



## Symposium 2015- Building Global Citizens

By Valerie Zaloum

The flights have landed, the gates are closed, the surveys are in and it looks like we can call Symposium 2015 a very successful journey! To anyone who missed out, our January 17 event at Champlain College had an overall theme of International Guiding, with travel and airports and flights being symbolic and part of the feel of the day.

Once the captain and flight crew got the flight under way, there was a most special presentation of an Honorary Life Award to Louise Triggs, bestowed upon her by her colleagues, and presented by the Chief Commissioner. An auditorium full of Guiders rose to salute a particularly generous and

committed Guider, Trainer, Assessor, camper and friend.

Our guest Sharron Callahan, the National Chief Commissioner and International Commissioner, along with Pamela Rice, past PC and Chief Commissioner Elect, joined together to share their experience of the July 2014 World Conference in Hong Kong, and talk about the workings of WAGGGS.

Morning sessions followed with free-flow experiences of 11 different lounge zones – you just had to be there! Enormous energy and enthusiasm was shared – recent travellers, the new National Service Project on Literacy, action ops for young Guiders, the 411 on GM2016, the upcoming Provincial Brownie



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Day, SWAPS from around the world, and a chance to meet the Chief. And don't forget the Duty Free shopping and a special zone for District Commissioners!

After lunch, a whole range of topics were offered for afternoon sessions. When all was wrapped up and all the flights had landed, 50 blue revellers continued on to a dinner with the Chief.

A very full day, much appreciated by all who attended - we set a record at 146 registrants, and of course want to beat that record next year! [Elsewhere](#) in the Piccolo you will see Sharron Callahan's note of thanks for her experience of Québec Guiding.

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### Highlights:

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Send your photos to [communications@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:communications@guidesquebec.ca)

Letter from the National Commissioner:

Dear Valerie,

I want to offer a sincere thank you to you and the Guiders of Quebec for organizing a wonderful experience for me to spend some time with girls and Guiders during the Guider Symposium and to partake in the exciting festivities celebrating a Winter Carnival theme with Lakeshore District.

Please pass on my thanks to everyone on the Provincial Council, in the Provincial Office, and in Lakeshore District who in any way contributed to giving me some awesome memories and experiences with the Guiding community of Quebec Council. I want to make special mention of the wonderful girls I met and the awesome Guiders who lead them. From clogging, to making snow taffy, to sampling the traditional dishes during the Lakeshore Brunch, to celebrating with the Mayor, to sharing my experiences as Chief Commissioner with Guiders at the Symposium, to presenting my adventures in Global Guiding, and not to forget my experience with poutine, my visit to Quebec was amazing and truly memorable.

Please pass on my appreciation to all the girls and Guiders for the wonderful opportunity to have met them and to all those whom I did not meet, I wish them well with exceptional experiences and awesome adventures in their Guiding journey.

Yours in Guiding,  
*Sharron Callahan*  
Chief Commissioner



Pictures from the Young Women in Guiding Session— Photo Credit Sarah Di Milo



Looking for more Symposium 2015 Pictures?

[Check out our Facebook album here!](#)

Missed the Leading Active Games session?

[See Page 9 to sign up!](#)





More Symposium weekend snaps!



Congratulations to Louise Triggs on her Honorary Life Award!



Photos by: Rebecca Purver, Helena Green, Cecilia Cherry, Valerie Zaioun

# Symposium Recap: Domestic Fly-Over



In spring of 2014, many of our QC members participated in a comprehensive survey from GGC-National. Guiders, girl members and families were asked a wide range of questions and opinions. Here's the interesting conclusion of a particular series of questions. What did girls say were the most important things that they enjoyed about Girl Guides? Through a Wordle, where the size of the words is proportional to their frequency as responses, look what this tells us about:



Sparks & Brownies



Guides & Pathfinders



Rangers

Surprising? The words that appear in the Rangers' Wordle are often present (though tiny) in the younger branch piece, but their importance has grown to make them very visible and important. It really reflects how girls have evolved over the time they share in Guiding, how they grow into more adult thoughts and interests in their lives AND in their Guiding.

The Air GGC Fly-Over session at Symposium presented many excerpts of this survey. Did you catch it? Would you like to explore the survey content in an informal gathering? You can indicate your interest in an e-mail to [admin@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:admin@guidesquebec.ca) with the subject line SURVEY SAYS... and you will be advised of the time and place of such a gathering in the near future.

# Provincial Council Call Out

## Seeking nominations for the position of Elected Member - GGC Québec Council



Québec Council is looking for candidates for the position of Elected Member, to replace Jenn Bouchard who has completed her term.



Would you or a Guider you know be the right person to add to the Council, who reflects Guiding values and who brings her insights, experience and expertise in the management of the affairs of the province?

The candidate would commit to participation in Québec Council meetings (up to 7 per year) and be responsible to review documentation and give feedback on proposals as needed. E-mail communication responsiveness is essential, as some Council business and decision making is done via e-communication.

Details of the position and an application form will be soon available from the Website under [Volunteer Opportunities](#) for Current Members. Questions? Contact [nominations@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:nominations@guidesquebec.ca)



Québec Council has a wonderful committed and creative team!  
**Maybe all we are missing right now is you?**

## Girl Greatness Awards



Girl Guides of Canada's [Girl Greatness Awards](#) are all about applauding girl members who accomplish great things in their lives and in their communities. The awards recognize one girl per branch who has excelled in one of the following award categories:

Confidence



Resourcefulness



Courage



Making a Difference



Have a meeting about the Girl Greatness Awards where girls can nominate their peers for an award!  
[Check out the meeting tips!](#)

Ready. Set. Nominate!  
Nominations are open now, the deadline is March 15, 2015, awards will be announced June 2015

Questions? Get in touch with:  
[girlgreatnessawards@girlguides.ca](mailto:girlgreatnessawards@girlguides.ca)

## National Scholarships

The National Scholarship Program is one of the ways that Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada (GGC) recognizes members who embody the Mission and Values of the organization.

Scholarships are open to girl and adult members who are pursuing post-secondary education at a recognized college, university or trades program.

**Application deadline: April 1, 2015**

Find more information on the [national website](#).

*Apply Now!*

# Provincial Brownie Day

March 14, 2015



Je suis SUPER!

mon SUPER nom est \_\_\_\_\_

mon SUPER âge est \_\_\_\_\_

à l'école, je suis SUPER en \_\_\_\_\_

à la maison, je suis SUPER en \_\_\_\_\_

et je suis le plus SUPER à \_\_\_\_\_



This will be a day of adventure, creativity, and fun games, with indoor and outdoor activities for Brownies from across Québec and their Guiders!

- [Brownie Superhero Academy Registration Form](#) (Please return the form and payment information to [admin@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:admin@guidesquebec.ca) by Monday, February 23)
- [Brownie Superhero Academy flyer to give out to parents](#) (bilingual)

Sample **Safe Guide forms** as well as a kit list for the day are available to Guiders on the [Forms](#) page of the provincial website.

**The deadline to register your patrol is February 23rd!**

*Don't judge a superhero by the size of her cape!*

## Thinking Day in Montréal

The puck drops at 1pm!

From the Canadian Women's Hockey League:

### Montréal Stars vs. Toronto Furies

Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> - 1pm

Etienne Desmarteau Arena, Rosemont ([3430 rue de Bellechasse](#))

(Free parking across the street from the arena)  
Please note, a different venue from last time.

**Tickets: \$10** (Children 6 and under: free!)

Girl members will be entered into a draw to participate in on-ice activities during the opening ceremonies and first intermission.

Call the Girl Guides of Canada Québec provincial office at 514-933-5839 with credit card details and reserve your tickets before February 16th at noon. You may also send an email with the information to [info@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:info@guidesquebec.ca)



Meet the players after the game and get some autographs signed!  
What a great opportunity to interact with some strong female role models in an exciting setting!





It is time to think about our **Wonderful Weeks at Wa-Thik-Ane**.

Even in the winter snow the Camping Committee is planning for this summer! Once again we will be offering three weeks of **jam packed fun** for our provincial camps in the summer of 2015.

**Wee Camp Together:** (Mom and Me Camp)

- July 5-7, July 10-12, July 17-19
- \$170 for adult and child

**Brownie Camp** for girls ages 7-9

- Week 1: July 7-10, \$180
- Week 2: July 12-18, \$320

**Guide, Pathfinder, Ranger Camp** for girls ages 9 and up

- Week 1: July 5-11, \$320
- Week 2: July 12-18, \$320

**Adventure Camp** for girls ages 10 and up with an adventurous spirit

- July 19-25, \$420



[Download the 2015 camp brochure!](#)

Registration is open until April 30. Register today!

Full summer camp details (including Registration Packages) can be found on the [Camping page](#) of the Québec website.

Questions? Email [wwwta@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:wwwta@guidesquebec.ca)



New items this year include:

- an extra weekend of Wee Camp for the Moms and Sparks and Brownies
- Adventure Camp will have two sites. Both will offer two joint out trips. However, **Adventure Light** will have regular camp activities with extra independence and **Adventure Extreme** will offer more canoeing and kayaking time, an overnight to Masking and some great tripping experiences.



We need YOU and lots of other volunteers to come share with us the great summer experiences of 2015 and make many lasting memories.

We will be having our first meeting to start building the basics of our summer program on **Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015**. Location TBD.

*Are you interested?* Come listen to what we have to offer on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March.

If you have questions or cannot attend the meeting, email Joanne Cardinal at [jackson.mom@sympatico.ca](mailto:jackson.mom@sympatico.ca)



Looking for some information about how to plan a unit or district camp?  
An [Introduction to Residential Camping](#) is now available on the [Camping Resources](#) page.



# From the Property Committee...

Camp Wa-Thik-Ane is hiring for the spring/summer 2015 season

Position	Qualifications	Responsibilities
<b>Waterfront Director</b> (1 position) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekends: Fri. evening, Sat. &amp; Sun. until noon</li> <li>May (2 or 3 weekends)</li> <li>June (4 weekends)</li> <li>July - possibility of Wa-Thik-Ane summer camp (3-4 weeks)</li> <li>August - on call</li> <li>September (4 weekends)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Min. 18 years of age at time of employment</li> <li>Must hold a valid/current National Lifeguard Certification from the <b>Société de Sauvetage</b> (Lifesaving Society)</li> <li>Waterfront specialty is preferred</li> <li>Current Standard First Aid and CPR</li> <li>Previous experience as a waterfront director and references</li> <li>Must demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Safe Guide procedures (GGC risk management)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervise all aquatic personnel and activities</li> <li>Define roles and responsibilities of all aquatic personnel</li> <li>Ensure waterfront equipment and management conforms to the Lifesaving Society waterfront guidelines</li> <li>Ensure Emergency Response Plan is effective and general safety of all waterfront activities</li> <li>Full list of duties available upon request</li> </ul>
<b>Lifeguard</b> (1 to 3 positions) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekends: Fri. evening, Sat. &amp; Sun. until noon</li> <li>May (2 or 3 weekends)</li> <li>June (4 weekends)</li> <li>July - possibility of Wa-Thik-Ane summer camp (3-4 weeks)</li> <li>August - on call</li> <li>September (4 weekends)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Min. 16 years of age at time of employment (Preferably 18 years of age)</li> <li>Must hold a valid/current National Lifeguard Certification from the <b>Société de Sauvetage</b> (Lifesaving Society)</li> <li>Waterfront specialty is preferred</li> <li>Current Standard First Aid is an asset</li> <li>Must demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Safe Guide procedures (GGC risk management) for water activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure that campers for whom you are responsible are well supervised in a safe and healthy manner at all times</li> <li>Prevent emergency situations and where this fails, resolve emergencies in a timely and effective manner</li> </ul>
<b>Lifesaver</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>July - possibility of Wa-Thik-Ane summer camp (3-4 weeks)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Min. 16 year of age</li> <li>Must hold a current Bronze Cross and Emergency First Aid</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assist Lifeguard and Waterfront Director</li> </ul>
<b>Boating Specialist</b> (1 or 2 positions) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekends: Fri. evening, Sat. &amp; Sun. until noon</li> <li>May (2 or 3 weekends)</li> <li>June (4 weekends)</li> <li>July - possibility of Wa-Thik-Ane summer camp (3-4 weeks)</li> <li>August - on call</li> <li>September (4 weekends)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Min. 18 years of age at time of employment</li> <li>Must hold a valid/current certification from the <b>Fédération québécoise du canot et du kayak—Flat Water Level 2</b></li> <li>Must demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Safe Guide procedures (GGC risk management) for water activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure that campers for whom you are responsible are well supervised in a safe and healthy manner at all times</li> <li>Prevent emergency situations and where this fails, resolve emergencies in a timely and effective manner</li> </ul>

[Download a full description of all positions.](#)

(This is also available on the [Wa-Thik-Ane Volunteer & Employment Opportunities page](#) of the provincial website.)

Interested candidates should forward CVs to: [dir-operations@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:dir-operations@guidesquebec.ca).

Qualified candidates will be called for an interview.

**Remaining Sites available for the 2015 Wa-Thik-Ane season**

May 15 -17	All sites available
May 22 - 24	Algonquin, Cree and MicMac
June 5 – 7	Iroquois and MicMac
June 12 -14	Algonquin, Cree and MicMac
June 19 – 21	Stavert, Algonquin, Cree MicMac
June 26 – 28	Stavert, Huron, Algonquin, Cree, MicMac
Montagnais and Chippawa are available for	

**Volunteers Needed!**

Camp Opening is May 8th to 10th.  
 Contact the Property Committee to assist in opening Wa-Thik-Ane!  
[lacbouchette@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:lacbouchette@guidesquebec.ca)





# Design-A-Crest Contest

It's back! Be a part of history and design the  
**2015-2016 GGC Québec Membership Crest!**

Every girl member registering during the Spring Campaign will receive the crest, possibly created by you!

*Let the spirit of Guiding inspire you!*



The winning entry will be featured in *The Piccolo* and the winner will receive \$30 to spend shopping at the Girl Guide store!

Here are the guidelines:

1. There must be a trefoil in your design.\*
2. The following bilingual text must appear: 'Québec Guiding 2015-2016—Guidisme Québec 2015-2016'
3. Email your crest design to:  
[communications@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:communications@guidesquebec.ca) before February 27, 2015

\* The winning design may be adjusted to comply with GGC Brand Standards

## Program News

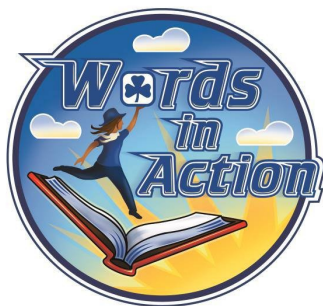
March is **National Engineering Month** — New [meetings-in-a-box](#) resources for all branches on the theme of engineering are available on the provincial website!  
(Current Member Volunteers > Program Ideas > Program Resources > Meetings-in-a-box)



**World Thinking Day** is February 22nd. Get inspired about the two 2015 themes of Diversity and Inclusivity with the [World Friendship Flyer!](#)



National Commissioner Sharron Callahan has a [Thinking Day message for you!](#)



## 2015 National Service Project: **Words in Action!**

If you haven't yet joined the "[Des mots en Action/Words in Action](#)" Facebook group that our Literary Agents Brenda and Esther have set up, please do. They keep it updated with information regarding the National Service Project on literacy, as well as stories about what different units are doing, ideas, resources etc.

*This group is dedicated to Guiders, parents of girls, and special friends like authors, in our province who wish to share resources that are beneficial to our girls: links to articles that may be of interest, organizations that need volunteers or donations such as books or school supplies. Please share your ideas with us.*

- Charyl Hyndman, QC Program Adviser & Lizzie Knowles, Deputy QC Program Adviser | [programme@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:programme@guidesquebec.ca)





Guider Heather Martin played the World Thinking Day board game with her Pathfinders & Rangers and took these great pictures.

**Right:** Being creative with PAX (Peace)  
**Far Right:** Blindfold shapes!



Photo Credit: Heather Martin

Questions? Contact Lori Labelle, Provincial International Adviser | [international@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:international@guidesquebec.ca)

*Back by Popular Demand!*

## Leading Active Games with a Global Feel

If you wanted to take this popular session at Symposium or if this is just the type of training that interests you then come and join us:

**Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 9:30 PM, Location – To be advised**

During this training you will learn more about: WAGGGS and games around the world, practical ways on how to include active games in your unit, being more inclusive in your games, leading games efficiently and learning what active games can teach our girls.

**This training is open to all Rangers and Guiders.**

If you would like to attend, please send an e-mail to: [training.formation@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:training.formation@guidesquebec.ca). Include your name, your **IMIS number (a must)**, your e-mail address, the branch you work with and your district. Please indicate "Active Games" as the subject.

**Deadline for registration:** Friday, March 20, 2015

## Screening News

### SCREENING & POLICE RECORD CHECK PROCEDURES

Please remember that until a Potential Member (PMBR) has her PRC and references done, she cannot be in a unit or do anything with girls.

Please remind all your **PMBRs** to follow the BackCheck process as soon as they receive the information. It is a **time sensitive** process. They have 15 days to complete it before it expires. Failure to do it right away causes problems!

**Members (MBRs)** receive a letter from the provincial office two months before their PRC expires. One month before, they receive an email with the details of how to renew their PRC using BackCheck. Again, please remember it is a time sensitive process. They have 15 days after which the offer expires.

Please **DO IT AS SOON AS YOU GET IT.**

**Non-Members PRC renewals are still done by the SPVM .**

Those whose PRC is coming due should start the renewal process as soon as they get a letter with the PRC form from the provincial office. The letters are sent out six months before their expiry date as it takes the police at least 3 months to process them.

If they are not sure whether they will be back next year suggest they renew anyway as then they are covered if they do stay on.

Without a valid PRC, you cannot be in a unit, do anything with girls or handle money.

- Margaret Martin, Screening Specialist | [screening.selection@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:screening.selection@guidesquebec.ca)

## Can Brownies Plan and Cook?



Pizza Station!

The 1st Northern Lights Brownies planned an evening of cooking in their pursuit of the *Key to Active Living*. From Guider Jo Povall, "All the girls by the end of it were so excited that they had made their school lunch for the next day. They were all able to learn about healthy foods by actually planning a healthy meal and they were able to for the first time take the lead in cooking. They all discovered their potential in the kitchen!"

[Read more on the QC blog!](#)



Salad Station. Photos by Jo Povall.



Girls in Pointe-Claire had a fun winter camp where they raced sleds, cooked outside and had an outdoor campfire, hosted by Pathfinders!

Left: "Tired, but happy campers at the end of a great weekend!"

Right: Making snow angels!

[-Pointe Claire Facebook Page](#)

## Pointe-Claire District Camp!



"9th Laval Guides hosted a Mother-Daughter Spa Night with smoothies, make your own flip-flops, cucumber/ yogurt facials and Spa Bingo. We had a blast!"

Photos by Samantha Burgess

GGC QC Facebook Group



## Two Nights of Pampering!



Northern Lights Sparks held a Spa Night at Club Fiesta! (Above)

[-Northern Lights GGC Facebook Group](#)

Don't forget to visit us





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

When submitting an SG.3 for assessment, follow this Safe Guide check list before you submit forms to [sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca) :

- Plan your activity/event, prepare and give information/forms to the parents
- Yellow level activities: due **14 days** before the activity/event for approval
- Red level activities: due **21 days** before the activity/event for approval
- Trip/Travel follow the schedule in Safe Guide for **SG. 8 and IT. 3.**
- Include all the iMIS # of all Guiders, Non-Members and Contact Person on the Safe Guide form **SG.3**
- If incomplete, your assessment will be delayed and forms returned for completion
- Make sure to  where applicable
- Verify with your HCP (home contact person) if her/his **A.7** is in iMIS
- The right hand side of the **SG.3** on page 2 must be filled at the appropriate place

**THE ONLY EMAIL ADDRESS FOR SAFE GUIDE ASSESSMENT :**  
[sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca)



The Responsible Guider for the activity/event is the **only** contact person through the assessment and approval process. If you have not heard from your Assessor within 6 calendar days of submitting your assessment, send an email to [sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca) stating that you have not heard from an Assessor. Please help us to make the whole process easier for everyone.

**NEW GUIDERS**—For most new Guiders it is time to do their Safe Guide Training.

Your DC will be contacted to try to organize a Safe Guide training in your district. **For Guiders who cannot attend a face-to-face training, you have the possibility to do it online.** Contact the provincial office ([admin@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:admin@guidesquebec.ca)) for a PIN and instructions, and don't forget to forward proof (a certificate will be emailed to you) to the provincial office at [imis@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:imis@guidesquebec.ca)

- Louise Triggs, Provincial Safe Guide Adviser | [sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca).

## Treasurers' Trove

For Unit and District Treasurers

### **New on the GGC QC website:**

The [GGC-QC Financial Package for 2015](#) is up on the website, ready for download.

If you downloaded it before mid January, please check the Cheque Requisition form- there was a glitch. It is now fixed, but if you have started using the forms and have the version where the totals at the right hand side don't work, you have a couple of options. You can send it to me and I'll fix it for you, you can simply skip the lines where the total doesn't work, or you can use the independent [Cheque Requisition](#) form from the website.

The [District Treasurers' Handbooks](#) and [Unit Treasurers' Handbook](#) have been updated, and will answer many of your questions about how to do your job. There is also a [Treasurers' Calendar](#) for 2015 with important dates to help you do your job better.

There is also a [Unit Tracking Sheet](#) for districts which have multiple Units using one bank account. This is not a required form, but it should make the lives of those bookkeepers who use it easier.

*Let me know how you like it!*

### **Unit Annual Financial Reviews:**

Copies of Unit Annual Financial Reports and completed Financial Review Checklists are due to the office as soon as possible. Remember to forward Tax Rebate Requests for Operating Costs with original receipts also. These should be totaled for the district, as the office will only issue one cheque per district.

### **District Financial Reviews:**

I recently sent information directly to District Treasurers: we will meet at the same time as the DCs on February 21. If you did not get this e-mail, please contact me.

### **Training:**

If you haven't made it to a transition training yet, please let me know ASAP and I'll try to get another group together. The next will be March 4. Let me know if you are interested.

If you need help, as always, you can find me at: [finances-support@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:finances-support@guidesquebec.ca)


- Dawn Coffey, District Treasurer Support Specialist—[finances-support@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:finances-support@guidesquebec.ca)



**Cookie Shout-Out!**  
Thanks to Valois-Dorval  
for increasing their  
cookie order!



## The Classic 2015 cookie campaign is just around the corner!

- Cookie envelopes will be distributed February 21st, during Provincial DC Day.
- A new year is ahead of us and it's never too early to start planning your **spring cookie events!** As Easter is after the arrival of the cookies, a fun idea for units are these [Easter decorated cookies!](#) 
- The online booking site for Cookie Days at Sears retail stores (April 11th and 12th) opens Saturday, February 21. You will receive an eblast from National within the next week. Reserve your space early as many stores filled up extremely quickly before the last campaign.

- Helena Green, QC Cookie Adviser & Kelly Vandzura, Deputy QC Cookie Adviser | [cookies.biscuits@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:cookies.biscuits@guidesquebec.ca)

## First Aid Training

Here is an updated schedule for Emergency and Standard First Aid Courses being offered to Guiders for the balance of this Guiding year. Non-members are also welcome, but their prices are \$125 for Emergency and \$140 for Standard First Aid.

Complete details of First Aid Requirements for Safe Guide Activity Levels are found in the Safe Guide document, [July 2014 update](#), found on the Girl Guides of Canada national website.

Pages of interest in Safe Guide relating to First Aid include, but are not limited to, pages 9 - 13 and 29 - 33.

**N.B. All First Aid Qualifications must be entered into iMIS before your Safe Guide Activity!**



### Red Cross First Aid Courses from Pulse Aide Inc.

Tailored to the needs of GGC  
as per Safe Guide July 2014



The following **Emergency and Standard First Aid Courses** include the current Red Cross Manual and a Certification valid for 3 years. Dates or location may change upon request.

#### Emergency and Standard First Aid Courses

**Location: NDG** (or elsewhere if a District wants it nearer to home)

- **Emergency First Aid Course** (8 hours) Saturday, Mar 28, 2015, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. \$105
- **Standard First Aid Course** (16 hours) Saturday & Sunday, Mar 28 & 29, 2015, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**Upon completion, GGC – Quebec Council will reimburse 2/3 of the cost of First Aid Courses for active Guiders.**

The following one-day **Recertification Course** is only for those who hold a CURRENT (unexpired) Red Cross Certification.

**Location: St. Lazare** (Please note **NEW LOCATION** for the Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup> Recertification Course. The April 19<sup>th</sup> course in St. Lazare has been cancelled)

- **Standard or Emergency First Aid Recertification** (8 hours) Sunday, Mar 22, 2015, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. \$85

Participants must re-read their manual and brush up on the theory BEFORE attending the course! Certification is for another 3 years. The Red Cross Manual you received in 2012 is mandatory – a new one must be purchased well in advance of the course date (so you can study!) if you cannot find yours.

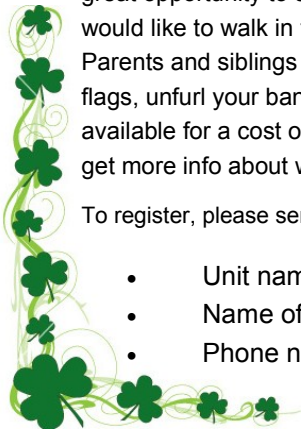
For details and to register, or to book a course for your own District or Guiding community, please email Joan Lax at [pulseaideinc@gmail.com](mailto:pulseaideinc@gmail.com)

## St. Patrick's Day Parade—March 22, 2014

This has always been a popular event for Girl Guides and once again we will have a walking unit in the parade this year. It is a great opportunity to show off our flags and be seen with our green. We are permitted a maximum of 100 participants, so if you would like to walk in the parade with your unit, please register with us so that we can keep track of the number of participants. Parents and siblings are welcome but no pets. Wagons are useful for Sparks as it is a long route. So polish the brass on your flags, unfurl your banners, and show off your Irish green pompoms - everyone loves a parade! A St. Patrick crest will be available for a cost of \$2. The money will be collected at the parade where the crests will be distributed. Those registered will get more info about where and when the line-up is on parade day.

To register, please send the information requested below to Angela Whelton-Quinn at [awheltonquinn@gmail.com](mailto:awheltonquinn@gmail.com) by February 28.

- Unit name:
- Name of Contact Guider:
- Phone number:
- E-mail address:
- Number of participants:
- Number of crests @ \$2:



## GGC Québec Council—2014-2015 Important Dates

February 13-15	<b>Snow Trails Winter Camp</b> (Pathfinders, Rangers, Trex and Guiders)
February 21-22	<b>Québec Quinzee Sleepout</b> (3rd year Pathfinders, Rangers, Trex and Guiders)
February 21	<b>DC-Adviser Day</b>
February 22	<b>World Thinking Day</b> <b>Montreal Stars Hockey Game</b>
February 23	<b>Deadline to register</b> for Provincial Brownie Day
February 27	<b>Deadline to enter</b> Design-A-Crest contest
March 14	<b>Provincial Brownie Day—Super Hero Academy, Dorval</b>
April 11-12	<b>Cookie Days in Canada</b>
May 2	<b>Festi-Guides, West Island</b>
May 7	<b>Québec Council Annual General Meeting</b>
May 8-10	<b>Camp Opening Day at Wa-Thik-Ane</b> Volunteers Needed!
May	<b>Young Women's Forum</b>