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Québec Girl Guides get creative with World Thinking Day celebrations!

(Clockwise from left) Sparks in Riverdale District decorate 'Treasure

Chests of Learning'; 1st Mount Bruno Pathfinders prepared games from around the world for some younger members of the district; Lennoxville Guides invented a game; Pathfinders and

Rangers from Northern Lights District made a visit to the Museum of Fine Arts. *Can you spot the Guiders?*





Congratulations to the winner of the 2014-2015 membership crest design contest—**Sierra Nahanni** of the 7th Ste-Geneviève Brownie Unit! The crests will be available for girls this spring as they preregister for the pext Guiding year. Note the design will be ad-

register for the next Guiding year. Note the design will be adjusted as needed to meet GGC brand standards. Thank you to everyone who entered—we had over 30 entries! And thank you to everyone who voted in our online poll to determine the finalists!



A Tip of the Hat to Guiders in Northern Lights

From RoseAnna Cirino, District Commissioner—Northern Lights

We are fantastic in Northern Lights! Bravo and thank you! From 52 girls in September... to today, we are at 66 girls! 13 Sparks... 14 Brownies... 31 Guides... 6 Pathfinders... 2 Rangers and 15 amazing Guiders! ... a total of **14 new Northern Lights girls!**

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Highlights:

- <u>Two new spring registration</u> <u>contests + new pre-</u> <u>registration incentive</u>
- Calling all Link members!
- Never too late contest winner
- Weekend at Wa-Thik-Ane for Guiders: June 13-15
- What you had to say about Symposium 2014

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AGM 2014

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



NEW PRE-REGISTRATION INCENTIVE:

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

WIN \$50!

<u>40</u> 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 <u>not</u> be offered this year.)

Spring Registration

Unit Guiders:

Be on the lookout for an e-blast with some *Fast Facts* about our spring registration campaign. You'll also be

receiving a Unit Pre-registration

Kit with a re-registration tracksheet and ideas to get a jumpstart on the 2014-2015 Guiding year!

Reminder—

Online registration begins:

- Tuesday, April 1 at 10am EST for girls returning to their current unit
- Thursday, May 1 at 10am EST for ALL current girl members including those advancing to a new branch
- Monday, June 2 at 10am EST for new members*

*New members may use paper prior to June 2

+ TWO SPRING REGISTRATION CONTESTS!





*Note: The prize money is to be used for a girl event such as a Welcome Back event or camp, preferably in the fall.







Upcoming Events

Calling all Link members!

We're having a girls night out at ComedyWorks

on Friday, March 21 at 8:30 p.m.

The cost is \$15 or \$10 with student ID, paid at the door. We need to book in advance, so please RSVP to Jenn Bouchard if you'd like to join us for a night of comedy.

Other upcoming Link Events:

- Cabane à sucre Erablière au sous-bois: Sunday, April 6 @ noon
- Dinner in the dark at O.Noir restaurant: Saturday, April 19 at 8:30pm
- Nordic Spa night at L'Oasis de l'Ile: Saturday, May 17 from 5pm

Other potential outings: La Ronde, waterpark, Old Port, apple picking, theatre night



Are you a Guiding member **aged 18 to 35 years old?** Looking to connect with other Guiders outside of being a Unit Guider?

Find out more about Link.

What would <u>you</u> 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:

May 10, 2014 - Festi-Guides!



Set off on an adventure!

Join us for this free event on Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at parc Charbonneau in Rosemère.

We'll be inviting families and the general public to discover the activities of Girl Guides in Québec. With a circuit of different stations to explore—from camping skills, a game zone and an international food tasting booth—there will be something there for the whole family!

Many more details to come—stay tuned!





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Upcoming Events

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

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- 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

For more information, contact:

Jennifer Bouchard: jenn.bouchard@gmail.com or Diana Rice: ricedi1981@gmail.com 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.

2014 Camp WTA Tent Rising Week

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

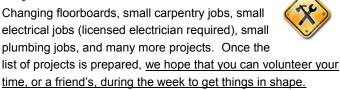
There are loads of fun projects to do at WTA to get the camp ready for all of us to use this spring and summer. This year the Property Committee is hoping to provide opportunities for everyone to get involved and get some **Camping Equipment Training** towards your <u>OAL (Outdoor Activity Leadership)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

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



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: <u>qcpropertycommit-</u> <u>tee@gmail.com</u>. 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!



Weekend at Wa-Thik-Ane for Guiders

Are you interested in a fun camping weekend for Guiders at Wa-Thik-Ane? This would be a way for you to hone your camp skills, share your ideas, and learn some new tricks while enjoying a weekend at camp in tents with adults. This will take place **June 13-15**.



The cost is \$75.00 (65.23 + 3.26 GST + 6.51 PST). Before we go any further with detailed planning, we would like to know if enough people are interested. Please complete the <u>registration form</u> to express your intent and send it to info@guidesquebec.ca. Your payment will not be processed until we know for certain that we have enough people attending. The <u>firm</u> deadline is April 30, 2014.

Summer Camp

Registration for summer camp is open until April 30.

Download the *Experience Wa-Thik-Ane* summer camp flyer + full descriptions.

Access the full **registration package** on the <u>Camping page</u> of the QC website (Program > Core Programming > Camping).



Are you interested in volunteering?

Would you like to get involved but you're not sure how or what you'd like to do? The summer camp team is still looking for volunteers for the first two weeks of camp (July 6-19). Complete the <u>application form</u> and send it to wwwta@guidesquebec.ca

Questions? Contact wwwta@guidesquebec.ca

• 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

Camping News

Festi-Guides

Rosemère.

come!

Call Out—Camping station at

The Provincial Camping Committee is

looking for volunteers to help plan and

organize a camp station for Festi-

We are also looking for help at the

camp station on the day of the event.

Come for part of the day or the whole

event! Camping enthusiasts with any

level of camping experience are wel-

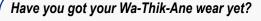
If you would like to volunteer, please

tellis.patricia@gmail.com

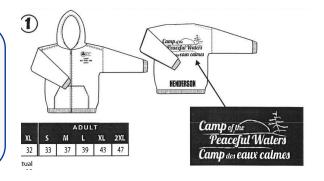
contact Patricia as soon as possible at

Guides on Saturday, May 10 in

- 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



As we're waiting for an online ordering system to be set up, the provincial office is trying to put together an order for our **navy blue zip up sweatshirts.** A minimum of 12 orders is needed to make this possible. Help spread the word! Download an <u>order form</u> and send them in to info@guidesquebec.ca



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Symposium Survey Results



Symposium 2014 - Here is What You Had to Say!

Overall Experience

Very Satisfied/Satisfied – 92% Somewhat Satisfied – 8%

Workshop Experience

90% - Found it active and engaging

88% - Provided me with useful new ideas

78 % - Inspired me to try new approaches



Your Comments:

Liked focus on how to include girls in meetings - practical advice and strategies

Guest Speaker – Excellent – Relevant Loved it – Too short Thought the day flowed well – more time for sharing and less on running from place to place

Some Symposium FAQs:

Why Champlain College instead of a venue on the island of Montreal?

A wide variety of venues have been looked at on island but none had ease of access to classrooms, auditorium and cafeteria. Free parking and public transit are also a consideration. The price that Champlain College offers including the lunch is not matched by others. Some venues did not have a suitable location at no charge for coffee break.

Why in January?

Other times of the year have been considered. It takes about 40 volunteers to make this event 'happen'. Due to the very hectic fall we could not have this number of volunteers available. Many of the volunteers who work at the symposium also work at Fall Camp. February and March are risky due to the impact of school winter/spring breaks. April is too late in the year as the symposium is intended to inspire us with regard to the second half the year. Also, in April and May units are completing their year and preparing for year end events and parties. Hence - we have chosen January for the past three years.

Why such a limited selection for lunch?

At Champlain College, as at all other venues we looked at, we must use the food service provider that is contracted at the venue. In order to not charge for the symposium and keep the lunch affordable, the menu has to be limited to

keep within our budget.





Québec Representatives for National Trips this Summer

Huge congratulations to the following who have been selected to be part of the national patrols travelling this summer:

Journey Through London, Pax Lodge:

Olivia Makinson

Pincourt & Saint- Lazare Districts

Young Naturalist Expedition, Sea of Cortez, Mexico:

Anne Whelan (Guider) Valois-Dorval District





Independent Travel Opportunities

A reminder to all—various opportunities are posted on the <u>'International</u> <u>Trips'</u> page of the provincial website (under 'Program' > 'International & Travel Opportunities'). Please check often as they are added as we are notified about them.

Just added, for Guiders:

• New Zealand Summer Tour - February 2015

- Open to all Guiders, ex-Guiders, partners and friends; commencing February 14 for 2+ weeks

- Travel through the beautiful scenery of North and South Islands; discover Auckland, Mt. Taranaki; sail across Cook Strait and through the scenic Marlborough Sounds; stay at a secluded retreat in the Sounds only accessible by water taxi; visit top producing wineries in the Marlborough Plains

- For the full itinerary and more information, contact: jenniferann(at)xtra.co.nz

Group Travel Procedures (within Canada and internationally)

A <u>tip sheet</u> to aid in your planning process has been produced and is now available for download on the <u>'International Trips'</u> page of the provincial website (under 'Program' > 'International & Travel Opportunities'). It will help you follow all the steps in your planning. This also applies to any groups wishing to plan to attend **Guiding Mosaic 2016.**

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 runn	1.	The unit that has the	year's most novel way	y to raise funds. So	o get those creative	juices runnir
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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 <u>international@guidesquebec.ca</u> 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?						

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Program News

Have you seen the latest from 50 Objects of Guiding?



"A penguin sitting on a camp blanket represents Guiding to us. The camp blanket, like a Girl Guide, is warm and fuzzy. It shows challenges successfully accomplished and is easy to share. Penguins are unique—they dive and swim - Girl Guides have many skills the average girl doesn't. Penguins dress to impress and survive in harsh conditions, and just like

make friends forever—penguins mate for life. Finally, just like sticky snow, Canadian girl Guides stick together!"



Watch for it! The very first badge of the new Québec Program Annex:





Celebrate some of the many festivals that draw Quebecers together all year round

Materials will be available very soon! Watch for program resources on the website.



QC Spin Stories

Sparks in Pointe-Claire—QC Spinning the World!

AND the Wheels on the Bus! (with help from their friendly neighbourhood Rangers!)



The world: For Thinking Day 2014 the Pointe-Claire Sparks wanted to learn about Girl Guides in other countries. With the local Ranger unit, the Sparks started to brainstorm. They came up with a wonderful idea: they first started to learn about the four World Centres.

Invent: Then they decided they wanted to travel to as many countries as they could. So they invented a **Girl Guide bus** that could take them to these countries.

The girls had to bring in fruit from another country, find that country on the map and also find the flag of that country. We also tried to find the uniforms!

Once they had done this, the bus took them on a wonderful journey to find the countries.

And here they share it with YOU!





Submitted by Helena Green (1st Pointe-Claire Spark Guider and Pointe-Claire District Commissioner)



Cookie News

Yes, it's that time of year again!

- Cookies will be arriving March 20-27; all Cookie Receivers have been notified of specific delivery dates
- Give your sales a boost with the Cookie Finder map by adding your event to the national map
- Cookie Day in Canada is Saturday, April 12 (and Sunday, April 13 in some locations); click <u>here</u> to find out how to book your slot
- Don't forget to report any cookie delivery incidents using the **Cookie Delivery Incident Reporting and Request Form**



- Be sure to check out the <u>Cookie Resources</u> page of our provincial website for selling ideas and tools
 - Did you know that Girl Guide Cookies have their own Twitter account?! It's a great tool to promote area and district events and happenings. Check out their tweets at <u>@GirlGuideCookie</u> and contact wilsona@girlguides.ca if you have cookie-related events or news to share with their followers

GGC QC ONLINE From our blog...

Two Stars and a bunch of Girl Guides!

Monklands PR Adviser Rachel Bachmann shared a few words and photos about an inspiring afternoon with the Montreal Stars women's hockey team.

Why I Do What I Do ...

Secteur Argenteuil District Commissioner Sara Ogilvie tells us what's behind her motivation to volunteer in her guest blog.

Monklands District have a blast at the Cosmodôme

Avid blogger Lizzie Knowles, a Guider with the 85th Montreal Guides, tells us about the astronaut training they received.







PANCAKE DINNER FUNDRAISER FOR CAMP WA-THIK-ANE!

Lakeshore District are hosting an all-you-can-eat pancake supper—\$5 per person— Wednesday, March 19 from 5-7 p.m. in Beaconsfield.

Take the night off from cooking dinner! Everyone is welcome.

Click <u>HERE</u> for all the details!





District Stories

Our district Thinking Day event is always something to look forward to. This year, it brought together 116 girls and 31 Guiders from 13 different units.

Girls had a blast at the WAGGGS -themed event, planned and run entirely by our Pathfinder unit.

A highlight is always the recognition of some of our Guiders at



the end of the evening. This year we recognized 11 women in our district for the amazing work they do.



Lakeshore is proud of its award recipients!

- 8 Jennifer Ankorn: Bronze Unit Guider
- 8 Heidi Ektvedt: Bronze Unit Guider
- 8 Gina Okker: Bronze Unit Guider
- 8 Cynthia Woods-Dagenais: Bronze Unit Guider
- 8 Emma Predan-Lépine: Bronze Unit Guider
- 8 Amanda St. Laurent: Silver Unit Guider
- 8 Christine Westwell: Silver Unit Guider
- 8 Stephanie Swinburne: Silver Unit Guider
- 8 Angie Kruller: Gold Unit Guider
- 8 Jutta Bouchard: Gold Unit Guider
- Carol Kelly: Bronze Merit Award







(above) **Northshore District** winter campers stay active in the outdoors! Keep an eye out for a blog entry soon with more photos and details on their Olympic-themed winter camp.

(right) The **1st Two-Mountain Brownies** from Mille Iles District paid a visit to a fire station to learn about fire safety.



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Treasurers' Trove

For Unit and District Treasurers

Several small notes this month:

Many thanks to the District Treasurers who turned out on February 15 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 (AFR) and Financial Review Checklists (FRC) should have been sent to the office.

For books which have been reviewed (i.e. Unit books), we don't need copies of spreadsheets sent to the office, just the AFR and FRCs. But remember that you must **keep** <u>all</u> **documentation** (including receipts and copies of the spreadsheets etc.) for 7 years!

Clarification: All amounts entered in the spreadsheets are <u>before tax</u> amounts, with the taxes entered separately. I agree, the headers are not clear, but it needs to be done this way so the 'OK' column works. The only exception is in the tax calculators where I think it is obvious that the totals include the taxes. I'll try to make it clearer for next year.

The first batch of <u>Taxation Frequently Asked Questions</u> is up on the website, in the same section as the spreadsheet, on the <u>Forms</u> page. A couple of the big questions still haven't been answered, but they are coming!

The <u>Cookie Tracking Sheet</u> and other cookie forms which were with the financial forms have been moved to the <u>Cookie Resources</u> page of the website.

Don't forget your **Canadian World Friendship Fund** (CWFF) money! Your district should send a cheque to the provincial office (made out to 'GGC Québec Council'). It should be for all money you have collected if you had a special event or minimum \$1.00 per member including adults.

If you have any questions 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 <u>Training</u> section of the Québec website to learn more.

UPCOMING COURSES: Location: Greenfield Park • Emergency First Aid (8 hours) - Saturday, March 29, 2014, 8:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m., \$100 • Standard First Aid (16 hours) - Sat., Mar. 29 and Sun., Mar. 30, 2014, 8:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m., \$125



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



Congratulations to Guider Carla Farnesi and the 2nd Greenfield Park Sparks in Riverview District!



After adding three new members this winter, the unit entered the *It's Never Too Late to Join Girl Guides* contest and won

a netbook computer! Thank you to everyone who participated in this campaign and contest. Thanks to your efforts we grew membership by over 50 girls in the month of January alone!



Don't forget— 'I Added a Friend-J'ai une amie de plus' crests can be ordered at any time of the year. Simply fill out an **order form** (found on the 'Forms' page of the QC website).

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 <u>Scholarships page</u> of the GGC QC website for details including the application form.

For information about **national** scholarships, click <u>here.</u> (The application deadline for national scholarships is April 1.)

Deadline for Girl Greatness Award nominations: March 14

Check out the <u>meeting guide</u> for ideas on how to inspire your girls to participate. Please remember that this is an awards program for girls—parents and Guiders cannot submit nominations. Nomination deadline: <u>March 14, 2014.</u> All the details <u>here.</u>



Camp Wa-Thik-Ane sites still available for spring

Are you planning your spring camp? Still looking for a location? The following sites are still **available** at Wa-Thik-Ane:

- May 23-25—Stavert, Huron, Iroquois, Cree, MicMac
- June 13-15—MicMac
- June 27-29—Iroquois, Algonquin, Cree, MicMac

Rental information can be found on the Camp Wa-Thik-Ane page of the QC website.

News from the Office

Updates to screening procedures

GGC is now partnering with a company called **BackCheck** to facilitate police record checks (PRCs) and new members' reference checks. These checks will be done via an online process. In Québec, we have just received some training on the new system and until we confirm our internal processes, here's what this means for Guiders:

- ⇒ PMBRs: Submit an A.1 as usual but <u>do not</u> submit or collect paperwork with regards to PRCs or reference checks. (This is effective immediately.) The provincial office will work directly with the PMBR to complete these elements of screening.
- ⇒ **PRC renewals for MBRs and non-MBRs:** Continue as usual using the paper PRC form (until further notice).

Questions? Contact us: imis@guidesquebec.ca

Reminder: French program books available

Guiders, why not buy the next branch program book as an advancement gift for your girls? The French language editions may be a very appreciated gift for our French-speaking members going into Brownies and Guides.

Camp Wa-Thik-Ane looking for waterfront staff

The summer camp 2014 team is currently looking for lifeguards, lifesavers and boating-qualified personnel to hire for our 3 weeks of summer camp. Waterfront staff is also needed on weekends when camp is rented from May to September.

Details can be found <u>here.</u> Interested candidates should forward their CV to <u>dir-operations@guidesquebec.ca</u>

Looking ahead... GGC QC 2014 CALENDAR

March 16-17	Provincial Winter Guide Camp
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 13-15	Weekend at WTA for Guiders
July 6-26	Experience WTA—Summer Camp
October 4	Provincial Fall Day Camp