



December 2018

The Piccolo

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The 2018-2019 Guiding Year

Dec 24– Jan 1	Provincial office closed
January 19	Guider Symposium
February 1-3	Snow Trails
February 22-23	All the Time in the World (Thinking Day)
March 17	St. Patrick's Day Parade
April 6-7	Cookie Days in Canada
April 27	Geordie Theatre Play
May 4	Provincial AGM
May	All SySTEMs Go
June 1-2	National AGM (trip to Ottawa)
July 7-August 3	WWWTA
August 3-10	Voilà Québec!
August 18 (?)	Pride Parade

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There's a Crest for That!

Did you find your iMIS number in *The Piccolo*?
 Email communications@guidesquebec.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!

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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 January issue: January 3.

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Message from the PC Team

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The PC Challenge: December

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!

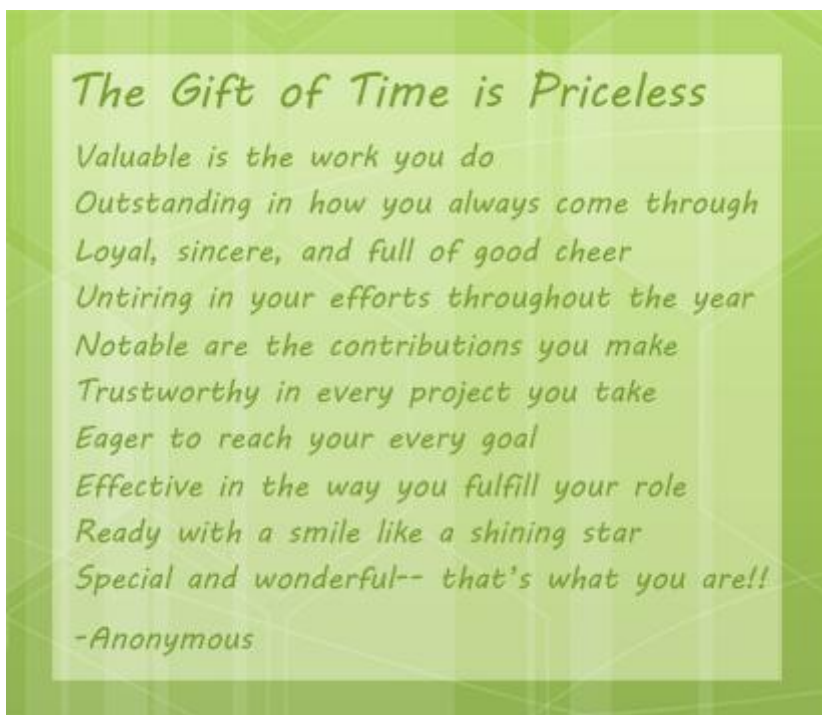
This month's theme is celebration and who better to celebrate than the girls and Guiders around you. Send us (communications@guidesquebec.ca) a shout-out to a girl to publish or submit a [Tip of the Hat](#) for a special Guider. It only takes a minute to make someone's day!

Celebrations

"What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead."

With the holiday season coming, the quote above from Nelson Mandela serves as a terrific reminder that volunteerism is a rewarding way to make a difference in the lives of others and give back to the community. Québec council deeply appreciate those who volunteer their time and talents to support our program. In addition to helping all girl members, you can improve your overall sense of well-being by helping those we serve. "Making them happy makes me happy," is a statement we hear

often in Guiding. Guiders experience joy and happiness from listening to and being with the girls. And that is why the gift of the time you give is priceless. Thank you and Happy Holidays!



Recognizing Girls

On the following page you will find a list of the girls who earned awards during the last year. Congratulations to all of them for their hard work!

Lady Baden Powell

Abigail Marsh
Aisha Tawdi
Akeera Taylor-Townsend
Alejandra Di Blasio
Alexandria Beaulieu
Ariel Whalley
Aurelia Altimas-Popescu
Berlyne Steenberg
Brianna Houx
Chiara Bramante
Ela Harlton
Elicia Doucette
Elizabeth Comeau
Emilie Parker
Emma Plate
Evelyn Lamarre
Evelyn Newton
Gabrielle Lefebvre
Giada Webster
Gwendolyn Jakobi
Hannah Rudge
Imogen Prince
Jillian Davidson
Kaelyn Shapiro-Greaney
Kaiya Pichovich
Kayla Martinez
Keira Duff
Lea Elenakis
Leah Harlton
Leona Okeke-Marchand
Maria-Elsa DaSilva
Mary MacDonald
Mattea Arns-Barlow
Meaghan McCracken
Megan Dell
Melanie Swain
Michela Barbone Scandiuzzi
Nikki Harlton

Novia Dorion
Olivia Christopher
Olivia De Langen
Olivia MacIntosh
Sabeena Rajaratnam
Samara Thibodeau
Sara Hitchen
Sasha De Langen
Skylar Fairhead
Sophie Pollock
Sruthy Sriskandarajan
Stephanie Barnes
Sybil Randy
Talia Martin
Vanessa Couture

Canada Cord

Aislyn Shambleau
Audrey-Anne Dallaire
Cassandra Gillen
Catherine Barnes
Chloe Pace
Christina Hynes-Rooney
Cynthia Sawicz
Dylan Sanchez McMillan
Elora Di Blasio
Jessica Quail
Kelsey Moore
Kristen Hofmann
Kristin Rodney
Leslie Harmidy
Lorna Houx
Mikayla Bertsch-Ramsay
Natania Tracy

Chief Commissioner's Award - Bronze

Alicia Giroux
Emma Dayna Stork
Gemma Marion Webster
Melissa Bradley

Chief Commissioner's Award - Silver

Emilie Sauv 

Chief Commissioner's Award - Gold

Elizabeth Barnes
Kaitlynn Rodney
Madison Hamel
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Savannah Cameron-Chevrier

Youth Commitment Award

Alicia Marsh
Alisha Baillarg 
Alyssia Morin
Anna Tzventarny
Catherine Barnes
Christina Hynes-Rooney
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Emilie Walford
Emily Priest
Emily Schamerhorn
Emily Young
Isabella Guay
Jessica Devriese
Jessica Quail
Kelsey Moore
Kristin Rodney
Leslie Harmidy
Lucia Badette
Michelle Jayshre Ernest-Cohen



ALL ABOARD FOR SYMPOSIUM 2019

The Girl Driven STEAM TRAIN will blast off to the future at John Abbott College on Saturday January 19, 2019 at 8:30 am! **Get your FREE ticket [here!](#)**

Your day will include a variety of activities designed to help you be a stronger leader, understand the girl-driven approach and effectively use the Girls First Platform.

Start your day with a visit to the **Milky Way** to find out about the various resources, adventures and opportunities available in the province (including coffee, tea, juice & snacks)

Participate in a plenary session focusing on **Sharing Leadership on the Girls First Space Station**

Participate in two training sessions (your choice) to build understanding and strengthen your **Leadership skills in a Girl-Driven STEAM-focused** environment

Enjoy **Lunch (INCLUDED)** with your Guiding friends then choose to catch up some more, shop, trade some program badges or stop at one of the **Take Time for Me Stations** including a winter walk, relaxation activity, homemade spa, craft service project and more.

Finish your day having fun in a practical workshop focussed on how to implement branch specific STEAM activities directly from the **Girls First Platform**

The ride will finish with an **optional Cocktail and/or Dinner** - Join the Provincial team to share in the sisterhood of Guiding. *(You choose if you stay for a drink or dinner at your own cost) - Location TBC*



More Training!

Stay tuned for information about more upcoming training opportunities including:

- **New Guider Training** (all branches) on Friday, January 18 at the Red Barn in Baie-D'Urfé (night before Symposium with sleepover possible)
- A **Guider & Commissioner Training Getaway weekend** in late March
- **OAL** (Outdoor Adventure Leadership) sessions in May-June & summer including residential, tenting and adventure options.
- **Enrichment sessions** including managing disruptive behavior, including girls with disabilities, so your girls want to travel, managing and preventing bullying, planning with the new platform and more of your ideas!

Like the holiday cookie plate with a variety of options, watch this space for training in the new year - something should be to your taste.

All SySTEMs Go!

All SySTEMs Go! Team | stem.stim@guidesquebec.ca



All SySTEMs Go!

STIMulez vos neurons!

Come to discover STEM opportunities and speak with women in STEM careers!

When: May 2019

Where: TBC

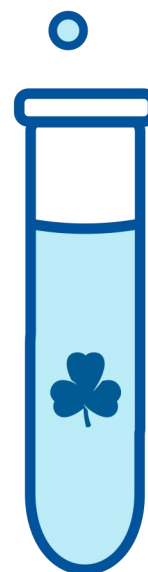
Who: Pathfinders, Rangers and Link.

Price: TBC

Save the date and sign up today to be among the first to receive your early registration package sent in early January!

[Sign up now to request a package](#)

There will be special early registration swag for the first 50 girls to have registered with payment for this event.



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What is STEM?

STEM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. It also includes concepts like logical reasoning, critical thinking and problem solving.

All the Time in the World



Valerie Zaloum, Event Lead | international@guidesquebec.ca



Celebrate the worldwide sisterhood of Guiding at this exciting event!

A Thinking Day To Remember!
February 22 and 23, 2019
Marché Bonsecours, Montréal

A sleepover event for **Brownies** and older! **Sparks** may join in for activities on Saturday morning with their Guider or a parent with an open house running 8:30-11 am. They can explore the Global Hands of Friendship Fair activities, joining the girls who slept over the previous night.

Featuring a program for girls, by girls! Whether it's Brownie Time Travellers or older girls bringing the WAGGGS world to our awesome Old Montreal venue!

To learn more about this extraordinary event, and review some of our FAQ's, click [here](#).

Rangers have the choice of three fun ways to [register](#).



The sleepover cost of \$20 per person will include:

- Engaging activities
- An evening snack
- Overnight accommodation
- A nutritious breakfast
- A snazzy crest

Sleepover registration: Deadline February 1, but spots are limited...Register early so you don't miss out!

Day visitors registration: Deadline February 10 – day admission of \$4 for each girl member will be collected at the door.

PR News

Andrea Munster, PR Adviser | pr.rp@guidesquebec.ca



PR Events

To get a better picture of Guiding PR in the province, we would like to know what kinds of events (booths, fairs, community events, etc) you attend or run in your community. We have created a [Post-Event form](#).

Please fill it out after your event so we can get a better understanding of which PR events work best in our province. Together, we can work to grow Guiding in your unit and district!



Camping News

Joanne Cardinal, Camping Adviser | camping@guidesquebec.ca



Are you a fan of all things Disney? Then Snow Trails 2019 is for you. Come join us for adventures on magic carpet rides, learn how to be as swift as a coursing river and participate in Frozen challenges and a special Mad Hatter Tea Party!

[Register now!](#)

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Program News

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Christmas Bird County for Kids



Encourage your girls to do a little citizen science during the holiday season or plan a fun outing during January with the Christmas Bird Count! The Christmas Bird Count for Kids is a fun winter bird watching event for kids and families. CBC4Kids events are coordinated locally by naturalist groups throughout December and January.

Experienced guides show participants how to identify local birdlife and use binoculars, then lead them outside to find and count birds. After their adventures, the young Citizen Scientists enjoy hot cocoa together and share their observations. Their findings are submitted through an online checklist and reported to eBird, where they can be used in scientific research.

For more information, [visit their website](#).



Geordie Productions: Reaching for Starlight

Save the Date! Geordie Theatre and Girl Guides in Québec are collaborating to present a special performance for Guiding members, including a Q&A with the performers and a short tour of the theatre.



[Reaching for Starlight](#) is a story about the way we move in the world. An urgent portrait of a young girl's journey of breaking barriers and illustrated through the glorious infusion of theatre and ballet, contemporary, and hip hop dance, Reaching for Starlight is a sensorial tour-de-force featuring some of the country's most dynamic young and established artists together on one stage.



Saturday April 27th at 2pm
at D.B. Clarke Theatre
1455 De Maisonneuve Blvd. Montréal, QC, H3G 1M8

Tickets will be available in February for \$14, which includes a special event crest.

A minimum of two Guiders covering yellow level ratio (1:5 for Sparks and Brownies and 1:7 for Guides) are free. Other Guiders are \$14 each. (NB. Depending on how you coordinate your day, yellow ratio may not be necessary for your group). Family members are welcome!



Celebrating Winter Holidays

Celebrations provide an excellent opportunity for girls to share their own traditions and rituals and to celebrate our diversity.

Having a guest share a traditional holiday recipe, story or song is a great way to share all of the celebrations that take place at this time of the year!

Celebrations also bring people together. Community organizations are often looking for groups to help share seasonal spirit. Making a few gifts to share is a great way to engage girls in the spirit of community celebrations.



As December is one of the darkest months, why not share a little light by making [these snowmen](#) with your **Sparks** and **Brownies**

Guides, **Pathfinders** and **Rangers** are able to make [these cheery snow people](#) using a few tools and some hands on fun.





Trip to Ottawa



Pathfinders & Rangers

***** SAVE THE DATE *****

June 1 to 2 2019

Provincial Trip to Ottawa "National Youth Forum" and more...

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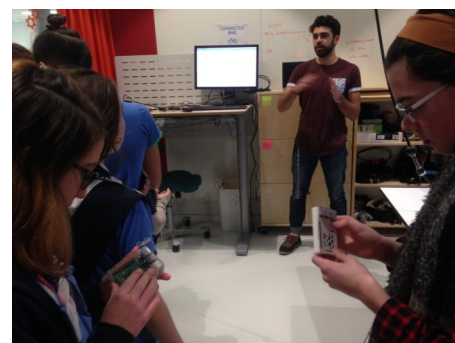
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STEM Career Day at Ericsson



Pathfinders and Rangers had a great time at the STEM career day. They learned about how Ericsson helps out during natural disasters around the world and about some of the future projects they're working on. The girls also sold 10 cases of cookies to Ericsson employees!



Overall I think it was so much fun and a great experience. If I got the chance I would absolutely do it again!



As the first half of the year is coming to a close, we would like to thank all the girls and Guiders who have attended a Girls First session with one of our Champions. We have had the pleasure of meeting so many new girls and Guiders who share our excitement for the Girls First Program!

We have fun new ways to connect in the new year and we hope to have the pleasure of meeting all of you. If you have attended a session and would like a refresh, some tips, tricks or guidance on the platform or if you have a question on the program, badges, awards, equivalencies or the related philosophy, **let us know!**

We are more than happy to meet you at your usual meeting space, at home, at the provincial office, at a new meeting space, with your district, one-on-one. However you choose, we are here to support you on this fun and exciting girl-driven adventure!

We would like to remind you that our session invitations can be extended to **Pathfinders** and **Rangers** as well as to parents.

To book a session with a Girls-First Champion please email us with your availability:
gfsupport@guidesquebec.ca

Exciting platform features you may have missed:

- Continued development for tracking
- Pathfinders and Rangers CAN plan their own meetings!
- You can submit your own activities to the platform! You never know! Your unit favourite may be featured (and you'll be credited) in the next upload of fun and exciting activities, instant meetings and challenges! There are a few from Québec Guiders already there!
→ Log into experience.girlguides.ca > Go to "All bout Guiding" > click on "How the Program works" > Complete the activity submission form and submit!

Helpful Resources

- [Paper tracking sheets](#)
- [Registration handout](#) 41696 1552232 55274 223568 1212587
- [E-module](#)
- [Discovery sheets for Sparks and Brownies](#)
- [Guider Handbook](#)

For a deeper dive please visit the [Girls First page](#) on Member Zone.

There's a badge for that!

Guiders who attend a session with a Champion will receive a Girls First Launch crest

Girls who have completed their first GF program badge will also receive a GF crest

- Send us a copy of the badge order receipt along with your unit name and we will send your unit badges for each of your girls!



Cookie News



Bethan Wardrop and Marissa Schembre, Cookie Co-Advisers
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Cookie All Stars

Thank you everyone for selling all the cookies you could in this last campaign. Some of you are probably really looking forward to rewarding and celebrating your girls for their achievements!

The Cookie All Stars site will open on **February 5, 2019** for both Mint 2018 and Classic 2019 cookies. The Cookie Tracker is under maintenance and not available for now. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

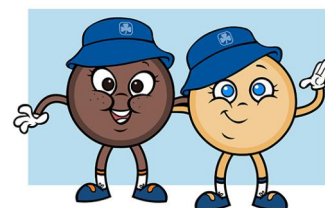
Who says older girls can't sell cookies? Here's some advice from Emily from the 1st Kirkland Rangers:

I have been in girl guides for 11 years now and even in my first year of Sparks I sold 8 cases of cookies. Over the many years I've had a lot of people ask, how do you do it? Well, let me tell you it is all based on your attitude. If you go out selling cookies with a bad attitude, then the customer will be much less likely to believe that you are happy to be a part of this organization and that you enjoy helping fundraise for the activities that they plan for us. A smile is always helpful. The reason I have sold so many cookies in these 11 years is because the people I sold to when I was 5 still buy my cookies from me. I have a reputation in parts of Pierrefonds and Kirkland of the girl guides cookie seller.

Cookie Days in Canada

Any Units that took part in the Mint campaign should already have received their crests. They were sent November 26.

Spring Cookie Days: April 6 and 7, 2019



Property Stewardship Committee



Joanne Cardinal, Property Stewardship Committee Chair
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Camp Jobs

Have you always dreamed of spending your spring/summer at Wa-Thik-Ane? Summer job descriptions are up [on the website!](#) Interested candidates should forward CVs to cv@guidesquebec.ca. Qualified candidates will be called for an interview. Ranger Guiders, please share this opportunity with your girls!

Awards News

Annette Levasseur, Awards Liaison | awards.reconnaissance@guidesquebec.ca



Recognizing adult members is an important way to help our volunteers feel valued and thanked. Anyone can submit a nomination.

Award of the Month: Fortitude Award



The Fortitude Award is a national award granted by the Board of Directors to girl or adult members who have shown great courage and endurance in adversity. In order to be considered for the Fortitude Award, a member must:

- Show great courage and endurance while facing adversity
- Have demonstrated fortitude within the past 12 months. (However, the onset of adversity may have occurred further in the past.)
- The award may be given posthumously in special circumstances. Posthumous applications must be made no more than one year after death.

Recipients must be current members, but need not be evaluated based on their level of involvement with GGC if adversity has prevented their active involvement.

Tip of the Hat



Joanne Cardinal

I would like to send a HUGE tip of the hat to Joanne Cardinal. While I may have a slight biased opinion being her daughter, I think that everyone who has worked with Joanne over her years in guiding would agree with me that she embodies everything that it means to be a Guider. Helpful, kind, energetic, creative, her contributions to both her district and Quebec

Guiding has impacted many.

Thank you for everything you always do, even all the behind the scene prep that sometimes only Guiders' daughters see!

Laura Jackson

Trista Coull and Olivia Durand

I'd like to send a *Tip of the Hat* to Trista Coull and to Olivia Durand who both made themselves available at the very last minute to help with not one but two volunteer fairs this fall. They both did a great job of representing Guiding and recruiting new Leaders. Without them, we would not have had Guiding tables at McGill, Concordia or Vanier -- all locations where they came back with long lists of prospective volunteers. Thank you for your enthusiasm and readiness to drop everything to help out!

Lizzie Knowles

You can also send a Tip of the Hat to a Guider. Submit her name, her District and why she is special to the Awards Team (awards.reconnaissance@guidesquebec.ca). The Guider will receive a crest at home and it will be published in the Piccolo.

A TIP
of the **HAT!**



What is Link?

Link is a program for women aged 18-30.

You can choose to participate in as much or little as you would like. The events, program and activities are chosen by us for US!



There are currently 4 themes in the Link Program that we will be working on throughout our time as Link members; and YES! there is a crest for that!

Personal and Professional Development, Outdoors and Adventure, Health and Wellbeing and Active Citizenship.

This program, much like Girls Fist, is a self-driven, self-assessed, and self-directed program; you can pick and choose what you want to do, how you would like to do it and when. We can choose to do it together or on our own! Depending on how you choose to participate in the program you can challenge yourself to meet new people, earn scholarships, volunteer in the community, develop personal and professional skills and travel.

Click [here](#) for more details about the program.

Getting Involved

- For registration please contact imis@guidesquebec.ca with your name and iMIS number.
- Join our [Facebook page](#) for updates, events and opportunities!
- For any comments and questions please contact us at link@guidesquebec.ca.

Upcoming

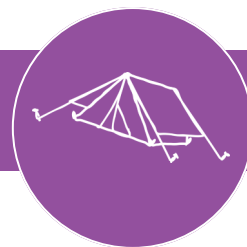
January 2019 - New Year, New You - Health and Wellbeing
February/March 2019 - Active Citizenship
Spring 2019 - Personal and Professional Development
Summer 2019 - Outdoors and Adventure



Stay tuned (check [Facebook](#)) for notes from a brainstorming session that was held on December 10 for an international Link trip in 2020!

Voilà Québec!

Emily Lillies, Event Lead | voilaquebec@guidesquebec.ca



Congratulations to the girls who will be attending Voilà Québec! as members of our provincial patrol!



Vanessa Couture - **Monklands**
Rebecca Devey-Hamelin - **Northern Lights**
Brianna Gallant - **Northern Lights**
Adien Griffiths - **Valois-Dorval**
Tess Harty - **Monklands**
Christina Hynes-Rooney - **Northshore**
Kendra Lecault Hughes - **Riverdale**
Juliet Lefebvre - **Monklands**
Anaïs Merckel - **Monklands**
Chloe Pace - **Des Montérégiennes**
Sofie Sondermeyer - **Valois-Dorval**
Mary-Ann Tremblay - **Riverview**

Safe Guide News

Pam Godfrey, Safe Guide Adviser | safeguide@guidesquebec.ca



New Guiders

It is compulsory for new Guiders to do Safe Guide training and this must be completed within the first six months of becoming a leader. Contact the provincial office (imis@guidesquebec.ca) for a PIN # and don't forget to send a proof (certificate) to the same email to make sure your member profile is updated. The six month deadline for many new Guiders falls in January, February and March.

Forms

All Guiders should read the July 2018 version of Safe Guide carefully before planning an activity to ensure your plans fall within current guidelines. **Please remember to use the most current version of the forms as most of the common ones have changed.** All previous versions are out of date and you will be required to resubmit your paperwork. The e-mail address to send paperwork is sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca.

A safe and happy holiday season to you all!

Treasurers' Trove



Claire Morier, District Treasurer Support Liaison | finances-support@guidesquebec.ca

Signing Officers

The financial year end for all units and districts is December 31, so now is a good time to make sure they are up to date before the holidays begin. The books need to be closed as of December 31 and then prepared for review.

Financial Reviews

The *Financial Review Checklist* is available on the Quebec website and should be used for all units and districts:

- Unit books should be reviewed within the District, provided that those doing the review meet the requirements for independent reviewers as outlined in the Handbooks.
- District Treasurers should send the *Annual Financial Reports*, copies of the *Financial Review Checklists*, and copies of the Dec. 31 bank statements for each Unit to the Provincial office.
- Details for an in-person 'book swap' for Districts will be shared later. Current or prior District Treasurers or any volunteers with review experience are invited to help. If interested in helping, please email finances-support@guidesquebec.ca.
- District books can also be reviewed within the District, provided that those doing the review meet the requirements for independent reviewers as outlined in the Handbooks. If District books are reviewed within the District the *Annual Financial Report*, *Financial Review Checklist*, and a copy of the Dec. 31 bank statements should be sent to the Provincial office.
- If neither of the options above for District books are possible, please send all documentation (see list on the Annual Financial Report, but basically the complete set of books with all supporting documents) to the office by **Jan 31, 2018**.
- Books of Trefoil Guilds with their own bank accounts should also be reviewed at year-end. They should be treated as unit books.

Nominations

Cecilia Cherry, Nominations Liaison | nominations@guidesquebec.ca



Many senior volunteers' terms will be up soon and we're looking for members to fill the positions. [Find out more!](#)

Positions on Provincial Council

2nd Deputy Provincial Commissioner (*available now*)
DC Representative(s)
Member Services Coordinator
Girl Engagement Coordinator
Risk and Compliance Adviser

Adviser/Specialist Positions

Camping Adviser
Membership Adviser
Cookie Adviser (Cheerleader)

DEAR OLAVE,

DEAR OLAVE: Recently in a unit email I made a typo that changed the intention and tone of the email. I had a parent respond aggressively to the email. Any suggestions for the best way to apologize for my mistake, while reminding the parent that their response was inappropriate?

Types Emails Too Late at Night

DEAR TYPES EMAILS: I think a friendly email back to the parent clarifying the situation is needed. It's best to be honest and explain the typo and subsequent misunderstanding. You could gently remind the parent that you are a volunteer and that you'd written that email quickly late at night after a long, busy day at work. Don't beat yourself up about it – mistakes happen!

DEAR OLAVE: I'm a Ranger and I'm feeling like my unit isn't the best fit for me. We don't meet very often and I'm not really accomplishing the program work I want to. I've loved being in Guiding over the years but I'm thinking it might be time to take a break. Any advice?

Disappointed Ranger

DEAR DISAPPOINTED: Don't give up on Guiding! Please talk to your Guiders and tell them how you feel. But, if that doesn't work, there are so many ways you can be involved outside your unit. You can be a girl assistant with another branch, you can volunteer on planning committees for provincial events and there's no reason you can't join a different Ranger unit either. District boundaries don't limit where you can go. If there's another one close enough to you, why not give it a try?

Have a question for Olave? Send it to communications@guidesquebec.ca

Young Women's News

Helena Green, Young Women's Representative | yw.rep.jf@guidesquebec.ca



I was fortunate enough to go to Collingwood Ontario for Guides Ontario's Connect conference. I would say it was very much like our Symposiums except there were many more people (about 300). There were also delegates from Newfoundland, Alberta and Saskatchewan.

On the Friday night we had our opening ceremonies and some activities that we could chose while mingling with everyone else. On Saturday we all got a chance to visit the 6 different sessions that were being offered for a quick twenty minutes then during lunch we got to chose which session we wanted to delve into more deeply.

The sessions were Behavioural Management, Mental Health, Change, Diversity and Inclusion, LGBTQ+, and Equality and Equity. The Change, Diversity and Inclusion, and LGBTQ+ sessions where all done by professional presenters that were brought in for the event. The other three were done by guiders in Ontario with knowledge about the topics.

On Sunday there were more sessions but unfortunately I had to leave before I could participate in them and the closing ceremony.

- Bethan Wardrop, Provincial Cookie Adviser



Ellen Gauthier, Trefoil Guild Liaison | trefoil.trefle@guidesquebec.ca

Holiday Dinner

The West Island Trefoil Guild had a wonderful potluck dinner.

This was the second year in a row that we participated in the same fun service project. We brought wrapped gifts for a child, then we played a gift stealing game. I am sure the laughter was heard across the street. We unwrapped the gifts and we were surprised that no two were the same. All of their toys are going to brighten up children's lives at the West Island Women Shelter for Christmas.



Holiday Dinner

There is a spot available at the United Kingdom's Trefoil Gathering October 4-7, 2019. One of our Canadian delegates has had to drop out.

You have until December 20, to [let Ellen Gauthier know](#) if you are interested in attending. You can also email her for more information.

It will be held at the Hayes Conference Centre at Swanwick in the beautiful county of Derbyshire. Modern ensuite rooms, good food, a bar and extensive grounds. Full board and ensuite accommodation inclusive of Friday evening meal to Monday breakfast is £285 - plus activities and outings of your choice.

The gathering is open to ALL Trefoil members; new and not so new, young and not so young. Perhaps best of all meet, make friends, and enjoy the fellowship of other Trefoil members.

Girl & Guider Tea

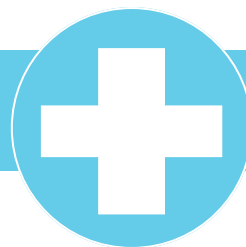


There was a great variety of activities that appealed to all ages. I really liked the appreciation tea cups and mural idea. Those who did the bridge activity seemed to really enjoy it.

I absolutely saw it as a valuable event to attend! I think that we need to show our appreciation to each other as often as possible.



The Girl & Guider tea was an event to thank all the girls who share an adult relative with Guiding. They shared yummy food and fun activities and took the time to tell their relative(s) how much they appreciate them.



Au Secours Denise OBriain is carrying on the business of retired Pulse Aide Inc.

They offer courses tailored to the needs of GGC as per Safe Guide July 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

Upcoming Courses

All courses include access to online course prior to the date and an in-class session on the date stated.

Cost: \$110 (no tax)

- Standard First Aid & CPR/AED C – Sun., January 27, 2019, 8:30 am – 5:30 pm – St-Lazare
- Standard First Aid & CPR/AED C – Sun., March 23, 2019, 8:30 am – 5:30 pm – Pointe-Claire

Upon completion, GGC – Quebec 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

From the Office



Please note that the provincial office will be closed for the holidays from December 24 to January 1.

We wish you all happy holidays!

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Local Stories



The 85th Montreal Guides joined forces with the NDG Art Hive to make Holiday Decorations for a local street.

The 33rd Montreal Pathfinders held a cupcake decorating contest.

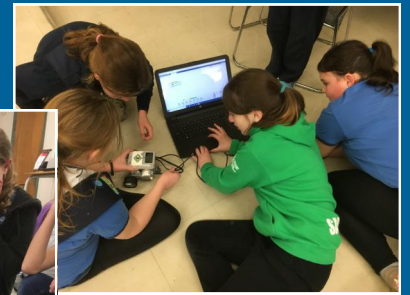
The 1st Pincourt Brownies traced each other to learn about dressing for winter.

Girls in Chateauguay went carolling for seniors.

Girls in Secteur Argenteuil participated in Canada Learning Code Week.

Chambly Pathfinders went on an IKEA scavenger hunt.

Many units/districts participated in Remembrance Day and Santa Claus parades (including the 1st St. Lazare Guides pictured here).



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 communications@guidesquebec.ca and we'll help you get the information out!

