



We love Winter!

Guides have a blast at provincial camp.

“The Glacier Games Camp was a wonderful weekend of Guiding sisterhood, making new friends and reuniting with old friends. There was also lots of teamwork as many of the activities required the girls to work together and communicate well. Most of all, the girls had fun and many found it difficult to pick their favourite activity of the weekend.”

-Patricia Tellis, Deputy Provincial Camping Adviser

Read more on [the Québec blog!](#)



Making feathered friends, playing snow croquet, scoring in hockey and building indoor snowmen were all part of the fun at Winter Guide Camp!

Some districts have been braving the cold for their unit meetings and winter camps! Read more on the [District Stories](#) page.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- [Wa-Thik-Ane's turning 90! See what's in store to celebrate!](#)
- [Attend a Safe Guide Training!](#)
- [Submit your design for the 2016-2017 Membership Crest](#)
- and more!

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Québec Council 2016-2017

YOU can help shape Guiding's Future in Québec



Council Structure
creating a common model across the country



It's soon time to **Build a Team**



we want to tell **Everyone**



Watch for **the details** coming soon

we know many of you are ready **to step up!**

it will take people who **Know their Stuff**

Are you a person who:

- has a strong belief in what Girl Guides is all about for our girl and adult members?
- has a good knowledge of Girl Guides, our programs, Vision, Mission & Safe Guide?
- would like to get more involved in the administration of Quebec Guiding?
- is able to look at the big picture?
- would like to have a say in how Guiding runs in Quebec?
- is willing to learn and stretch yourself in ways you could never imagine?
- would like to add some skills for your CV?

Girl Engagement Coordinator

Liaison between QC Council and the Program, Camping, and International Advisers and their committees

Member Services Coordinator

Liaison between QC Council and the PR & Communications, Membership and Training Advisers and their committees

Risk & Compliance Adviser

Bring experience in assessing and mitigating risk
Advise and educate on matters of compliance, accountability and risk as regards properties, human resources, member management and business processes.
Identify and inform the Council regarding current issues and trends relevant to organizational risk factors.
Assist in development of plans to mitigate risk

Both these Coordinators:

- Ensure support for these essential activities, through her representation of their needs on Québec Council
- Facilitate the relationships of these committees, to best work collaboratively on actions that achieve our common Strategic Goals
- Share Council priorities and direction that impact the committees' focus

More info coming soon! Questions? Have a perfect person in mind? Maybe it's YOU!

Talk to us: nominations@guidesquebec.ca

Wa-Thik-Ane 90th Anniversary Celebrations - August 12, 13 and 14, 2016

Camping has been a very important element of Guiding since 1910 when Girl Guides eagerly embraced the challenge of outdoor living.

The face of the 'Camp of the Peaceful Waters' has aged gracefully over the past 90 years adapting to the changes in the Guiding Program, younger campers and changes in governmental and environmental regulations while retaining basic Guiding principles.

One site in a clearing near the water's edge in 1926 soon became four with connecting trails. When four more sites were added, the trails became camp roads. Camp Wa-Thik-Ane, continued to grow with the expansion of permanent buildings, electricity and now an artisanal well with running drinking water along with many other improvements.

Throughout the years there is one factor that has prevailed at Camp Wa-Thik-Ane, the campers. The units and Guiders come to camp for a personal challenge, camaraderie and the unique 'Guiding Spirit' that has always been present at Camp Wa-Thik-Ane.

We are fortunate to have dedicated volunteers who have shouldered the stewardship of our jewel.



SAVE THE DATE

**COME CELEBRATE WA-THIK-ANE'S 90th
ANNIVERSARY!**

**GGC Members and Alumnae of Camp Wa-Thik-Ane
There will be many activities on this 90th Anniversary
weekend**

August 13 - 14, 2016

Guiders' Night

Formal Anniversary Celebrations:

Saturday afternoon, August 13, 2016

Come and share your WTA memories... and make new ones!

INTRODUCING the 90 DAYS of CAMPFIRES!

To kick off Wa-Thik-Ane's 90th Anniversary, all units, gatherings and/or districts are invited to book one of those 90 days on the official Campfire calendar!

On that date they can record a snippet of a campfire song (edit down to your best minute!), or take a photo of their group, to be posted on the Québec blog.

Let's fill every one of those 90 days, commemorating each of those 90 years!

Be creative and be counted.

Challenge another district.

Make this an "emerald" year.

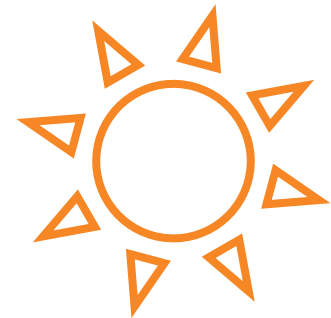


Please send your photos, videos and other memories of Wa-Thik-Ane to wta90@guidesquebec.ca.

Property Committee | lacbouchette@guidesquebec.ca

At publication, the remaining available sites at Camp Wa-Thik-Ane for spring 2016 are:

May 13-15	all sites available
May 20-22	all sites available
May 27-29	Algonquin, MicMac
June 3-5	MicMac
June 10-12	Cree
June 17-19	all sites available
June 24-26	Stavert Lodge, Algonquin, Cree
July 1-3	all sites & lodge available
July 8-10	all sites & lodge available



Pioneer sites:

Montagnais available all weekends.

Chippewa available all weekends, except June 24-26.

Please see the [Camp Wa-Thik-Ane page](#) on the website for more information on the 2016 reservation process.

Applications for spring/summer positions at Wa-Thik-Ane are still open!

Site Manager	Waterfront Director
Boating Specialist	Lifeguard
Lifesaver	Read the position descriptions here!

*Interested candidates should forward CVs to: dir-operations@guidesquebec.ca.
Qualified candidates will be called for an interview.*

Camp Planning Tips!

Are you interested in organizing a district or unit camp this spring? Take a look at the [Introduction to Residential Camping](#) planning document. With information about campsites, budgeting and program, it will get you started on planning an awesome camp event!



Hey Brownie Guiders!

Be part of the **Connect Carnaval**, the 2016 Provincial Brownie event!

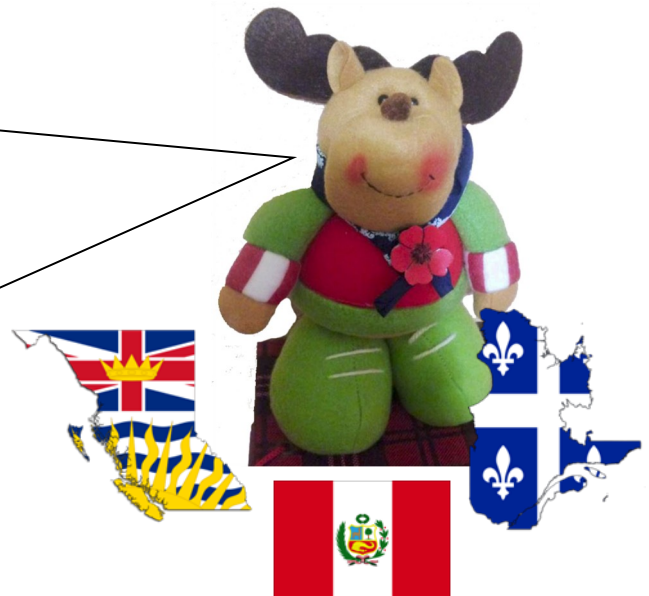
Come with your unit, share an awesome day with girls in BC and Perù!

Saturday, February 20th

10 a.m— 4 p.m

Transfiguration of our Lord Parish Hall,
11775 Fillion, Montreal, QC H4J 1T4

See all the details in the [e-Blast here!](#) Register promptly the deadline is February 15th, and this event has a capped capacity!



REGISTRATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 15TH!

Program News

March is National Nutrition Month! Are you looking to talk about healthy eating with your unit? Field Trip Factory offers free nutrition outings in French and English in eight Provigo stores in Québec! Registered dietitians guide the students through the aisles of the grocery store teaching them about making healthy food choices and introducing them to an easy to use food navigation system called Guiding Stars. There is a snack offered at the end of the tour and a goody bag.

Field Trip Factory has worked with other GGC Councils, and is now promoting within Québec.

Take a look at the [Field Trip Factory website](#), for more information, click *reserver* at the end to book.



Program Connections:

Sparks:

Being Healthy
In My Community

Brownies:

Jobs in the Community
Fabulous Food
Food Power

Guides:

Discovering You: Stay Fit and Healthy

Beyond You: Discover Your Community
Healthy Eating

Pathfinders:

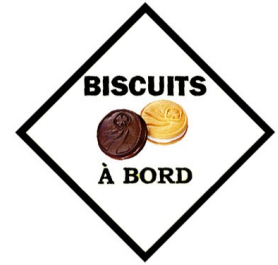
We Are What We Eat
Now You're Cooking
Getting Food On The Table

Rangers:

Healthy Living

Charyl Hyndman, Program Adviser; Lizzie Knowles, Deputy Program Adviser | programme@guidesquebec.ca

Cookies will be arriving in March! Please start to prepare the girls for the Spring Campaign. Take a look at the items on the Québec website on the [Cookie Resources page](#). Find cookie programming tips and printable documents like the 'Biscuits à Bord' printable signs (at right).



New Neat Stuff for Contact Guiders!

National will be sending selling tools to groups that add their Cookie Selling Events to the [Cookie Finder Map](#). Contact Guiders can add the event well in advance of your blitz as it takes a few days to get on to the system. Find the Cookie Sales event form at [this link](#). If your event is added in time you will receive a crest! Read all the details in the [Cookie Day eblast](#) here.

Cookie All Stars

The Cookie All Stars tracking site is now open! There are new rewards this year! Each girl who sells 80+ cases of cookies individually will have a choice of the following rewards:

GoPro Hero + OR a Best Buy gift card (valued at \$250)

Contact Guiders can go on the site now and enter sales totals for mint cookies.

Do you have your Cookie All Stars password?

You'll need a password to log in to the All Stars site. A Member Zone password will not automatically work for Cookie All Stars, unless it is set up that way by national. **Contact Guiders** who have not previously set up a password should send a request to cookieallstars@girlguides.ca

- A) Visit the Cookie All Stars page on [Member Zone](#) for the link to the instructions and registration site.
- B) For your convenience, here is a [direct link](#) to Cookie All stars registration site bypassing Member Zone altogether.

The number of cases qualifying a unit for the group sales crest is now 10 cases in total for both the mint 2015 and classic 2016 campaigns.



While you're entering your Cookie All Stars totals, don't forget to order your [Québec Cookie Ribbons](#).

Don't forget the Cookies Rising Meeting-In-A-Box. Take a look and get your girls excited about cookie selling:

[For Sparks / Brownies](#)

[For Guides / Pathfinders](#)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR **SUMMER CAMP** ADVENTURES

Summer Camp at
Wa-Thik-Ane: sign up
information coming soon!



Mom & Me: July 15th - 17th / July 29th - 31st
Brownie Week: July 17th - 23rd / July 24th - July 27
Guide Weeks: July 17th - July 23rd / July 24th - July 30th /
 July 31st - August 6th
Pathfinder and Ranger Weeks: July 17th - July 23rd /
 July 31st - August 6th
Adventure Camp: July 24th - July 30th
Spark and Brownie Week: July 30th - August 3rd

Find summer camp information including registration forms and info pamphlet
on the [camping page](#)!

Design-A-Crest Contest

It's back! Be a part of history and design the **2016-2017 GGC Québec Membership Crest!**

Girl members who register in the spring of 2016 will receive the crest, possibly created by 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:

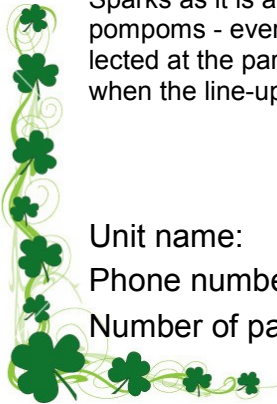
[Here's a handy leaflet
for your unit!](#)

1. The following bilingual text must appear 'Québec Guiding 2016-2017– Guidisme Québec 2016-2017'
2. Email your crest design to communications@guidesquebec.ca before February 26th, 2016

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

St. Patrick's Day Parade—March 20, 2016

This has always been a popular event for Girl Guides and once again we will have a group walking 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, 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 by March 3, 2016.

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

Make a Difference Days in 2016

Have you celebrated a [Make a Difference Day](#) this Guiding Year? These days represent an opportunity for our members to collectively take action and fulfil our mission by making a difference. National publishes an instant meeting one month prior to each day so you can prepare for recognizing them at your unit meeting!

[World Thinking Day](#) February 22

NEW! [International Women's Day](#) March 8

National Mental Health Week May 2-8



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 Courage Resourcefulness Making a Difference

Girl members are encouraged to nominate a fellow girl member for one of the award categories. Girls can also nominate themselves. Each of the 20 Girl Greatness Award recipients will receive an award pin and a certificate signed by the Chief Commissioner. All girls who are nominated will receive a certificate of recognition.



YOU are Girl Greatness. It's time to let the world know it. Nominations are open until March 13, 2016 (Recipients announced: June 2016) Find more information, including a [Girl Greatness Award Meeting Guide here](#). The materials are available in English and French.

Upcoming Safe Guide Training



Saturday, February 27th, 9:00 a.m to 12:30 p.m (Mountainside United Church)

It is compulsory for new Guiders to complete Safe Guide training within the first six months of becoming a leader. Many new Guiders are due to complete their Safe Guide training in the months of January, February, and March 2016.

The next Safe Guide training offered is **February 27th** at Mountainside United Church in Westmount from 9:00 a.m. to about 12:30 p.m. DCs and Treasurer will be attending meeting there that day, so consider car-pooling. (Note: DCs are there all day, Treasurers are there until about 12:30.)

Mountainside United Church, 687 Ave Roslyn, Westmount, QC, H3Y 2V1 (If you are staying only half the day, please park on the street to allow the full day attendees to park in the lot. Street parking is limited to 4 hours.)

Please register by Monday, February 15th, by emailing imis@guidesquebec.ca with your name, iMIS number, and district.

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

Feedback from Symposium

January 16th, Members from across Québec attended the Rise & Shine #ensemble Symposium. Guiders, Trefoil Members, and Rangers all had a day of sharing, learning and fun! Take a look at the [online photo album](#) and below is some of the feedback from the day:

Excellent day! Love connecting with my sisters in Guiding. Pods were great in the am. The whole day progressed smoothly and I thoroughly enjoyed it and look forward to next year! All the Guiders I came in contact with were saying how they were enjoying themselves and it showed from the smiles on their faces.

What did you think of the pods?

I liked the sense of humour and fun.

An excellent way to break the ice between participants who didn't already know each other.

I loved the Minute-to-win-it activity!

I thought [...] the Twinning Project was very good and the on-line game was a great way to get us interested in and enthused about the project. I love my buff!

What did you think of your afternoon session?

I want[ed] more time for this session -it was amazing!

This session was amazing but too short. [...] All session participants were very engaged in the session.

I think a longer half or one day workshop could be useful and could be opened up to Rangers and Pathfinders.

Enjoyed the 'joie de vivre' of the day. It is refreshing to be with so many enthusiastic Guiders and Rangers.

Enthusiasm was amazing this year.

As in the past, this Symposium was excellent!

I liked that the schedule was respected.

New on the GGC Québec website:

The [GGC-QC Financial Package for 2016](#) has been posted on the website, ready for download. While you are on the website, check out the "[How to use the GGC Que Financial Package](#)", "[Columns on the Main Form](#)", the **District and Unit Treasurers' Handbooks** and the [Treasurers' Calendar](#) all of which have tips 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.

Unit Annual Financial Reviews:

Copies of Unit Annual Financial Reports and completed Financial Review Checklists are due to the office as soon as possible. District books were due to the office by Jan 31. If you haven't sent them yet,

please do so ASAP.

Remember to forward Tax Rebate Requests for Operating Costs with the original receipts also. These should be totaled for the district, as the office will only issue one cheque per district. The office will not write cheques for under \$20, so please wait until next time if your total for the district is less. Operating cost rebates can be requested on receipts up to four years old.



District Financial Reviews:

District Treasurers: we will meet at the same time as the DCs on February 27. Those who come and help will get to take their books home with them.

Training:

I am always available to do financial training, whether one on one or a group.

If you need help, as always, you can find me at: finances-support@guidesquebec.ca

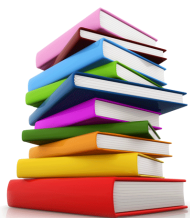
Dawn Coffey, Treasurer Support Specialist | finances-support@guidesquebec.ca

GGC Scholarships

The Québec Council gives out one scholarship for \$1,000 per year to a Québec member pursuing post-secondary education. Its objective is to encourage further education/training at a recognized post-secondary Québec institution such as CEGEP, technical/vocational school or university. The deadline for the Québec post-secondary scholarship is **June 1st, 2016**.



Find more information on the [scholarship page](#) of the Québec website.



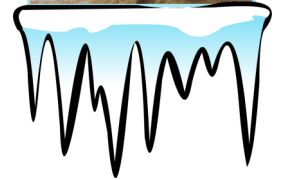
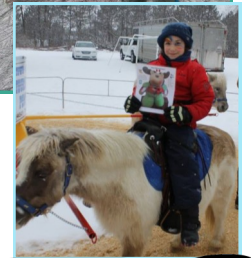
There are also many scholarships available through the GGC National Scholarship Program. Scholarships are open to girl and adult members who are pursuing post-secondary education at a recognized college, university or trades program. Whether you're studying engineering, education, political science, or anything in between, there's a scholarship that's right for you! The application deadline is **April 1st, 2016**.

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

WELCOMING WINTER—EVERY WAY WE CAN!

The Liesse District held their winter camp recently at the Notre Dame de Fatima and took part in the Ile Perrot Winter Carnaval. They tried skating, snow tubing, outdoor trampolining, and brought Fred the Moose along for the ride.

[-Liesse District Facebook page](#)



Pathfinders had a blast during their carnaval adventure in Québec City! They experienced all the fun carnaval had to offer, visited the ice hotel, and stopped at a sugar shack on the way home!

-photos by Loretta Julien



The Pointe-Claire District held a Time Travel winter camp— but their time machine broke and brought them to all kinds of different eras, pioneer times, the Ice Age, and even a tea party during Edwardian England! [-Pointe-Claire District Facebook page](#)



“Tonight we spent a good part of our unit meeting exploring the park at night in winter. We took pictures and answered a survey. We will take the same hike again in the springtime and compare what we find.” [Riverdale District Facebook page](#)



Members are always encouraged to submit photos and stories from your Guiding adventures! Please email photos along with a short description to communications@guidesquebec.ca. Need more information? Download the Piccolo [submission guidelines](#) here.

February 20	Brownie Connect Carnaval , Liesse
February 22	World Thinking Day
February 26	Deadline to enter the Design a Crest Contest
March 8	Make a Difference Day: International Women's Day
March 17-24	Spring Cookie Deliveries
April 1	GGC National Scholarship Deadline
April 2-3	Cookie Days in Canada
April 30	Festi-Guides, Lachine
May 2-8	Make a Difference Day: National Mental Health Week
May 5	GGC-QC Annual General Meeting
May 7	Camp Opening Weekend
June 1	GGC-QC Scholarship Applications due
August 13-14	Wa-Thik-Ane 90th Anniversary! Save the Date!

News from the office

This Piccolo will be our last edition crafted by Ali Moenck, who has done so much more than merely fill in for Rebecca during her maternity leave. As Rebecca returns to the helm of Communications, Ali will spend an additional number of weeks with us focused on membership initiatives, and will be of great help to us all as we come up on the spring membership promotion season.

We thank Ali for her good humour, her artistic sense, her infinite patience and for bringing her own personality to the pages and posts and pictures that she has shared with us over this past year. The office will definitely miss her, as will the PC, who was often the reason why Ali's patience was so necessary.

On behalf of the Québec Guiding community, we extend her all the good wishes for her next career steps and the adventures ahead, and look forward to many membership promotion opportunities that she can facilitate for us through the end of March!

