

Set off on an adventure with us! Celebrate the end of the Guiding year... like a Girl Guide!

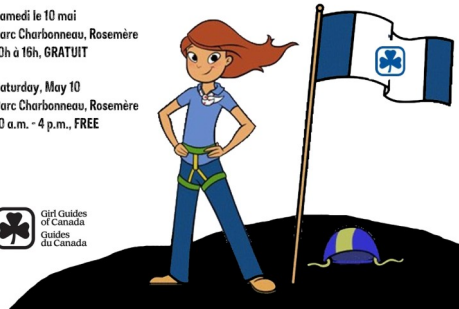
On Saturday, May 10, at Parc Charbonneau in Rosemere, bring the whole family to Festi-Guides! There will be a range of activities to explore including camp skills, a game zone, healthy living, travel, a mosaic project, ice skating (from 2-4pm; bring your skates and helmet!), and of course we will be looking at the finalists for the 50 Objects of Guiding project. Challenge yourself to learn new skills, meet new friends and join the party!

All the details [HERE](#).

Festi-Guides 2014

Samedi le 10 mai
Parc Charbonneau, Rosemère
10h à 16h, GRATUIT

Saturday, May 10
Parc Charbonneau, Rosemère
10 a.m. - 4 p.m., FREE



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Highlights:

- [The Story of the Comma](#)
- [Camp Wa-Thik-Ane clothing available for order](#)
- [GGC Quebec Scholarship deadline approaching!](#)
- [CWFF Pizza Challenge winners announced!](#)
- [GGC QC on Breakfast TV](#)

Lots to celebrate at Annual General Meeting— Canada's first 90 year service pin and we welcome new Provincial Commissioner Valerie Zaloum



Pamela Rice presents 90 year pin to Daphne Sebag-Montefiore

On May 1, Québec Guiding celebrated the retirement of one Council and the installation of a new team.

Those many Guiders in attendance were part of Guiding history, as a 90-year membership pin (Canada's first!) was presented to Daphne Sebag-Montefiore. Daphne was accompanied at her table by women who have been part of her Ranger Unit over many years—it was a remarkable milestone for all to share.



Susan Birnie, GGC Deputy Chief Commissioner-Member Services, and newly installed Quebec Provincial Commissioner Valerie Zaloum

Unit and district re-registration contests close May 31!

DISTRICT Re-registration Contest
Three prizes to be won! \$\$\$

Aim for the highest percentage of re-registered girls!

1st prize: \$2K
2nd prize: \$1K
3rd prize: \$1K

*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.

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

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If you are anything like me, when someone declares it is time to stand and say our Promise, there is often a moment of panic. We may have been members for years, or as a girl, and back again as adult Guiders. What we have in common is we have known more than one Promise!

In that moment when we begin to speak it aloud, **“I promise to do my best, ...”** our minds are racing ahead: oh, my... my duty? The Queen is gone, right? Canada, or both? God? Faith? Belief? I know I heard girls SAY the slash (/)... do we still help others? and be true to ourselves? And, oh the pressure, we are changing the world. I know I didn't take action before...

We are often quite agitated by the time we get to that comma! We rumble on through “do my best,” and fall into a groove, take cues from our companions and make it to the end – where “respect the Guiding Law” awaits, ever faithful and unchanging. Phew!



Presenting our new Quebec Council team!

I would like to propose a game-changer in this small challenge that some of us face. Think about the comma – we all wore them at the AGM, on our hearts, on our sleeves. “I promise to do my best, ...” Without having entered into that zone of stress or confusion, we have already said a remarkable promise. Doing one's best! We role model this for girls and for one another. In today's world, the notion of genuinely *doing one's best*, in all times and circumstances, simply because we mean it when we say our promise, is perhaps what sets us apart.

Being paid for a job doesn't mean you do your best work – rather people do what the job is worth. Saying “That's the best I could do,” is an excuse, not OUR promise. We save our best not just for our families and those closest, but for each other – that sisterhood, our “best-ies”, and the girls we share our Guiding moments with.

That is the part of the Promise that defines us and challenges us – doing our best. The words that follow may change, reflect a newer vision, a broader more inclusive ideal, and goals that inspire, defined by the times. Really though – we are together, then as now, giving the best of ourselves every time we make our Promise – for the girls and for each other.

Valerie Zaloum

Québec Provincial Commissioner

A warm welcome to **Stacie Bouchard & Pam Godfrey**, Quebec's new **Deputy Provincial Commissioners** who join Valerie at the helm of our new provincial council.





Wa-Thik-Ane Summer Camp
needs you

Contact Joanne Jackson at 514-453-2547 or jackson.mom@sympatico.ca



Summer Camp clothing is now available for order. **NEW** this year we have sweat pants and a **new design** perfect for the Wee Camp!

CAMP WA-THIK-ANE GIRL GUIDES have proudly selected Positive Identity to be our campwear supplier. To order, simply navigate the e-store and add to the shopping basket.

All orders placed will be shipped to the GGC Québec office and distributed to the campers upon arrival at camp.

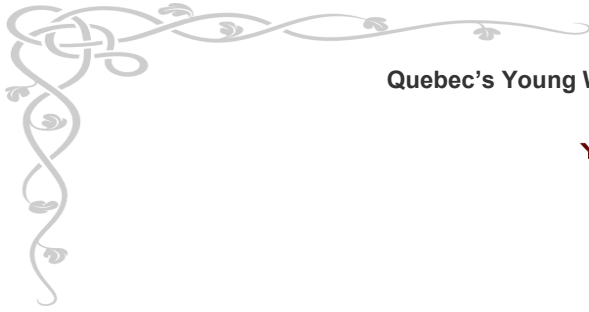
Click the link below to order your camp gear!

<http://www.positiveidentity.com/gqcquebec/>

Don't forget to pass the word along to your districts!



Young Women's Forum



Quebec's Young Women invite you to attend the 4th annual



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

Saturday, May 24, 10am-3pm

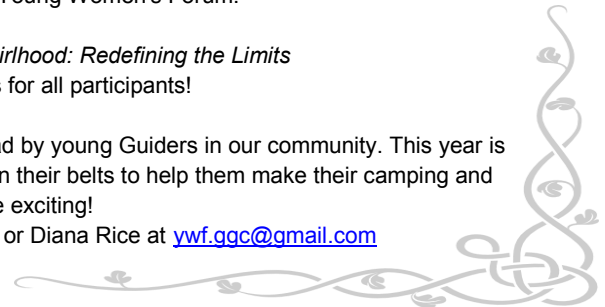
Mountainside Church, 687 Roslyn, Westmount, H3Y 2V1

Are you between the ages of **12-35**? Do you love camping and environmental advocacy? Then you need to register for this year's annual Young Women's Forum!

Key note speaker: Candis Steenberg—author of *Girlhood: Redefining the Limits*
Free lunch, amazing sessions and activities for all participants!

It's our 4th year and as always, there are both youth and adult sessions lead by young Guiders in our community. This year is even more hands on and practical. Girls and leaders will leave with tools in their belts to help them make their camping and environmental projects even more exciting!

For questions and registration, please contact Jenn Bouchard or Diana Rice at ywf.qcc@gmail.com



Link News

Calling all Link members! Time to mark your calendars:

We all need some time to just relax and enjoy life, so why not join us at the spa!



On **Saturday, May 17** from 5 p.m.-10 p.m., join us at **L'Oasis de L'île** nordic spa in Saint-Eustache. No reservation necessary, but make sure to bring a bathing suit, towel, flip flops and a lock. The cost is \$25 per person or \$21.50 for students with ID.

The ladies of Link will be dining at **oNoir** on **Saturday June 7 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.



[Find out more](#)

What kind of activities would you like to do? 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](#). Some potential outings for next year are: La Ronde, water-park, Old Port, apple picking, theatre night, tam tams.

Many Link events are also open to **potential Guiding members**. So why not bring along a friend or family member? Be sure to RSVP as spaces may be limited!

Also coming up...! The ladies of Link will indulge in **high tea at the Ritz-Carlton** in Montreal. The date is not yet set, so please fill out this **Doodle poll** as soon as you can.

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



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

Guider weekend at Wa-Thik-Ane cancelled

The weekend camp for Guiders planned for June 13-14 has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

Camping Connections

Lennoxville Guides are planning a camp this summer at Coati-cook Gorge and invite you to join them, with or without a unit of your own. If interested, [let us know](#) so we can put you in touch!

Awards



Applications for the **GGC Québec Council Scholarship** are due at the provincial office **by June 1, 2014**.

GGC-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 Québec Member of Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada. Its objective is to encourage further education/training at a recognized post-secondary Québec institution such as CEGEP, technical/vocational school or university.

Who can apply? Any registered Québec Member of Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada who is entering or pursuing post-secondary education (in any field of study) on a full-time basis. Former Guiders are not eligible to apply. This scholarship is based on your active Guiding and community involvement.

Click [HERE](#) for more details including information on how to apply.

We have our winners!

2013-2014 Canadian World Friendship Fund

Pizza Challenge!

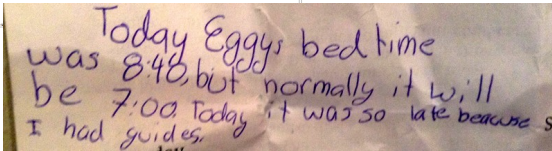
Thank you to the two groups who submitted their entries for the pizza challenge. We will try again next year, so the rest of you can start planning! The winners of a \$100 pizza party are:

1. **Most money per member: 1st Pincourt Pathfinders** who raised \$10 per member by hosting a **wacky auction!**
2. **Most original idea: 85th Montreal Guides** who raised money by **taking care of a hard-boiled egg** for a week to earn their Child Care badge. How did they do it? Check out [Liz's Guiding Year blog](#) for details!

How to Take Care of Your Eggbaby

1. Take it everywhere with you or arrange for a babysitter
2. Write in your booklet every day
3. Sign the inside page to say that you think you have taken proper care of your egg.

If they wanted someone to babysit their egg, there was a cost. But, the money didn't go to the babysitter, it went to the CWFF.



Welcome to **Lori Labelle**, Quebec's new **Provincial International Adviser!**

You can reach Lori at international@guidesquebec.ca

Training News

Join us in welcoming **Joanne Millette** to the position of **Provincial Training Adviser!**
You can reach Joanne at training.formation@guidesquebec.ca

We look forward to seeing you at a training in the coming year—stay tuned!



CRUNCHING THE COOKIE NUMBERS

Check out the stats for Spring!

This Spring

- 3,066,180 boxes of Girl Guide cookies sold in QC
- 20 cookies per box
- TOTAL 61,323,600 CLASSIC COOKIES SOLD
- That's almost 2X the population of Canada!
- That's 2 cookies for every Canadian man, woman and child
- Classic or Chocolatey Mint? 61,323,600 Classic Cookies Sold, 61,548,480 Chocolatey Mint Sold
- Classic and Chocolatey Mint cookies sold in a year: 122,872,080
- Set out long enough they would stretch 6,143 km
- Stacked they would reach a height of 1,843 km
- It takes approximately 45 seconds to eat a box of Girl Guide cookies
- It takes 462,000 kg of flour to bake a year's worth of Girl Guide cookies
- That's equivalent to the weight of over 102 elephants
- At \$5 per box, you could raise \$250 for a charity
- 100% of the money raised goes to Guiding programs in your community

NO MATTER HOW YOU STACK 'EM, GIRL GUIDE COOKIES ARE A TASTY TREAT!

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(Click to enlarge)

Cookie Reminders:

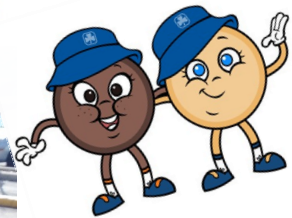
It's never too late to get your [Quebec cookie ribbons!](#) Get your order form [here](#) and send in the number of cookie boxes each girl sold in your unit.

Help us learn what works! We want to hear your **cookie selling stories** and want to know what activities you're planning with the money raised.

We already know of one Brownie who set up a lemonade stand outside her house and sold 3 cases! Please include pictures with your cookie story and send them to: cookies.biscuits@guidesquebec.ca



Pointe-Claire District cookie-sellers



Did you know?

...you can borrow the **cookie costumes** for your district or unit event?! Available in chocolate and vanilla! To reserve simply send an email to:

cookies.biscuits@guidesquebec.ca

Welcome to **Kelly Vandzura** who joins the Québec Cookie Team as **Deputy Provincial Cookie Adviser**. Reach her and Provincial Cookie Adviser Helena Green at cookies.biscuits@guidesquebec.ca

Join us in welcoming **Shannon Jackson** and **Diane Oki** to their new roles as **PR/Membership Co-Chairs**, as part of the Provincial Adviser Committee.

Have you seen the **GGC Québec spring parent newsletter?** [Take a look!](#)



District Stories

25 years of Sparks!

2nd Greenfield Park Sparks host a party

By Guider Carla Farnesi

On April 26, 2014, Sparks from **Knowlton, Saint-Bruno, Greenfield Park** and **Candiac** came together to celebrate 25 years of Sparks. Twenty-three girls and ten leaders took part in an afternoon which included games, bubble art, making friendship bracelets and bee prepared kits, a campfire and of course, birthday cake!

It was a wonderful day where numerous new friendships and memories were created. Cheers to another 25 fabulous years!



Pointe-Claire District take part in annual Terra Cotta Clean-Up



Program News

Welcome to **Charyl Hyndman** as Quebec's new **Provincial Program Adviser** and to **Lizzie Knowles**, our new **Deputy Provincial Program Adviser**

50 Guiding
objets **Guidisme**

Did you take part? Stay tuned for an announcement of the finalists!



This gang loves Guiding and all the friendships which result from being part of it. 1st Westward Sparks / 33rd Montreal Brownies / 110th Montreal Guides

[Check out more of the GGC Quebec pins!](#)

Did you catch us on **Breakfast Television?**

Girls and Guiders from Northshore District along with Pathfinders from Lakeshore District were in the spotlight on City TV's morning show last month. Take a look at the **video footage** from the four different segments!

[Part 1](#) | [Part 2](#) | [Part 3](#) | [Part 4](#)



[Liesse District Girl Guides](#) took a trip to Baie-du-

Febvre to see the snow geese as they migrated back up north.



[Riverdale District](#) took their bedrolls on the metro for a sleepover at the Biodome!

Sparks and Brownies also prepared for their Yellow Fish Road project by learning about the water system.



Everyone who took part in the Breakfast Television morning get-together earned themselves a

Québec Spin!

How did they do it?

- **ACTION:** Take the lead
- **PARTICIPANTS:** With my district
- **SHARING:** Make the news!
- **SIDE BENEFITS:** Visibility in the community and sharing stories of where cookies can take you!



Treasurers' Trove

For Unit and District Treasurers

Charging the GST and QST

If you're a Unit Treasurer and have not yet attended a transition training, please contact me.

Fundraising Changes

While the approval process has not changed, reporting has. All groups wishing to do a fundraiser for any reason must now fill out the FR.1 from the GGC national [Forms](#) page.

Reminder: All fundraising for trips and district activities must be approved by your friendly neighbourhood Québec Council rep (me!). Unit fundraisers for unit activities may be approved by the district council.

In any case, please forward a copy of the FR.1 to me so that I can keep a list of all fundraisers done in the province, as required by the national office.

Mid-Year Reviews

The Guiding year is winding to a close, and while most of you will have a break from doing Guiding books over the summer, there is one job left before you can relax! The time for the mid-year report has come.

All treasurers should balance their books at this time in preparation for the fall. Your mid-year report will cover the period from January 1, 2014 to the spring 'end' of the Guiding year, the exact date of which will vary depending on your unit or council, usually in May or June. Doing this now will help you to close your books at the end of December, as everything should balance and make sense for the first half of the year, and it will be done while you still remember what happened!

Units and Trefoil Guilds:

Financial books should be collected by the District Treasurers who should check that everything balances, is reasonable and clearly explained.

District Treasurers:

I will be reviewing all district books this time. I want to make sure that everyone is reporting the GST/QST properly. Please print and send a copy of the Monthly Report to date (i.e. January 1, 2014 to the end of the season), along with all receipts, invoices, bank statements, etc. Please include some explanation of major variations from your budget, given that the budget is for the full year.

It would be greatly appreciated if reports were received at the provincial office as soon as possible after the end of your season, preferably by the end of June.

Once you have had your books reviewed, simply carry on from where you left off. Remember that you will have to submit your books, including all receipts, etc., for the *entire* year when you submit your books for the Annual Financial Review in January.

For **units and districts** where the treasurer is changing over the summer, a full independent review must be done now.

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



Safe Guide News

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: Contact your DC to discuss the possibility of a training in your district and give her 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.



It's nearly 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. Be sure to send your form in on time (at least two weeks ahead of your activity) so we can make sure your activity is safe and goes ahead as planned. (The assessment of water activities is sent to a specific Water Assessor.) If in doubt, consult the **full Safe Guide document** or ask: sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca



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!

Summer camp waterfront positions open

Camp Wa-Thik-Ane is still looking for a **senior lifeguard** and **lifeguards** to staff this year's summer camp from July 4-27. Find out more [here](#).

Spring cookie invoices have been sent out. Payment is due **May 15**.

May holiday office closure

The provincial office will be closed on Monday, May 19 for La Journée nationale des patriots.

Spring registration reminders

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

Important dates:

- **May 31**— Unit and district **re-registration** contests close
- **June 2 at 10am EST**— Online registration opens for new members (New members may use paper prior to June 2)
- **June 30**—Last day for pre-registration incentive! (**New and returning members** registering before this date will be entered into a draw to win \$50!)

Click [HERE](#) to read the spring registration eblast sent to all Guiders including the **Fast Facts for Guiders** document containing all the details.

Looking ahead... What is your unit or district planning to kick off Guiding in the fall?

How will you welcome back your members? A carnival in the park? Perhaps a parent information meeting? We look forward to hearing from you so we can share your ideas and help to inspire one another!



Laval District welcomed friends and families to a carnival in September 2013

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

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*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

May 10	Festi-Guides , Rosemère
May 10-16	Camp Wa-Thik-Ane Tent Rising Week
May 24	Young Women's Forum
May 31	Deadline for Camp 101: Yukon applications
June 1	Deadline for GGC QC Scholarship applications
June 1	Closing date for unit and district pre-registration contest (no entry necessary)
June 30	Last day for pre-registration incentive (draw to win \$50)
July 6-26	Experience Wa-Thik-Ane Summer Camp
October 4	Provincial Fall Day Camp

Have you received your GGC goody bag yet? We have a few items for you to **show your GGC** this summer!

Ask your DC about how to get yours.

