Recognition Event; ST = Snow Trails; YWF = Young Women's Forum; ERTC = Eastern Regional Trainers Conference)

BRONZE

Lydia Berryman—FDC	Not present:
Carole Blais—GS, FDC	Rachel Bachman—GS, FG
Cecilia Cherry—GS, FG	Alison Campbell—YWF, FG
Holli Drum—SC, GR	Jennifer Cessford—SC, FDC
Mary-May Hubert—SC, FDC	Sarah Di Milo—ST, SC
Charyl Hyndman—SC, GR	Karyn Doke—ST, FDC
Shannon Lemm—GS, FG	Micheline Michetti—FDC, FG
Connie Morgenstern Erndt—GS, FG	Hannah Miller—YWF, FG
Valerie Robb-McKay—GS, ST	Joanne Millette—GS, SC
Louise Triggs—GS, ERTC	Genell Tonge—GS, FG
Angela Whelton—GS, SC	

SILVER

Jenn Bouchard—GS, SC, ST, YWF
Joanne Cardinal—GS, SC, FDC, ST
Pam Godfrey—GS, FDC, SC
Kirsti Harris—SC, FDC, ST
Sinclair Harris—GS, FDC, ERTC
Joan Lax—GS, ST, ERTC
Annette Levasseur—GS, FDC, FG, AGM Annual Report
Heather Martin—GS, SC, ST, FG, GR
Hannah Quinn—GS, SC, FDC, YWF
Susan Sayer—GS, ST, ERTC
Nancy Shaw—GS, FDC, ERTC, GR
Patricia Tellis—FDC, ST, FG
Valerie Zaloum—GS, SC, FG, ERTC
Not present:
Angie Kruller—SC, ST, FG

GOLD

Nissa Grant—SC
Amber LeBrun—YWF, FG
Heather Martin—ERTC
Hannah Quinn—GR
Diana Rice—YWF
Kelly Vandzura—SC
Lydia Berryman—ST
Valerie Zaloum—ST
Not present:
Angie Kruller—FDC

Young Women's Forum

Success! Another great Young Women's Forum

Thanks to all those who came out to this year's Young Women's Forum where we explored the themes of camping and environmental advocacy. We collected lots of great ideas from young members across the province and a good time was had by all. These ideas will be shared with Guiders and girls across Quebec, who will greatly benefit from this awesome information.



We had perfect weather, so we were even able to hone our camping skills out in the sunshine. The Rangers and Pathfinders really got into the spirit!

If you weren't able to make it this year we'd like to hear from you too, so please contact us at ywf.ggc@gmail.com to let us know how we can make this event even better in the future.



Hope to see you there next year!

- Jenn Bouchard & Diana Rice



Tent Rising Week

Many thanks to all the volunteers who took part in Tent Rising Week at Camp Wa-Thik-Ane. Thanks to your hard work and commitment our beautiful provincial campground is ready to welcome over 700 campers this season!



We had five Pathfinder families from the 1st Kirkland Pathfinders and two Rangers and their leader, Jutta Bouchard, up at camp to do work on Cree. A lot was accomplished and it was amazing to see everybody work so hard and have fun doing it.

Five new fire pits were poured, platforms were repaired and leveled and the main camp fire now has a beautiful pile of wood, ready to go. There is a platform for the leaders' tent close to the marquee and the rest of the site is now set up for patrol camping and cooking.



Both Pam and I are thrilled that the plan we had for several years has now come through and we hope that many Pathfinders and Rangers will make use of the site.

- Angie Kruller, Pathfinder Guider and Provincial Camping Adviser

(left) Preparing a form for the pouring of cement.

District Stories



(right) **Ormstown** Girl Guides' advancement featured homemade toadstools that each girl got to take home to put in their garden!



Liesse District held a graduation-themed advancement ceremony this spring while **Northern Lights** District chose the theme of the 4 World Centres. Sparks represented Pax Lodge, Brownies represented Our Cabaña, Guides represented Our Chalet, and Pathfinders represented Sangam—pictured below.



(left) The 1st Argenteuil Sparks from **Mille Îles** District held an 'Under the Sea' advancement ceremony! How did they do it? [Read about it on our blog.](#)



(above and right) **Riverdale** District held a campfire-themed advancement ceremony.

In case you missed it...



- Riverdale Brownies were featured in the national GGC blog with a story about their [Brownie Book Club!](#)

- Also featured in the national blog—[Celebrating 90 years of service – a first for GGC!](#) - a profile of Québec's own Daphne Sebag-Montefiore

From our own GGC Québec blog:

- ♣ [1st Valois Brownies invent and invite, and put a SPIN on the Quebec Chocolate Challenge](#)
- ♣ [A wacky auction and egg-sitting win the 2014 CWFF Pizza Challenge](#)



1st Valois Brownies created a Chocolate Wonderland event to complete the Chocolate Challenge and earned themselves a QC Spin!



Off to Quebec City! The 1st Lennoxville Pathfinder Unit and selected Guides visited Quebec City and their first stop was the aquarium! Read about their trip [here](#).

Guider Chicory Pop from Lennoxville writes a [blog](#) of her own:

Life as a Girl Guide -

A place for us to share our Guiding experience

Here's a preview of her latest post:

I have been very busy this year and have not been able to attend many meetings, at least not for the whole meeting. This may be why we have recently had my favourite meeting of the year. We started out playing Marco Polo outside, since it was such a great day! Then, Brownies and Guides joined together to learn about Be Prepared Kits. Of course, when attending camp, the girls are expected to bring a complete kit, including an orange garbage bag and some rope. What about for other excursions, like an afternoon hike, a day at the zoo or an outing to the cinema? The girls agreed that it may be excessive. So, then, what was appropriate?

Each group of three was given an different type of outing for which they had to pack one bag. And I set out a bunch of stuff from home, ranging from backpacks and purses, to first aid kits, to sunscreen, to superfluous items like a hair brush and perfume. Then, they each got to explain why they chose the items they did, and we compared some of them to figure out which were best, like cotton socks versus wool and bamboo.

And this lovely day was not to be wasted! The Guides that had been selected to go to camping with Pathfinders practised putting up their tent and taking it down, while the others played a new game: *canoë-couleur*. We all learned something at that meeting, and had a lot of fun, too!

Read on [HERE!](#)

Transform your community—one tree at a time!

Looking for a neat service project to do this spring/summer? Still looking for a way to talk about the environment and make a real impact in conjunction with this year's National Service Project: [Operation Earth Action?](#) Learn more about TD's tree planting grants and make a meaningful difference in your community!



Meetings-in-a-box

As the Guiding year is winding down and you are all heading into your well-earned summer vacation, please take a minute to think about all the amazing activities you have ever planned for your units. We are looking to create a series of meetings-in-a-box for the Quebec website and would love **your input**. These meetings would make it possible for leaders to share great ideas, and have pre-made resources for those last-minute, hard-to-plan-for meetings.



If you have any ideas, please fill out the [questionnaire](#) here and we'll get it all formatted and up on the website. Want to see an example of what one might look like? Check out this [space-themed meeting for Guides!](#)

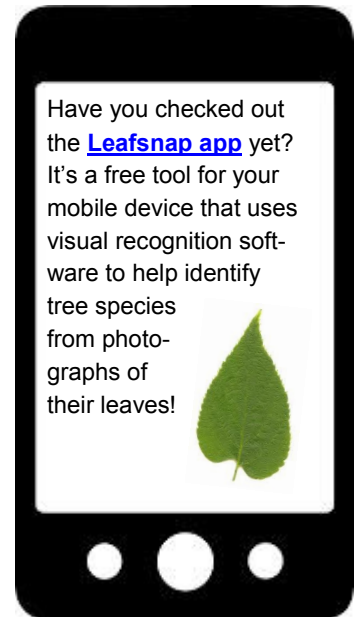
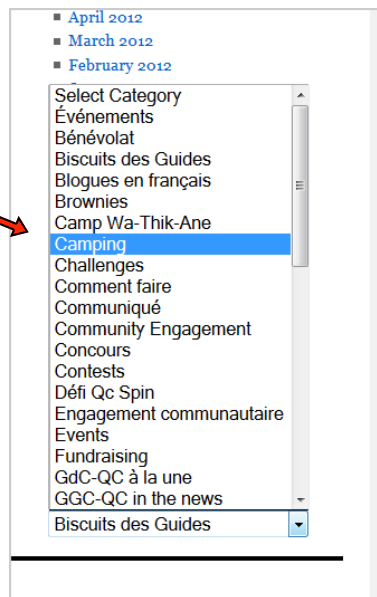
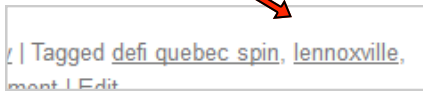


- Charyl Hyndman, Program Adviser, & Lizzie Knowles, Deputy Program Adviser | programme@guidesquebec.ca

Did you know you can search our **Quebec blog** by using **categories** and **tags**?



Looking for something camp-related? Scroll down to the bottom of the page and select the 'Camping' **category** in the right hand corner. You'll get a list of all the camping-related blog posts. **Tags** are similar to categories but can be used to describe a post in more detail. For example, if you're reading a story from a specific district and want to read more from them, click on the district name in the tags section at the bottom of the post:



Thanks to Guider Janet from Riverdale District for sharing this tip with us!



Have you heard? The BC Program Committee has just released a new challenge with help from Ocean Networks Canada.

Find out more about the [Ocean Aware Challenge](#)



Yes, it's that time again! Mark your calendar:

Quebec Provincial Day Camp 2014

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

A Wonderful Day at Camp Wa-Thik-Ane



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

WHEN: Saturday, October 4, 2014, 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 registration forms in the August *Piccolo*, but mark this date in your planning calendar now!

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Are you thinking of attending GM2016? Would you like to take a patrol to Alberta? Do you have older girls looking for adventure? Put the evening of **October 23, 2014** on your calendar—we will be hosting a

general information session for Guiders. For more information, watch this space, check out the [Guiding Mosaic website](#) or contact us at GM2016@guidesquebec.ca



Think you might want to join the core team of planners for GM2016? Find out more about the [10 volunteer team lead positions](#).

Guiding Mosaic 2016 will be held from Saturday, July 9 to Sunday, July 17 at Camp Woods in Alberta. This is the 13th Girl Guides of Canada national camp to be held since 1927 and will celebrate Guiding and the tradition of camping within our organization. National camp is a unique and exciting opportunity that is open to members of Girl Guides of Canada and to the 145 countries who are members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS).

Camping Connections

An invitation from Guider Esther in Lennoxville:

I'm ecstatic to say that the girls are in, and I am starting to plan the camp at **Coaticook Gorge!**

Dates: **June 21-24** (Saturday morning to Tuesday afternoon)

Site: [Coaticook Gorge](#) - Rustic campsites near a stream and bridge, water and chemical toilets right there, flush toilets a 2-3 minute walk.

I have 6-7 Guides going. Feel free to bring some of your own! There are 6 sites in this area. One for the kitchen/dining area; a second can fit three 4-person tents (enough for my group). That leaves 4 sites open.

Please let me know at est.keller@gmail.com if you or anyone else you know is interested in joining/helping out.

Police Record Checks for Potential Members and Renewals using BackCheck

[New procedures](#) have been put in place across GGC to facilitate the processing of police record checks (PRC) using a service called **BackCheck**. The entire process is done online. Here's what you need to know:

PMBRs (Potential Members):

1. Upon receipt of an A.1, the provincial office will begin the PRC process by submitting the information to BackCheck. There are **no paper forms** to be filled out.
2. PMBRs will be contacted by BackCheck directly to complete the process, including **reference checks**. PMBRs will no longer have to provide references to the Screener/DC.

PRC renewals for MBRs (Members):

1. Two months prior to the PRC expiration date, MBRs will receive a **reminder letter** from the provincial office explaining the PRC renewal process. At this point they will also receive a copy of their member profile so they can make updates as needed, e.g. new contact details.
2. A few weeks after the reminder letter is sent, the MBR will receive a **personalized email** prompting them to take the steps to immediately renew their PRC online via BackCheck. The email contains a link that is specific to the MBR and should NOT be forwarded. There are **no paper forms** to be filled out. Please ensure we have the correct email address on file.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- For **non-members**, the process has not changed. PRC request forms from the SPVM must be sent to the provincial office as soon as possible for processing, accompanied with an A.7. Non-member renewals should follow the same SPVM process. Note that reminder letters are sent as is done with MBRs. In exceptional cases (e.g. a PRC is needed urgently), please communicate with us directly at imis@guidesquebec.ca or 1-800-565-8111
- Districts that regularly use their local Sureté de Québec office: Please start using BackCheck for both PMBRs and MBR renewals. For non-members, please start using the PRC request forms from the SPVM and send them to the provincial office as soon as possible for processing. For new non-members, the forms must be accompanied with an A.7.

**Should someone be unable to complete the online process, or for any questions,
please contact us at imis@guidesquebec.ca or 1-800-565-8111**

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Summer Camp at Wa-Thik-Ane

Volunteers needed! The waters of Wa-Thik-Ane may be calm and peaceful today but soon they will be filled with the chatter and laughter of many girls enjoying the wonderful days of summer. GGC summer camp is happening the last three weeks of July and we need you! If you would like to volunteer and be a part of some wonderful memories, simply connect with Joanne at: jackson.mom@sympatico.ca

Lifeguards needed! Paid waterfront positions are still available. Visit our [website](#) or contact dir-operations@guidesquebec.ca for details.



Membership Growth & PR

Passionate about growing Guiding? Got new ideas and lots of enthusiasm?

The **PR and Membership Committee** might be a good fit for you! Talk to Diane Oki and Shannon Jackson about it by emailing pr.rp@guidesquebec.ca



If you're already on the committee, we want to hear from you! Fill out our [survey](#). We hope to create an inventory of the ways Guiders promote Guiding, so that we can better support our Guiders and Advisers. This survey is the start of that initiative, and we're especially hoping you'll contribute by letting us know your strategies and methods. If you're not on the committee, email the ways you promote Guiding in your community to pr.rp@guidesquebec.ca



Re-registration contest results... Congratulations!

Units
1st prize (\$100): 85th Montreal Guides
2nd prize (\$75): *TIE*
- 1st Northern Lights Pathfinders
- 1st Valois-Dorval Pathfinders

Districts
1st prize (\$200): Northern Lights
2nd prize (\$150): Lakeshore
3rd prize (\$100): Valois-Dorval

*Results were based on the number of existing girl members who re-registered for the 2014-2015 Guiding year before May 31. All units/districts were automatically entered.

Did you know **new clipart** is available on the [Brand Centre?](#) Members can download clipart and other GGC branded graphics from the **Asset Library** section of the Brand Centre website (brandcentre.girlguides.ca). For promotional items and recruitment material (i.e. brochures, posters, etc.), ask your District Commissioner or write to us at pr.rp@guidesquebec.ca.



- Diane Oki and Shannon Jackson, Provincial PR Co-Chairs | pr.rp@guidesquebec.ca

Link News

Mark your calendar!

Join us for **Afternoon Tea** at the Ritz-Carlton on **Sunday, June 29 at 4pm.**



Pull out your cutest summer dress, slip on a pair of strappy sandals and join us for a classy afternoon at The Ritz.

Set amidst the comfort and elegance of the famous Palm Court, a selection of fine teas, homemade canapés, scones and pastries are on offer. Gentle music wafts through the Palm Court providing the perfect ambiance for an afternoon spent in lavish repose.

If you are interested in this dainty experience, please email me as reservations are required.

Other upcoming Link events:

- Tam Tams at Parc Mont-Royal; Sunday, July 27
- Venus in Fur at the Centaur Theatre, TBD based on interest
- Potential outings: La Ronde, waterpark, Old Port, apple picking

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



[Find out more](#)

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



Many Link events 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? Be sure to RSVP as spaces may be limited!

Mid-Year Reviews

Please don't forget to get your books done soon! Details were in the [May Piccolo](#) (page 10).

GST/QST Transition Training

Next date is to be confirmed, but will likely be sometime in June on the West Island. Let me know if you'd like more information.

Signing Officers on District Level Accounts

With a new Provincial Commissioner, the signing officers on all district level accounts will need to be changed. This should be done sometime between now and October. Details have been shared with District Commissioners.

One more FAQ on taxation issues answered!

Question: *The site we rented from our camp did not charge us the GST or QST (they have an exemption). Do I still have to charge the parents taxes on the full participant fee?*

Answer: Yes. The taxes are Goods and Services taxes. We are providing a service to the parents by looking after their daughters for the weekend (or overnight, etc.) and that service is taxable. So you must charge the taxes on the full amount of the participant fee.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at

finances-support@guidesquebec.ca

I wish all of you a happy summer!

Dawn Coffey
Treasurer Support Specialist



Safe Guide News

Safe Guide: our risk management program! Safety is the responsibility of all!

Want to save time?

- When you fill out your Safe Guide forms for your activity, [please use the current forms \(July 2013\)](#)
- Don't forget to fill out the top of the SG.3 if you are using a TPSP (third party service provider) and if you are doing any water activity
- Make sure you provide the iMIS numbers of the Guiders on your form
- In the location section, if you are camping at Wa-Thik-Ane, indicate which camp site you're using
- On page 2, don't forget to fill out the section on the right hand side with an X in the appropriate box of all the forms you are sending
- Finally, make sure your forms are sent **together and on time**—i.e. no later than two weeks before your activity. Lately, there have been quite a few forms with missing or incorrectly filled out information.

QUICK TIP: Click 'Forms' in the bottom right hand corner of www.girlguides.ca to get to all the Safe Guide forms you need!



Remember, your Safe Guide Assessor will communicate only with the **Responsible Guider**.



It's time for swimming!

Refer to the **Swimming** section of [Safe Guide](#).

The **swimming planning chart on page 80** will tell you the level of your activity. Check your general supervision ratio for swimming on pages 83 and 84.

For a yellow level activity, make sure your **W.1** is with your **SG.3** when you submit it to sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca for assessment. Fill out the right side of the SG.3 with an X in the appropriate box. If you are not camping/swimming at Wa-Thik-Ane, be sure to send you forms and your **WA.1 on time** (at least two weeks ahead of your activity) as you will need the approval of a special Water Assessor.

Charter school buses:



Many groups use charter school buses for transportation to and from camp. Charter buses are considered a **TPSP** as indicated on **page 66** of Safe Guide. **Planning with your TPSP** on page 68 will help the Responsible Guider to provide the Assessor with:

- The name of the bus company and their phone number
- A contact name for the bus company
- Confirmation that proof of insurance has been provided to the provincial office

Ensure the right hand side of the SG.3 has been completed with an X in the appropriate box!

- Louise Triggs, Provincial Safe Guide Adviser | sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca

Mark your calendar!

New Guider Training will be offered on **September 13, 2014** at the first DC/Council meeting of the year.

More details to follow. DCs, please encourage all of your new Guiders or Guiders transitioning to a new branch to attend.

Stay tuned for new and exciting training opportunities in the fall. We hope to offer something for everyone. The Training Committee wishes you a fun, and safe summer!

- Joanne Millette, Provincial Training Adviser | training.formation@guidesquebec.ca

News from the Office

Summer holiday office closures

The provincial office will be closed for business on **June 23, June 24, June 30** and **July 1**.

New Quebec Council contact list

An updated [provincial contact list](#) is now available for download from our website. Click on 'Contact Us' in the bottom right hand corner of our home page.

Update your iMIS profile via Member Zone

Have you got a new email address or phone number to add to your iMIS record? You can update your personal information directly via Member Zone. Here's how:

1. Log in to Member Zone and click 'Update Your Profile'.

Welcome to Member Zone!

If you have any problems with the site, or if you wish to send an email, please contact [mz\(@\)girlguides\(dot\)ca](mailto:mz(@)girlguides(dot)ca).



2. In the 'My iMIS' section, click 'My Profile'.



My Profile

- Summary
- Contact Info**
- Contact Info 2
- Address
- My Activities
- My Skills

3. Under 'My Profile', select the information you would like to update.



Request for fall start dates

If you know the date of your first unit meeting in the fall, please let us know at imis@guidesquebec.ca so we can make the updates to the online Unit Finder. (The date can be modified later if needed.) Thank you for helping us to make as much information as possible available to parents!

No July *Piccolo*!

Have a safe and happy summer and we look forward to seeing you in September! Until then, keep an eye out for news and stories of Girl Greatness on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and our [blog](#).

Pre-registration draw!

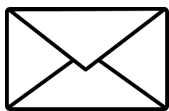
Each girl (new and returning) who pre-registers for the 2014-2015 Guiding year between April 1 and June 30 will be automatically entered into a draw to

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.

GGC Québec Council—Important Dates

June 30	Last day for pre-registration incentive (draw to win \$50)
July 6-26	Experience Wa-Thik-Ane Summer Camp
September 13	New Guider training + DC-Adviser-Council meeting
October 4	Provincial Fall Day Camp
October 23	GM2016 Information Meeting for Guiders
October 29	Montreal Impact Soccer Day
November	Open House weeks



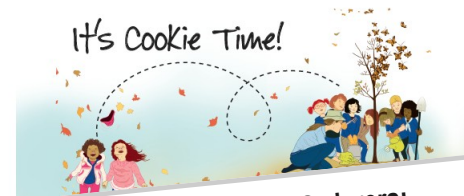
Handy email addresses

Make sure your emails get to the right place!

- ⇒ **iMIS:**
 - Send all your iMIS-related queries and questions concerning BackCheck to: imis@guidesquebec.ca
- ⇒ **Safe Guide:**
 - Send all your Safe Guide paperwork for assessments to: sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca
- ⇒ **Fundraising and financial questions:**
 - Send FR.1s and any questions related to unit or district finances to Dawn Coffey, Treasurer Support Specialist: finances-support@guidesquebec.ca
- ⇒ **Photos, unit/district stories:**
 - Have you got some great photos to share in *The Piccolo* or stories for our blog? Send them to: communications@guidesquebec.ca

***Note:** The following email addresses are no longer in use. Please update your address books accordingly:

- programsupport@guidesquebec.ca
- membersupport.soutienauxmembres@guidesquebec.ca



REMINDER to Cookie Orderers:
Mint 2014 cookie orders are due in
 to the provincial office no later than **June 18**

