



Spring has Sprung!

Along with the winner for the 2015-2016 Design a Crest Contest!

Provincial Commissioner Valerie Zaloum went to thank Des Montérégiennes girls Cassandra and Claire, the first girls in Canada to register for the 2015-2016 Guiding year, along with their District Commissioner, Annie Girard. They were the first testers of the French on-line registration portal! They had a sneak peek before registration opened, so they are likely the first 2 girls registered in Girl Guides of Canada nation-wide! Thanks to Cassandra and Claire, and their families for taking the plunge into the new system!



Kassandra and Claire and every Québec girl registered before June 30, will receive the Québec early registration crest inspired by the work of Lennoxville

Guide Natania Tracy. The 2015 Design-a-Crest contest had lots of exciting entries, and our judges appreciated each one. Natania's crest included images of spring and new blossoms, with the idea that 'Guiding is Blooming'. This colourful crest will inspire another blossoming and fun year of Guiding in 2015-2016. Congratulations, Natania!



The 2015-2016 membership crest, designed by Lennoxville Guide, Natania Tracy.

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Get ready! Get excited!



girl greatness starts here
Partez à l'aventure!
Set off on an adventure!

FESTI GUIDES 2015

Samedi le 2 mai, 2015 10:00-16:00
Centennial Park, rue Lake, Dollard-des-Ormeaux

Venez faire l'expérience des Guides!
A taste of Guiding in Québec!

Gratuit!
Free!

Sciences!
Projets de service
Communautaire!

Camping!
Biscuits
Cookies

Jeux actifs
Active Games

Orienteering
Orientation

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On the [Forms page](#) of the Québec website Guiders can find the forms needed to attend Festi-Guides as a group!

- [SG.1 Form](#)
- [SG.1 Supplement notes](#) (which contains additional information and a kit list)
- [SG.2 Form](#)
- [Directions to Festi-Guides](#)

If attending as a unit, Guiders should customize the SG.1 and 2 and the SG.1 supplement before distributing to parents. If girls are attending with their families, they do not need to complete the forms.



There will be a BBQ lunch available fundraising for GM 2016. Girls will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, drinks & treats. Bring some cash!

Insights from our Guiders

When this Guiding year began, a group of Québec District Commissioners were asked some simple but important questions. As we prepare for spring and look forward to our plans for next year, here are some thoughts to share with the women in your communities.

What has Girl Guides done for you?



What skills have you learned or developed in Guiding that you can add to your CV?

What do YOU get out of Guiding?



Property Committee News



We need you! The Property Committee is looking for volunteers to help at Wa-Thik-Ane this camp opening weekend! Contact lacbouchette@guidesquebec.ca to help out!

Saturday, May 9

We will be cleaning and preparing **Algonquin, Iroquois, Cree, Huron, MicMac, Stavert, Health Centre** and the **Food Services building**. To complete these tasks, you will be provided with gloves, brooms and washcloths. Other jobs may include changing floorboards, stairs, clearing fallen branches and small carpentry jobs. You are welcome to bring your tool belt or chainsaw etc. A list of issues requiring further maintenance at each site is provided.

Sunday, May 10

Weather permitting - we will pitch canvas tents and train people in tent care and storm proofing. Small repairs and maintenance tasks will continue around camp.

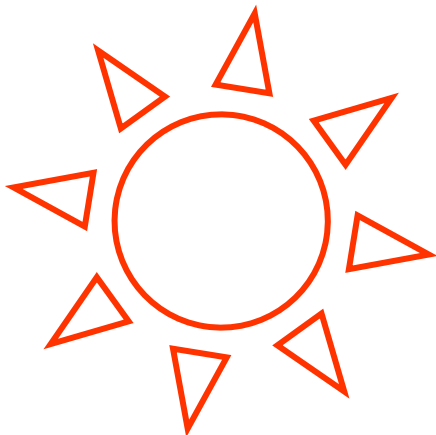
Food

We will provide meals on Saturday, May 9th - soup, chili/vegetables, snacks, coffee and tea. Sunday, May 10th - mcmuffins for breakfast and soup for lunch. Bring your own mug, filled water bottle and any extra food as needed. To help us plan food quantities, please let us know if you are staying over Friday and/or Saturday at lacbouchette@guidesquebec.ca.

May 11-17

Completion of tent pitching and any small maintenance jobs in small groups (minimum 4) depending on your availability and the weather.

***** Access by car may be limited due to weather conditions and we may not have running water.*****



Your volunteer support at preparing the camp for the season ahead is appreciated!

Ellen Gauthier, Property Committee Chair | lacbouchette@guidesquebec.ca

The Cookies have arrived and there are many ways you can encourage the girls and recognize their efforts. Please use the Cookie tracking form to keep track of your cookies or you can use the unit tracking on the Cookie All Stars Site.

Units/Districts selling at scheduled group events in your community should add their selling event to our national [cookie finder map](#). It's a great resource for the public to find your event!

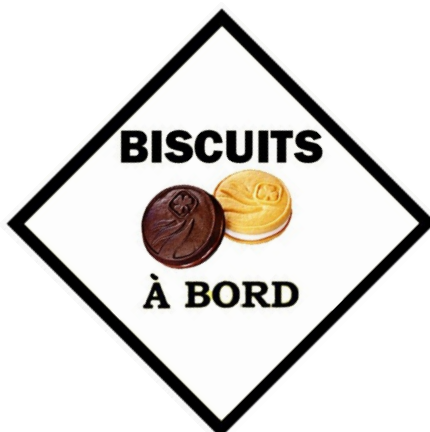


You can be a Cookie All Star. It's easy!

Get this Group Crest by selling 10 cases with your Unit. This crest means you're part of a Cookie All Stars team!



iMIS has changed over the past few weeks, one of the changes that affects cookie all stars is that the unit guider has to enter the information. The deadline for Cookie All Stars is May 1st, iMIS will not accept entries after that date.



The Future Shop gift cards will become Best Buy gift cards due to the closure of Future Shop. Look on our Québec website under [Cookie Resources](#) for cookie activities, including the Biscuits à Board, window stickers!

Hey Guiders! – Please share your Cookie selling pictures with us at Cookies.biscuits@guidesquebec.ca
Share the fun!

Camp and Outdoor Training

Are you looking for Outdoor training? Do you want to learn and practice camp skills and best camp practices to share with your girls? Well, you are in luck! The Camp and Training teams have booked the weekend of **September 11th to 13th** at our beautiful Wa-Thik-Ane. Mark your calendar now, plenty more information to follow!

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

Our Guiding Family

Be inspired!



Annie Girard

District Commissioner
DES MONTEREGIENNES

Annie Girard is the District Commissioner of Des Montérégiennes district. When Annie applied for this provincial position, she felt this was where she needed to be to make a difference in her district.

Taking on this position, she is

- Developing new skills while sharpening her leadership and management skills!
- Expanding her horizons, gaining valuable experience working with Guiders in her geographically wide spread district, and exploring new membership options to make a difference in the girls' lives.
- Getting more involved in the community!

We would like to salute Annie for all her hard work. As a new District Commissioner (since June 2014), we asked her to tell us all about her new role and share some tips.

Her go-to resource

Ingrid Hamel (past DC) and Elaine Keeble.

Her Eureka moment as District Commissioner

Participating at the Provincial level.

What she had to learn on the fly

How to hold a District meeting.

Best activity with her Guiders

Holiday pot-luck! The best!

The biggest undertaking as District Commissioner

The role of District Commissioner.

TOP TIP

"Listen to everyone"

Annie's Guiding mantra

DO YOUR BEST

At District Meetings, you will find

Tea, smiles and friendships.

Now is a good time to

Make new friends ☺

We would like her to know: That her hard work and dedication are greatly appreciated and that she is an asset to Girl Guides of Canada – Guides du Canada. She has good knowledge and understanding of management and organization. We would also like her to know that we love her warm smile! ☺

Elaine Keeble, DC Support Specialist | dc.cs-support@guidesquebec.ca



Twinning 2020 – Canada and Perú

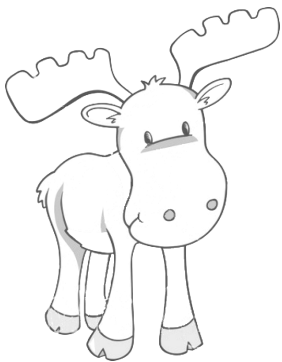
On Saturday, March 22nd a group of girls from Northshore district gathered at the provincial office for an afternoon of Twinning fun with their guiding sisters in BC and Perú. The plan? An interactive, live streaming, version of the World Thinking Day 2015 board game. Armed with some giant dice, Wi-Fi, a laptop and a Skype account, the Northshore girls were divided up into teams with girls from both BC and Perú.

After some 'giggling' introductions, the girls were ready to play. One team at a time, the girls rolled the dice, moved their spaces and as a team answered the questions. It was great to see the girls working together, through the language barrier, to complete the challenges in the game. Although they never did finish the game that Saturday afternoon, the girls all declared themselves winners. Plans are already in the works for more sharing with their new Guiding friends. Check out the pictures of all the fun!



Interested in keeping up with all the Twinning activities?

[Like the Québec and Perú Facebook Page!](#)



Quebec Guiding Moose on the Loose!

As part of our Twinning 2020 initiative we are setting a **moose on the loose!** Similar to the old "Flat Stanley Project", the basic principle is to connect your Guiding Unit with Guiding units in Perú by sending out a "flat" moose, created by the girls, through the mail (or digitally via email) with accompanying stories, pictures or photos of their own unit activities, local traditions/customs, and/or sights around their hometowns. The moose adventures will be documented and shared with others through our [Twinning Facebook page](#) and [Twinning blog](#). Here's your chance to share your Guiding story and connect with girls in Perú! If your unit is interested in setting Moose on the Loose, please contact Lori Labelle, Quebec Twinning lead, at international@guidesquebec.ca

Lori Labelle, International Adviser | international@guidesquebec.ca

Camping Connections



Are you looking to connect with a travelling group and show them around your lovely city?

A group of 8 Pathfinders & 2 Guiders from British Columbia are travelling to Montréal and Québec City in July and are hoping to meet up with some local units. They will arrive in Montréal on July 6th in the afternoon, and depart on July 8th for Québec City where they will stay for the 8th and 9th, departing on the 10th. If you have a group of Pathfinders that would like to show them some hospitality please contact Teri Craig (tericraig1@shaw.ca) or Jenn Bouchard (jenn.bouchard@gmail.com).

Spring Registration

Let parents know the [online registration system](#) is available in English and French!



2015 Online Registration Dates:

Wednesday, April 1st: Girls returning to their current unit

Friday, May 1st: All current girl members including girls advancing to a new branch

Monday, June 1st: New members registering

District Registration Contest

Three district prizes awarded based on % of existing girl members who register between April 1 and May 31.

1st place \$200

2nd place \$150

3rd place \$100

Unit Registration Contest

Three unit prizes awarded based on percentage of existing girl members who register between April 1 and May 31.

*Final amounts determined on a sliding scale based on unit size, up to \$100

*Results will be based on the number of existing girl members who re-register for the 2015-2016 Guiding year between April 1 and May 31. Districts and units will be automatically considered, no entry form is needed.

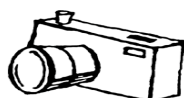


New Spring Registration incentive: All girls who register between April 1 and May 31 will receive the [2015 Membership Crest](#), from the design on the cover of this edition of the Piccolo!

AGM 2015

Calling all shutterbugs!

Please submit your best Guiding photos from 2014 to communications@guidesquebec.ca
Submissions may be included in the AGM Photo Slideshow



GGC Québec Council invites you to attend the Annual General Meeting and dinner **May 7th, 2015**

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dorval
6600 Côte de Liesse, Montréal, QC

Cost: \$50 per person

Registration and cocktails: 5:30pm

Order tickets at info@guidesquebec.ca by **April 23rd, 2015**



Young Women's Forum

Save the Date!

5th Annual Young Women's Forum

Media & Communications

Saturday, June 20th, 2015

Exchange

Learning

Social Media!

Discussion



Inviting 3rd year Pathfinders, Rangers and Link-aged Guiders (18-30)

Exciting guest speaker

Learn new skills

Connect with other young women in Guiding

More details and registration info coming soon! Contact Deputy PC Stacie Bouchard to get involved:

dpc.cpa-Stacie@guidesquebec.ca

Program News

Earth Day is April 22nd!

The [Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up](#) is a fantastic way to talk about the environment and their community with girls. Look through the [Back-grounder](#), [Instant Meeting](#) and other resources from the National Office.



Have you nominated a fellow Guider or girl member for an award lately?

Here's how to proceed:

- Request an iMIS Profile for the person you are nominating (imis@guidesquebec.ca)
- Complete the R.3P Form available at the [forms page of MemberZone](#) (PDF copy [HERE](#))
- Obtain the necessary letter(s) of recommendation. Attach the letters and the profile to the R.3 form.
- Forward these to your Commissioner or to the Awards Team (awards.reconnaissance@guidingquebec.ca) for approval.
- These can be read at a meeting, by telephone poll or by e-mail vote. Each member of the district or Awards Team votes to approve or not approve the award (must have a majority vote).
- If approved, the signature of the Commissioner is required along with the NAME OF THE COUNCIL.
- Send the R.3P to the Provincial Office for input into iMIS.
- Purchase the award.
- If the presentation date on the form differs from the actual presentation date, it is the responsibility of the Guider who signed the R.3P form to advise the provincial office of the change.
- Upon presentation of the award, the recipient can be given the letters of recommendation.
- The iMIS Profile must be destroyed.
- For Adult Awards, letters of recommendation must contain the following "buzz" words:
Quebec Award – Distinctive / Medal of Merit – Exceptional
Gold –Outstanding / Silver –Excellent / Bronze –Dedicated / Thanks –Good



If you presented awards to your Guiders in the last Guiding year at your annual district function did you inform the office to update the Guiders profile?

It's not too late. Please send in the updates.

For awards that *do not* require Provincial approval, we ask that the DC please send the information to imis@guidesquebec.ca. All awards presented at the Provincial Annual General Meeting (AGM) are updated through the office as they are recorded in the AGM minutes and approved and compiled by the Provincial Awards Specialist.

- Annette Levasseur, Provincial Awards Specialist | awards.reconnaissance@guidesquebec.ca.

Provincial Scholarship

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.

Deadline for the Provincial Scholarship:

June 1st, 2015

[Application information is available on the Québec website!](#)

Treasurers' Trove

A gremlin got into the GGC QC Financial Package!

An entire column of formulae on the Camp Event Financial Sheet simply disappeared!

There are three ways to deal with this:

- 1) Download a new workbook from the website...the [corrected version](#) is up now. Not the best solution if you've already entered lots of data.
- 2) You can e-mail me (address below) your spreadsheet and I'll fix it for you.
- 3) You can simply use the solo Camp Event Financial Sheet from the website when you need it. There will be a little more filling in to do (Unit name etc), but it works.

The Skinny on Cookies

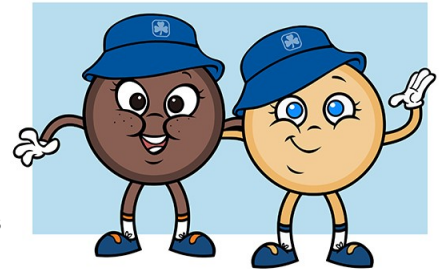
Our cookies are our major fundraiser, and are exempt from taxes. So we don't charge or pay taxes on them. Yay!

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 which ever Expenses column is appropriate on the spreadsheet *on the same line as you enter your payment* for them.

For those who have Special Order (or Travel Cookies), you will

pay \$39.00 per case to Quebec Council. The National portion stays the same at \$27.50 but Quebec Council has dropped their portion to \$11.50, allowing the group travelling to keep \$21.00 per case towards your trip.



These cookies are only available to groups travelling: your SG8 must be approved before you are allowed to order them, and the girls must sell 2 cases per campaign at the regular price for the Unit. When your 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 the office 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 the girls to concentrate on the best fundraising opportunity we have: 64% of sales remain in Guiding. There is no better fundraiser out there that I know of.

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

Dawn Coffey, Treasurer Support Specialist | finances-support@guidesquebec.ca

Safe Guide News

CONGRATULATIONS!



to all Guiders who have completed **SAFE GUIDE TRAINING** in the last two months.

Certain Guiders' Safe Guide was not registered in iMIS. It had been corrected and I am sorry for the inconvenience.

Reminder for the others: April and May are months where many Guiders are due for Safe Guide Training .

For a face-to-face training contact your DC to give her the dates of your availability if you want a Safe Guide Training in your district .

On-line training for Guiders who cannot attend a face-to-

face training. Contact the provincial office (admin@guidesquebec.ca) for a PIN # and the instructions on how to proceed.

Please make sure that your completed Safe Guide evaluation is sent to the provincial office at: imis@guidesquebec.ca

It is a tricky situation because you are a full member of GGC but with an overdue Safe Guide Training **you are not fully equipped to manage the safety of the girls. It is the main reason why GGC has installed this compulsory training to make sure that all the Guiders and the girls are well protected by GGC .**



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

Congrats to girls in Lakeshore on a successful fundraiser!

Lakeshore District Girl Guides Pancake Supper Fundraiser was a huge success! We raised money for our girls activities and our wonderful Girl Guide Camp Wa-Thik-Ane in Morin Heights by serving over 225 people a delicious dinner! Here are some of our Pathfinders, Rangers and a few Guiders who spent the evening in the kitchen flipping pancakes!

-Carol Kelly, Lakeshore



[Check out a Mile Iles Guide on the QC blog!](#)

1st Two Mountains Guides organised a Cookie Celebration Night for the Mille Iles District on March 25th in order to get the Spring Cookie Campaign off to a great start. Girls played Cookie Bingo; sang Cookie songs; played Cookie charades and had a delicious Cookie inspired treat. Guides also entertained the girls with a skit about cookies and friendship. The night was a super success and girls went home excited about cookies and cookie selling.

Monica Horvath, Guider – 1st Two Mountains Guides / 1st Ar-genteuil Pathfinders, Deux-Montagnes



At the provincial Brownie event in March, the Brownie Superheroes made a difference for many dogs and cats in shelters by making hundreds of toys and donating towels and blankets to the SPCA and Animatch. Even small superheroes can do great things for the world!

2nd Riverdale Guides held their 'Words in Action' winter camp in March. Check out their [Facebook page](#) for more fun in the snow!



Liesse District held an outdoor Easter Egg hunt and made felted Easter eggs! Liesse [Facebook page](#).



Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
As of April 1st	Online Registration open to girls returning to their same unit
April 30th	Deadline to register for WWWTA!
May 2nd	Festi Guides– Centennial Park, DDO
May 4th	Online Registration open to all 2014-2015 girls
May 7th	GGC– Québec Council Annual General Meeting
May 8th to 10th	Camp Opening Weekend
June 1st	Online Registration open to all girls, including new girls
June 20th	Young Women’s Forum
July 5th – 25th	WWWTA begins!
September 19th	Sept DC Day
September 11th to 13th	Outdoor Activity Training weekend
October 3rd	Fall Day Camp
October 25th	Montreal Impact Day

In Memoriam



Sheila Norman passed away on March 22, 2015 after a brief illness. Sheila shared her passion for Girl Guides with decade’s worth of girls and women. She will be sadly missed by her many friends.

A memorial service is planned for mid-August at Wa-Thik-Ane.