



August 2019

Solve It

The Piccolo

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Girl Guides

Québec Council

The Guiding Year

- August 23-25 **Guider Getaway**
- September 7-8 **Summit for Senior Volunteers**
- September 11 **Guider deadline for nationally sponsored trips**
- September 13 **Deadline to sign up for the Link EuroTrip**
- September 13-15 **Camp Work Weekend**
- September 21 **Training: Tips, Techniques and Ideas to cope with challenging behaviour in the unit**
- September 28 **Fall Fun Day**
- September 30-October 5 **Fall cookies arrive**
- October 4-6 **OAL Adventure**
- October 9 **Girl deadline for nationally sponsored trips**
- October 17 and November 16 **Training: Getting outside in the City**
- October 18-20 **Cookie Days in Canada**
- October 31 **Guider deadline for provincially sponsored trips**
- November 1-3 **Trainer and training candidate weekend**
- November 12 **Membership contest deadline**
- December 1 **Girl deadline for provincially sponsored trips**
- February 7-9 **Pathfinder Carnaval in Québec City**
- March 18-22 **Alberta Girls' Parliament**
- May **All SySTEMs Go!**
- May 2 **Provincial AGM**
- May 8-10 **2nd Annual Alberta Ranger/Link Event**

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There's a Crest for That!

Did you find your iMIS number in *The Piccolo*? Email qc-communications@guidescanada.ca to receive an "I read *The Piccolo*" crest! Adult members and Rangers can keep an eye on *The Piccolo* for new chances to win every month!

The Piccolo is published by Québec Council on the 2nd Thursday of every month (except the month of July) and contains valuable information for all members.

Deadline for submissions for the September issue: September 6.

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Message from the PC Team

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Message from the PC Team

We hope that you have all had an amazing summer! Time sure has passed quickly and while lots of you were on vacation, our very own Camp Wa-Thik-Ane - Wa' Kah Né:kaien was running in full force. We held four Wonderful Weeks at Wa-Thik-Ane and Voila Québec!, where we had six provinces enjoy what we all know to be an amazing experience at our camp.

This was a record number of camping weeks in one summer in many, many years! What is the key to our camps' success? It's all of you who unselfishly give your time to volunteer and support both girls and Guiders, helping them to make memories and friendships that will last a lifetime! Thank you!

We would like to welcome you back as the Guiding year starts up and encourage you to take part in our monthly PC Challenge, starting with this month's theme: "Solve it!"

The PC Challenge: August

Every month, the PC team will have a new challenge for you to help grow Guiding, cover parts of the program, or simply have fun!

This month, we're challenging you to send in a question or topic that has always intrigued you.

Thank you to Shelley Dupuis, Sonya Di Sclafani, Meagan Wyllie, Chris Gibb and Renee Marak who sent in their Two Stars and a Wish to complete the June PC challenge. You can see a selection of their submissions [here](#).

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A New Challenge!

Which district will have the biggest growth in membership by November 12, 2019 (percentagewise, from the same date last year)?

How will you compete?

- Bring a friend nights?
- Distributing PR material with your cookie sales?
- Holding an open house?
- Contacting local schools?

Bragging rights and a prize to be won!

Don't forget to contact qc-pr-rp@guidescanada.ca before holding any PR events.



Already Scheduled

Tips, Techniques and Ideas to cope with challenging behaviour in the unit.

Sept 21, 2019 9am-4pm -- Location: NDG/Westmount TBC

Marie-Ève Sauriol, who led the pre-AGM Session on May 19, will be offering a one-day session to help train guiders to handle challenging behaviour in the Unit. Sharing her expertise as an educator and experience as a Guider, she will offer an interactive day including tips, techniques and best practices to help the girls who challenge us now develop into positive women in the future. Register [here](#).

Getting Outside in the City - come learn how to by doing it yourself

Tentative Dates: Thursday, Oct 17 (6-9pm @ Dawson College) & Saturday, Nov 16.

Want to take your girls on an urban adventure or out of your own neighbourhood and are unsure where to start or how to make it happen? This hands-on one-day training will take Guiders on an expedition into the city. Guiders will learn tips and tricks to help let the girls lead, go with the flow and integrate girl-driven programming into an adventure. Training will include one evening and one day activity. Rangers are welcome. Register [here](#).

Training and Sisterhood Weekend - Focussing on unit activities from the Our Story Program Area

October 18-20 or 25-27 – Eastern Townships

Spend a weekend with sisters in Guiding, training, learning from each other and having fun!

OAL Adventure

October 6-8 at Camp Wa-Thik-Ane

Learn the skills to take your girls on a real adventure out in the wilderness! Register [here](#).

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Coming soon...

- OAL Residential and Tenting - another chance to improve your skills!
- DC and Administrator Training Weekend - Sharing the challenges and joys of adult teams
- Understanding the Adult Learner and Trainer Skills Modules—Interested in learning more (to become a trainer or for personal development)? Let us know!

We want to hear from you!

Have an IDEA for a Training or want to HOST a session in your District/Unit? Contact us!

Trip to Carnaval



Helena Green and Jennifer Desjardins, Event Leads |

SAVE THE DATE!

Québec City winter carnival for Pathfinders & Rangers

February 7-9

Places are limited. Keep an eye out in the upcoming Piccolos for more information



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Alberta Girls' Parliament



Meagan Wyllie, Girl Engagement Coordinator
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A New Opportunity for a Québec Girl!

Québec will be sponsoring a trip for one lucky Pathfinder/Ranger or Trex to attend Alberta Girls' Parliament March 18-22, 2020

*For Rangers, Trex and Pathfinders
must be 15-18 years old at the time of the event

Since 1972, Alberta Girls' Parliament (AGP) has been attracting Rangers and older Pathfinders annually for the opportunities it offers.

What opportunities? *Don your leadership mantle, put your debating skills to the test, be inspired by speakers who share their unique experiences, expand your parliamentary knowledge, participate in the electoral process, prowl the halls of the legislature, traipse through West Edmonton Mall, make new friends, learn new skills*

- *Every participant receives a unique AGP pin, crest and certificate.*
- *This event qualifies as a GOLD Project for youth over the age of 16, registered in the Duke of Edinburgh International Award*
- *Every year, two participants are nominated by their peers to receive the Commonwealth Bursary Award, valued at \$400*
- *This jam-packed 5day/4night residential event runs from Wednesday evening at 7 PM to Sunday afternoon at 1:30 PM during a week in March. There is no other event like this in all of Canada!*

Cost: Includes airfare, accommodation, meals and planned activities - Sponsored by Province Council
Transportation: Included

Application information coming soon!

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Alberta Ranger-Link Event



Olivia Durand, Link Lead | qc-link@guidescanada.ca

Attend an Alberta Council Event!

Québec will be sponsoring a trip for one lucky Ranger or Link member to attend the 2nd Annual Alberta Ranger/Link Event

When: Friday evening, May 8 to Sunday, May 10, 2020

Where: Tangletrees Girl Guide Camp, Mulhurst Bay, AB

Who: Rangers and Link

Why: Join in for a weekend of fun & friendship. Make your weekend what you want it to be with your choice of sessions. Previous program choices include – archery, outdoor cooking, hiking 101, packing 101, beyond the Unit Guider, a service project and many more.

Cost: Includes airfare, accommodation, meals and planned activities - sponsored by Province

Application information coming soon!

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From the Office



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Don't forget to download your 2018-2019 rosters before they disappear on September 2! You'll need it to be able to contact girls who don't re-register to encourage them to come back!

Sample sizes of the new uniform will be available at the office!

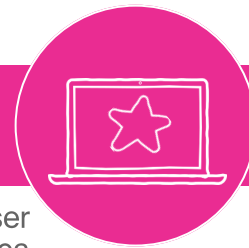
Come in and try them on before you make your order - but please call first in case they are out on loan in a district.

Districts organizing big events can arrange to borrow samples for girls and Guiders to try on (Short 2-day loans only).

Reserve them for your event now!



Program News



Sharon King, Program Adviser; Nikki Murray, Deputy Program Adviser
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We have the answer to the challenge of finding a meaningful service project!

Clear the Air on Vaping Risks – Service Project Grants for Rangers

Calling all creative and health-conscious Rangers.

Email melina.maclean@gmail.com by September 30th, 2019 to participate in a project funded by Health Canada on the risks of vaping.

On a first-come, first-served basis, they will send you a toolkit and provide interested units with an information session to help you outline an actionable and engaging way to share what you've learned. Your project can focus on educating your classmates, teachers, neighbours or any group within your community. The toolkit will help you build a solid plan, which must be submitted as there may be some funding available to help bring the project to life. Successful applicants will have to display their knowledge on vaping and reflect on the project once it is complete.

Interested Ranger members can work independently or with others in their unit. By planning this service project, girls will work towards activities in these program areas: Take Action, Be Well and Connect and Question. Alternatively, they may qualify for the Ranger Service Project award.



Welcome to Nikki Murray, new Deputy Program Adviser!

Camping News



Cynthia Orr, Camping Adviser; Jasmine Shaar, Deputy Camping Adviser
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Join us for Fall Fun Day!



When: Saturday, September 28th

Where: Wa-Thik-Ane

Who: Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders, Rangers and their Guiders from across Québec!

Why: To experience our beautiful camp, make new friends, learn some camp skills, and most importantly HAVE FUN!

Transportation: By bus

Cost: \$45 per person - includes transportation, 2 meals, snacks, a crest and some bling.

If you want to volunteer with logistics of this fun filled day, please email Cynthia Orr, our camping adviser at qc-camping@guidescanada.ca

[Online Registration](#) - to register your patrol before September 20. This event typically fills up before the deadline, so don't delay! Girls and Guiders attend as patrols.

Safe Guide Forms are available [here](#).

Welcome to Jasmine Shaar, new Deputy Camping Adviser!

International/Travel News

Valerie Zaloum, International Adviser | qc-international@guidescanada.ca



Applications for nationally sponsored travel opportunities are [now available!](#) Where will you be going?

Application deadline for Guiders: September 11

Application deadline for girls: October 9

Provincially Sponsored Travel in 2020 starts with "S"

Québec Council is delighted to open application season for the provincially sponsored travel for the summer of 2020!

The participation of Guiders selected to lead these travel opportunities will be fully subsidized (travel and camp fee).

The participation of girls selected for these travel opportunities will be 80% subsidized (travel and camp fee)

- SOAR will seek a half patrol of Ranger-aged girls
 - Camp Brave Scotland will seek a patrol of Pathfinder- and Ranger-aged girls
- Guider application deadline is October 31, 2019
Girl application deadline is December 1, 2019



Camp Brave - Scotland
[Guider Info Sheet](#)
[Guider Application Form](#)
[Guider Reference Form](#)

[Girl Application Form](#)
[Girl Reference Form](#)



SOAR 2020 - British Columbia
[Guider Info Sheet](#)
[Guider Application Form](#)
[Guider Reference Form](#)

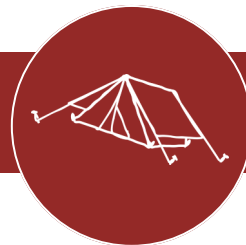
[Girl Application Form](#)
[Girl Reference Form](#)

Want to learn more about these awesome opportunities?
[See the FAQs](#)

Is 2020 your year? There's only one way to find out!



Voilà Québec!



Emily Lillies, Event Lead | qc-voilaquebec@guidescanada.ca

Over the week, we saw friendships blossom from coast to coast. With campers from BC, AB, SK, MB, NB, and of course from home, it was hard not to meet someone new!

Did you know that it was the 40th anniversary of the last inter-provincial camp held at WTA?

We didn't either! During our campfire ash ceremony, ashes were returned to our campfire pit from that inter-provincial camp 40 years ago – and from a Guider from BC no less!

It was truly a joy to be able to run this camp, and we couldn't have done it without all of our wonderful volunteers! Thank you to all who attended!



This has been my favourite Girl Guide camp yet! - Alex, SK Patrol

Iroquois site rocked it with a dance party on our last night and had a fabulous time making friends from all over our beautiful country. Thanks for a great camp, we will miss you all!!! - Allison, Calgary Patrol

Home away from home for [@girlguidesofcanada](#) at [@voilaquebec2019!](#) - Krysta, Guiding Ambassador

It's the friendships that make Voilà Québec! so memorable. So happy I was able to share so many laughs with my fellow Huron Guiders. - Julie, BC Patrol

To all of my Voilà Québec! pals, I do not miss the hill to Algonquin but I miss you :) - Ella, AB Patrol

It was seriously the most fun I've had at a camp. - Allie, Calgary Patrol

A trip to remember! Thanks to everyone that made it even better! - J'Naya - BC Patrol

I was truly inspired by each volunteer's dedication to creating a positive experience for girls and their passion for fostering a truly girl-driven camp experience. - Emily, Program Development Team at National Office



Summer Camp News



Joanne Cardinal, Summer Camp Coordinator
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To everyone involved in the 2019 Wonderful Weeks at Wa-Thik-Ane, thank you for helping to create memories and friendships!



Property Stewardship Committee



Joanne Cardinal, Property Stewardship Committee Chair
qc-property@guidescanada.ca



Join us for a camp work weekend!

September 13-15

We're inviting you and anyone in your circle who would like to come help.

We'll be painting, taking tents down, doing closing maintenance, etc.

Any Pathfinders/Rangers units interested in helping, can camp for free (but must bring their own food and do their own Safe Guide paperwork).

Questions? Contact qc-property@guidescanada.ca.

Please use [this form](#) to register.



It's everyone's camp. Let's work together to keep it going!

Awards News

Annette Levasseur, Awards Liaison | qc-awards-prix@guidescanada.ca



The **Valois-Dorval Pathfinders** would like to send a **Tip of the Hat** to the following ladies...

Janet Pompura and **Esther Keller** for being willing and able to take the time to join us when we needed you in Granby (Janet), Coaticook & Mont Megantic (Esther) and for being such amazing, flexible ladies, joining in, being patient and supportive to our team as they figured out their program and activities. A special thanks to Esther for still coming even though you were on crutches & her sister for the use of her car!! We loved having both of you join us!

Elizabeth Leclerc-Grondin from Thetford Mines who made fantastic arrangements for us to visit the KB3 Mines. She joined us, adding personal experience, stories and insight which helped us understand a lot more about life in the mining town. She then found us a great picnic spot including an amazing Gelatto shop and then, made our trip even easier by giving us written directions out of town (which avoided traffic issues)! Thank you for being such a great hostess with the mostess!

Thank you

Heather Martin on behalf of the Valois-Dorval Pathfinders



You can send a *Tip of the Hat* to a Guider. Submit her name, her district and why she is special to the Awards Team (qc-awards-prix@guidescanada.ca). The Guider will receive a crest at home and it will be published in *The Piccolo*.

Guiders, remember to send in the girl awards you presented (Canada Cord, Chief Commissioner's, Lady BP) so that girls can be invited to the Girl Recognition Event this fall.

DCs, remember to do the same for any awards you have presented during this Guiding year so they can be registered in iMIS.

Please include iMIS numbers. Thank you!

Cookie News

Jennifer Desjardins, Cookie Adviser | qc-cookies-biscuits@guidescanada.ca



Mint cookie delivery is September 30 to October 5

Looking into doing some PR work to recruit for the new season? Then why not challenge yourself and the girls to sell a few cases if you have any left from the spring? All cookies sales at any time of the year can be added to Cookie Ribbon totals!

Reminder: All members (including Guiders) are encouraged to participate in cookie sales and sell at least 2 cases per campaign.



Safe Guide News



Pam Godfrey, Safe Guide Adviser | qc-safeguide@guidescanada.ca

Safe Guide [questions](#) should be sent to qc-safeguide@guidescanada.ca

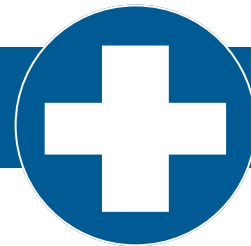
Safe Guide [forms](#) should be sent to qc-sg-gs@guidescanada.ca

If you don't hear back from an assessor in 1 week, please send a follow-up email.

The 2019 version of Safe Guide is coming out on August 23. Watch your email for details! A list of changes will be made available.



First Aid News



Au Secours Denise OBriain offers courses tailored to the needs of GGC as per Safe Guide 2018

*** Note that GGC does accept first aid certification from other providers too! ***

Standard First Aid & CPR/AED Level C Course - BLENDED LEARNING format

- Complete the first half of the course online at home, at your own pace, prior to the course date
- Then participate in the ONE DAY hands-on teaching/skills-practice in-class session
- Equivalent to the previous 16-hour in-class teaching and practice format
- Access to the new Canadian Red Cross online portal and useful online resources
- NEW Canadian Red Cross First Aid & CPR Manual – 2017 edition
- Digital Certification upon completion valid for 3 years

Standard First Aid & CPR/AED C – Sun. Sept. 15, 2019, 8:30am–5:30pm – Pointe-Claire \$110 (no tax)

Standard First Aid & CPR/AED C – Sat. Oct. 19, 2019, 8:30am–5:30pm – St. Lazare \$110 (no tax)

Standard First Aid & CPR/AED C – Sat. Nov. 16, 2019, 8:30am–5:30pm – Pointe-Claire \$110 (no tax)

Includes Access to Online Course immediately, and in-class session on September 15

Upon completion, GGC – Québec Council will reimburse 2/3 of the cost for active Guiders

If you or your District would like to hold a course at your own time and location, please let us know.

For more information or to register, please email Tricia Lax at ausecours.firstaid@gmail.com.

PR News



Andrea Munster, PR Adviser | qc-pr-rp@guidescanda.ca

We have a few volunteer fairs coming up. We are searching for volunteers to help us run the booths. Here are the details. Please email qc-pr-rp@guidescanada.ca if you would be able to lend a hand (even for part of the time). Thank you so much!

Vanier College: Wednesday, September 4, 12pm to 2 pm

Concordia Volunteer Fair: Tuesday, October 1, 10am to 3pm



Treasurers' Trove

Angie Kruller, District Treasurer Support Liaison
qc-district-finances-secteur@guidescanada.ca

Commissioners and Treasurers: I hope you all had a great summer and are rested to start the 2019-2020 Guiding year.

Just a few reminders:

Treasurer List

During the summer, I sent a message requesting a list of all treasurers with their iMIS number and the unit that are with. As soon as you have this information, please send it to qc-district-finances-secteur@guidescanada.ca

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Mid-Year Reviews

I would also like to remind you that all reviews for district and unit books should be done at the end of the Guiding year (June) and sent to the provincial office. This is very important, especially if there are changes in signing officers and treasurers.

I hope to see all this paperwork soon. Thank you so much!



Fundraising Fun

Claire Morier, Fundraising Liaison | qc-fundraising@guidescanada.ca

- Please send all requests for fundraising approval to qc-fundraising@guidescanada.ca
- FAQs and Guidelines for fundraising are available on [Member Zone](#).



All SySTEMs Go!

All SySTEMs Go! Team | qc-stem-stim@guidescanada.ca

The *All SySTEMS Go! STIMulez vos neurons* team is looking for volunteers to help plan and execute this provincial event to introduce Guides, Pathfinders, Rangers, Link members and Guiders to various STEM fields in May 2020.

Interested members, especially girls (Pathfinders and Rangers) who are passionate about science and would like to get involved can contact the team at qc-stem-stim@guidescanada.ca.



Local Stories



Summer Guiding

Monklands District ran a third summer of Guiding activities for Guides, Pathfinders and Rangers. These included:

- The Jazz Festival
- Montréal Complètement Cirque
- A service project
- An astronomy meeting
- A metro scavenger hunt
- Geocaching
- Hat decorating
- Bike maintenance



Trip to Mexico

Monklands District travelers ventured to Mexico City and Our Cabana for a Summer Friendship event. They went waterfall jumping, visited a castle, museums and cathedrals, completed WAGGGS programs, made new friends, volunteered with kids from a local orphanage, ate Mexican food and much more. Read more about their adventures on the blog!



Go East Trip

Valois-Dorval Pathfinders and Rangers headed East to Granby, Sherbrooke, Magog, North Hatley, Lac Mégantic and Québec City. They went to the Zoo, learned about mining, ate ice cream, visited an aquarium, did some astronomy, and had a great time. Read more about their adventure on the blog.

Let us know what your unit/district is up to and earn a NEW crest!

Have an event you'd like to invite others to? Email qc-communications@guidescanada.ca and we'll help you get the information out!

