



## Québec City Girl Guides hit the airwaves

Last month, Guides Bellanna and Evelyn, along with their Guider Jenn Donaldson, paid a visit to Quebec AM—CBC Radio One’s morning show in Québec City. They joined host (and former Girl Guide!) Susan Campbell on air to talk about what they love about Girl Guides!

It was a great opportunity to spread the word about this new Guiding community—the 1st Québec Guiding Unit, run out of the Valcartier military base, as they look for new members to join them for fun, friendship, and adventure!



Photos courtesy of [Quebec AM, CBC Radio One](#)

*Thank you to CBC for the invitation!*



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### Highlights:

- [New Guider training—February 7](#)
- [Order the new GGC QC polo shirt](#)
- [Brownie Superhero Academy—registration now open](#)
- [Get those creative juices flowing with the Design-A-Crest Contest](#)

## 2nd Strathmore Guides visit the big city

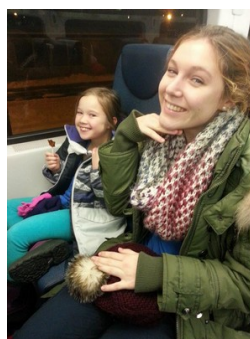
“We visited Bonsecours market, Chinatown, the underground city, and the Christmas lights on McGill College Avenue, and then a train ride home!” - [Valois-Dorval District Facebook Page](#)



Lunch Bingo in Chinatown



(Above) A stop to warm up at Place Ville Marie



(Right) Train ride home after a busy day!

**See page 8 for more district stories! Let us know what your unit or district is up to and we'll share your stories in next month's Piccolo!**

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

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# Symposium Weekend 2015



On **Saturday, January 17**, Québec Council will welcome over 140 Guiders and Rangers to the 4th annual Symposium, held this year at Champlain College in St-Lambert. The day will include sessions with special guest Sharron Callahan, National Chief Commissioner.



Join us for **brunch** on Sunday, January 18!

Lakeshore District invites all Guiders, Rangers, Pathfinders, and older Guides, to a **brunch** with National Chief Commissioner Sharron Callahan at the **Red Barn in Baie d'Urfé** (20609 Lakeshore, Baie d'Urfé—exit Morgan from Highway 20), from **10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

*As part of her visit, we'd like to offer her a true Québec experience involving maple syrup, taffy on snow, and a Québec City winter carnival theme! So if you love pancakes and would like to meet and have a chat with Sharron, you just gotta be there!*



To **RSVP**, please email Wendy Hauck by January 16 at [hauck.monsacchi@sympatico.ca](mailto:hauck.monsacchi@sympatico.ca)

## Snow Trails 2015

**Deadline extended!**

Last call! Register by **Monday, January 19**

**February 13-15: Québec Winter Camp 2015**

- For Pathfinders, Trex, Rangers and their Guiders

**February 21-22: Québec Quinzee Sleepout**

- For 3rd year Pathfinders, Trex, Rangers and interested Guiders

Visit the [Camping](#) page of our provincial website for all the details including registration information. Any questions should be directed to [camping@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:camping@guidesquebec.ca)

## Training News

*Calling all new and nearly new Guiders!*

### NEW GUIDER TRAINING - February 7

The “**NEW GUIDER**” training is designed to **empower Guiders** by giving them the basic skills for leading a unit. The goal of the training is for participants to leave with an understanding of how to work with the girls and other women in their unit facilitating program. It is part of your TEAM training and you will get a pin once the training is completed!

This important and fun training will be held:

- When:** Saturday, February 7, 9 a.m.—2 p.m.
- Where:** Summerlea United Church - 225 50th Ave., Lachine (St. Andrew's Hall)
- What to bring:** Please bring your lunch, a snack, and a mug. Coffee, tea, and juice will be provided.

To register, please send an email **no later than Friday, January 31** to Susan Sayer at [seaguiding@hotmail.com](mailto:seaguiding@hotmail.com) with the subject heading of “New Guider training registration”. Please include your: 1) name, 2) iMIS number, 3) e-mail address, 4) phone number, 5) unit you volunteer with, 6) district. *See you there!*

- Joanne Millette, Provincial Training Adviser | [training.formation@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:training.formation@guidesquebec.ca)

# Provincial Brownie Day

March 14, 2015

## BROWNIE SUPER EVENT

**DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> 2015**

**TIME: 10:00 AM TO 4:30 PM**

**PLACE: SARTO-DESNOYERS COMMUNITY CENTER, DORVAL, QUEBEC**

**COST: \$10 PER SUPER GIRL**

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN UNTIL MONDAY FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> AT 5:00 PM**

**SPACE IS LIMITED, REGISTER SOON NOT TO BE DISAPPOINTED**

**WHAT IS YOUR**

## BROWNIE SUPER POWER?

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

Download:

- [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 will be available to Guiders soon on the [Forms](#) page of the provincial web-site.

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





## Camp Wa-Thik-Ane 2015 site reservations now open!

The reservation form and rental information is available on the [Camp Wa-Thik-Ane page](#) of the provincial website. Book soon to get your first choice of sites!



(From the [January Guidepost](#))

Guiding Mosaic 2016 is currently recruiting for **Sub-Team Leads**. GM2016 (July 9-17, 2016 in Alberta) will be celebrating the theme "The Great Canadian Adventure". This is a great opportunity to demonstrate your expert skills and be part of the national camp experience.

Check out the [Sub-Team Leads postings](#) for information on how to apply. Application deadline: January 20. Questions? Contact: [GM2016@girlguides.ca](mailto:GM2016@girlguides.ca)

## From the Property Committee...

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

Employment opportunities include:

- Site Manager
- Waterfront Director
- Lifeguard
- Lifesaver
- Boating Specialist

[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.

## NEW! GGC Québec Polo Shirt

Just for fun  
- not official uniform!

Order yours by January 25 using this [ORDER FORM](#).

Please send the order directly to Positive Identity as indicated on the form.

Forms will also be available at the Symposium on January 17.



The Camp Wa-Thik-Ane full zip hooded sweatshirt is also available to order!

Details available on the [order form](#).



# Design-A-Crest Contest

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

Every girl member who registers for the 2015-2016 Guiding year 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

*As you go about planning for the second half of the year, here are a few things to keep in mind:*

**TD's tree planting grants** are available again and this year it's even simpler to plant as a district!

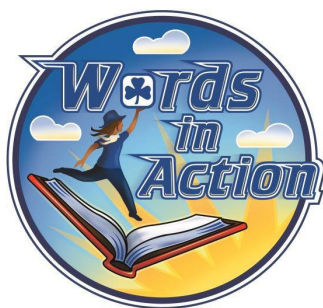
[Learn more about the TD FEF Tree Planting Grant Program.](#)

(Right) Girl Guides from Mille-Îles District had a blast planting trees in their community last year!



March is **National Engineering Month** — Keep an eye out for new [meetings-in-a-box](#) resources for all branches on the theme of engineering. They'll soon be up on the provincial website.

(Current Member Volunteers > Program Ideas > Program Resources > Meetings-in-a-box)



## 2015 National Service Project: Words in Action!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Brenda Newman and Esther Szeben, our two Québec Literary Agents, who are gearing up and getting excited to help you with resources for this year's National Service Project (NSP). The NSP is dedicated to providing service to communities with respect to literacy and will run until August 2016. Find out more about the project [HERE](#).

Get in on the action and join the [Words in Action Québec Facebook group](#):

*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)

Amigas del Mundo:  
Connect, Grow, Impact



## WAGGGS Twinning 2020: Québec & Perú

Québec Council is partnered with the Asociación Nacional de Guías Scouts del Perú for the WAGGGS Twinning 2020 initiative: "Amigas del Mundo: Connect, Grow, Impact".

This project supports girls in creating international friendships with their Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting sisters while participating in cross-cultural learning opportunities to enhance their global perspective. Through twinning activities, girls have the opportunity to understand their role in the larger world and become informed and responsible global citizens.

### Have you joined the [Québec-Perú Facebook group](#) yet?

Guides from Québec and Perú are encouraged to share their experiences, photos and stories to this page.

Our first initiative is for **Thinking Day 2015**, February 22. Working with the WAGGGS World Thinking Day resources and the GGC Friendship Flyer, we challenge all units to **play the World Thinking Day game** and **upload your fun experiences** to our Peru-Quebec Twinning 2020 Facebook group page. Guides in Perú will be doing the same.



Stay tuned throughout January for updates on our upcoming Twinning 2020 initiatives and to learn more about the **Travelling Moose Challenge!**

The 2015 **World Thinking Day** theme is...

## Develop a Global Partnership for Development



(from wagggs.org)

**The World Thinking Day 2015 activity packs are now available for download**

[Download them HERE.](#)

This is the last in a series of WTD themes focusing on the MDGs, and the last element of our Global Action Theme, "together we can change our world". Through our Global Action Theme (GAT), WAGGGS members have been taking action on the MDGs since 2009. (If you have stories from your GAT badge and activities, send them to us for our 500 days, 500 stories campaign).

For the first time, WAGGGS has created a board game to help Girl Guides and Girl Scouts celebrate on World Thinking Day. Perfect for playing together at a group meeting, or as part of a World Thinking Day party or special event.

The activity pack is free to download. If you'd like to purchase the board game rather than print it yourself, you can do so along with the 2015 badges from the [WAGGGS shop](#).

### Focus Countries

This year we have decided not to nominate focus countries for World Thinking Day, instead, all funds raised will go towards helping WAGGGS to deliver even more high quality educational programmes and international opportunities that provide girls and young women dynamic, flexible and values-based training in life skills, leadership and citizenship. If you would like to focus on a different Girl Guide or Girl Scout Association why not [visit our website](#) for some inspiration? Let us know who you choose and what you get up to.

## Holiday singing for local seniors' residences in Pointe-Claire

Submitted by Diane Oki

On December 9th and 10th, despite the blowing snow and slippery driving conditions, girls from all Pointe-Claire units visited two seniors' residences in their district. They sang holiday songs with large groups of enthusiastic seniors, talked with the residents afterwards and gave out decorations they had made.



Eleven boxes of non-perishable goods were also donated by the participants and given to a local food bank. This has been a cherished tradition for many years in the district and the seniors say they look forward to the sing-alongs as one of the highlights of the holiday season.

Pointe-Claire Girl Guides also held a District Craft Night where they made crafts to hand out at their holiday caroling events.



(From the [Pointe-Claire District Facebook Page](#))

## Riverdale District Sparks and Brownies spread holiday cheer in their community

"The Riverdale Sparks and Brownies visited a local seniors' residence and spent a fun evening making crafts to decorate for the holidays!"

- [Riverdale District Facebook Page](#)



## Liesse District celebrate the holidays

"At our Monday night meeting, we held a holiday party where we ate pizza for supper and had cupcakes for dessert. We also had a gift exchange!"

- [Liesse District Facebook Page](#)



Don't forget to visit us online!



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



## WINTER ACTIVITIES: Skating, tobogganing, skiing, winter camping, nature walks...

It's a wonderful time of the year to take your girls outside and have fun in a safe way. Guiders, please check **Section 4 of Safe Guide** for activity guides about the above-mentioned activities. The section on **TPSPs** (Third Party Service Providers) on page 72 also provides some helpful information where applicable. Enjoy the winter season!



**REMINDER:** Safe Guide forms should be sent to [sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca) for assessment.

## NEW GUIDERS:

It is compulsory for new Guiders to complete Safe Guide training within the first six months of becoming a leader. For Guiders who cannot attend a face-to-face training, you have the possibility to do it **online**. You will receive instructions from the provincial office along with a PIN to complete the online (e-Learning) training. Don't forget to **send proof of completion** to [imis@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:imis@guidesquebec.ca). (A certificate will be emailed to you once you've completed the online training.)

Many new Guiders are due to complete their Safe Guide training in the months of January, February, and March 2015. If you would like an in-person Safe Guide training in your district, speak with your DC and start planning!

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

# Treasurers' Trove

For Unit and District Treasurers

## Out with the old year:

January: a time of quiet recovery after the hectic holidays. The children are back at school, snowflakes drift softly down, and you've got peace and quiet to get your Guiding finances in order before the end of the month! But of course that will only take an hour or two at most if you've kept up to date all year, as I am sure many of you have!

Please make sure you include all supporting documents with your financial books when you give them to your District Treasurer (units and Trefoil Guilds) or to the provincial office (districts) for review. This is the biggest cause for delays in getting the books back to you, especially as we review the District books.

**The deadline for submitting your books for review is January 31.** This applies to both unit and district books.

Remember that you must use independent reviewers (no signing officers, relations or business connections) for the unit books. Usually this can be done at a book review party of all the Unit Treasurers.

There is an updated [Financial Review Checklist](#) with questions about taxes on the '[Québec Forms](#)' page of the [provincial website](#), under 'GGC-QC Financial Package' (Volunteers > Current Member Volunteers > Québec Forms), so be sure to look for it.

This year, we will have the District Treasurers review each other's books in a similar format as we have in past. We will meet at the same time as the DCs in February. Those who attend will be able to take their books home with them. Hope to see you all then!

Check out the **Unit and District Treasurers' Handbooks** for help and the complete list of what must accompany your books when you send them for review. They are also on the GGC Quebec website under '[Québec Forms](#)', with the Financial Forms.

## In with the new year:

Click [HERE](#) to download the **2015 Treasurer's Calendar**. I am still available to give financial trainings, so let me know if you need to attend one or have questions.

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





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

- District orders for the spring campaign are due to the provincial office **no later than January 16.**
- A new year is ahead of us and it's never too early to start planning your **spring cookie blitz!**
- Looking forward to **Guiding Mosaic 2016?** Don't forget that **special order cookies** are available to those with approved travel plans, to help with fundraising.

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

## First Aid Training

In order to co-ordinate your planning for the remainder of the 2014-2015 Guiding year, here is the **complete schedule for Emergency and Standard First Aid Courses** being offered to Guiders. Non-members are also welcome, but their prices are \$140 for Standard and \$125 for Emergency 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 GGC 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



### Upcoming courses:

#### Emergency First Aid Course (8 hours)

- Location: Pierrefonds  
Saturday, January 24, 2015, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., \$105
- Location: NDG (or elsewhere if a district wants it nearer to home)  
Saturday, February 7, 2015, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., \$105
- Location: NDG (or elsewhere if a district wants it nearer to home)  
Saturday, March 28, 2015, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., \$105

#### Standard First Aid Course (16 hours)

- Location: Pierrefonds  
Sat., Jan. 24 and Sun., Jan. 25, 2015, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., \$125
- Location: NDG (or elsewhere if a district wants it nearer to home)  
Sat., Feb. 7 and Sun., Feb. 8, 2015, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., \$125
- Location: NDG (or elsewhere if a district wants it nearer to home)  
Sat., Mar. 28 and Sun., Mar. 29, 2015, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., \$125

The following one-day **Recertification Courses** are only for those who hold a CURRENT (unexpired) Red Cross certification. 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 if you cannot find yours. Dates or location may change upon request.

#### Recertification Courses (8 hours - see criteria above)

- Location: NDG - Standard or Emergency First Aid—Sunday, March 22, 2015, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., \$85
- Location: Saint-Lazare - Standard or Emergency First Aid—Sunday, April 19, 2015, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., \$85

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)



# News from the Office

## Welcome, Ali!

Please join us in welcoming **Ali Moenck** to the GGC QC Council staff. She will be **Communications Coordinator** until early 2016 as a maternity replacement for Rebecca Purver. Ali brings with her coordination experience and technical skills from a variety of work with community organizations.

Ali can be reached at [communications@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:communications@guidesquebec.ca)

### EMAIL ADDRESSES TO KEEP HANDY!

Send iMIS updates to: [imis@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:imis@guidesquebec.ca)

Send Safe Guide forms to: [sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca)

Send photos + *Piccolo* items to: [communications@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:communications@guidesquebec.ca)

Download a full **GGC-QC contact list** [HERE](#).

## GGC Québec Council—2014-2015 Important Dates

January 17	<b>Guider Symposium</b> , Champlain College—Saint-Lambert
January 18	<b>Brunch with the National Commissioner</b> —hosted by Lakeshore District
January 19	<b>Deadline to register</b> for <b>Snow Trails 2015 Winter Camps</b>
February 7	<b>Training for New Guiders</b> , Lachine
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>
February 23	<b>Deadline to register</b> for <b>Provincial Brownie Day</b>
February 27	<b>Deadline to enter</b> <b>Design-A-Crest</b> contest
March 14	<b>Provincial Brownie Day—Super Hero Academy</b> , Dorval
April 11-12	<b>Cookie Days in Canada</b>
May 2	<b>Festi-Guides</b> , West Island
May 7	<b>Québec Council Annual General Meeting</b>
TBD	<b>Camp Opening Day at Wa-Thik-Ane</b>
TBD	<b>Young Women’s Forum</b>