

The Piccolo

Holiday Edition

December 2019



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Message from the Editor

Thank you to all our readers for your patience as we've changed our channels of communication with you this fall and have been working out the kinks. The decision to move to Guide-Info, our bilingual bi-weekly publication that comes to you as an eblast, was made for a variety of reasons including wanting to be more inclusive, trying to make sure important information makes its way to you without overloading your inbox and eliminating some technical challenges.

The Piccolo hasn't gone away entirely. As you can see from this edition, its content will showcase what's going on in Guiding in Québec and it will only be published a handful of times per year. The Guide-Info will carry the more pressing and informative content.

Happy holidays!

Lizzie Knowles



Québec Council sends you warm wishes for a happy
Holiday season and a wonderful New Year!



En ce temps des fêtes, le Conseil du Québec vous
souhaite une belle et heureuse année!

In this time of giving, we'd like to thank all of our volunteers for the time you give to the organization. Whether you plan provincial events, are a district treasurer, catalyse girl driven programming in a unit or fill one of the MANY other Guiding roles, the organization wouldn't be the same without you!

Speaking of the season of giving, it's been lovely seeing all the service projects you have been involved with in your community. The true colours of Guiding shine through the cold and snow to brighten the lives of others – and provide PR as we're seen in the community as well!

Take some time to relax over the holidays. We'll see you back in the new year!



Please note that the provincial office will be closed from
December 24 (noon) to January 1.

We're very excited to announce such great success of our members who applied and were selected for travel opportunities in 2020!

Nationally Sponsored Trips

QC girls enjoyed success in the **Nationally Sponsored Travel** selections like we've never seen before:

Heart of the Maasai Mara

Chloe Francisco – Monklands

Zoé Gagné – Valois-Dorval



Venture to the Andes & the Amazon

Rebecca Devey-Hamelin – Northern Lights

Vanessa Rathwell – Lakeshore

The Yukon: A Northern Escapade

Emily Schamerhorn – Lakeshore



Alternate

Journey Through Paris and London

Kira Price – Laval-Mille-Iles



Provincially Sponsored Trips

Congratulations and thank you for your commitment!

Leading a patrol to Camp Brave, Scotland

Loretta Julien – Riverview

Cindy Brophy – Hayes-Apple Valley

Leading a half patrol to SOAR, Sooke BC

Danielle-Laura Jacob – Riverdale

Stay tuned to find out about the girls attending SOAR and Camp Brave.

Alberta Girls' Parliament

Cassandra Gillen – Valois-Dorval Rangers

Alberta Link Event

Olivia Durand – Northern Lights & QC Link Liaison

Shout-out to Valerie Zaloum, our International Adviser, on her role in empowering so many members to apply!

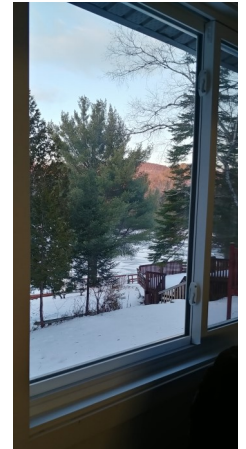


Experience the Beautiful Snow and Scenery at Our Very Own Camp Wa-Thik-Ane!

The soft and fluffy flakes have fallen in Morin Heights and the animals have left trails to follow. The snow shoes are hanging in the lodge and have already been tested out by a group. The sleds are ready and waiting to bring squeals of delight as girls slide down the hill!

There are a few dates left so [book quickly](#) before you miss out on our very first winter season...

- * January 10-12
- * January 17-19
- * March 6-8
- * March 20-22
- * April 3-5
- * April 10-13 (3rd night free!)
- * April 17-19
- * April 24-26



The lodge welcomes you with a front entrance ready to receive lots of snowsuits and boots with racks to organize all of your gear to dry. There are plenty of extra sleeping mats to put down in the large hall or dining area. The kitchen is fully stocked with cookware, dishes and cutlery for a big crowd. A large island makes a super surface for girls to prep food on and there is even a serving window/breakfast bar.

The camp is in full gear to compost – everything from vegetable and fruit scraps to bones! Let's share our knowledge and keep our promise to respect our environment by decreasing our amount of garbage. Not enough room in the counter top bin for your compost? Bag it and place it in the full size freezer until you can dispose of it at the roadside bin.

Please be a conscious Responsible Guider and share the list of info from the office with all your Guiders that are coming to camp – especially the list of what to bring and what is there. It is so great to have more than one great mind when making the shopping list.

Here is a review from early season campers:

What a great weekend we had! We were 21 girls and 5 adults and the set up worked well for us. There was more than enough room to store all our outdoor wear and sufficient room to maneuver.

The snowshoes were a great bonus and we may have borrowed some buddy burners from the back porch! Overall we had a great weekend and we will definitely be back.

Lori Labelle

I plan to take in the beautiful scenery myself over the holidays and prepare and mark some easy to hard trails for campers to explore by snowshoe. Reserve now so you can test them out and let me know how you and your campers enjoyed the trails and what animal tracks you found that crossed them!

Joanne

Super Eagle



Looking Forward to 2020...

January

January 18: Guider Symposium

Rangers and Guiders, join us for a day of training, sisterhood, fun and learning where we build a future with 20/20 vision. Register [here](#).

February 7-9: Pathfinder and Ranger Trip to Québec Carnaval

Experience Québec City's Carnaval with your sisters in Guiding. – Full

February 7-9: Guide Wonderful Winter Weekend at Wa-Thik-Ane

Join us for our first ever provincial winter camp at Wa-Thik-Ane. There will be plenty of fantastical fun to be had. – Full

February 22: World Thinking Day

How will your unit/district celebrate?

February 29: Drag Storytime for Sparks

Come celebrate being you with other Sparks!

February

March

March 4: The Secret 3K

This year, GGC was chosen as the charity receiving donations raised through [the run](#). Our members have the opportunity to volunteer and/or participate!

March 22: St. Patrick's Day Parade

Show off your green and GGC spirit at Montreal's St. Patrick's Day parade.

March 27: Harlem Globetrotters

Attend a theatrical basketball game at a discounted price with your family or unit where GGC will receive a \$2 donation from every ticket!

March 27-29: National Women's Show

Come visit [our booth](#) at the Palais des Congrès! Talk to us about free passes!

April 17-19: Cookie Days in Canada

Whether you're selling in front of a store or going door-to-door, it's a great weekend for cookie selling and getting out in your community!

April 25: Volunteer Banquet

Save the date and join us for Québec's first volunteer banquet. Stay tuned for more details in the new year.

April

May

May 2: Provincial AGM and Awards Ceremony

Come celebrate the 2019 Guiding year and your fellow Guiders, wish RoseAnna & Carol goodbye and welcome our new PC.

May 9: Geordie Theatre Play

Again this year, we are partnering with Geordie Theatre to present a play for Guiding members. This year: [Virginia Wolf](#).

May 30: All SySTEMs Go!

This event will invite Guides, Pathfinders, Rangers and friends to discover the various STEM pathways (science, technology, engineering, math and beyond!).

Have you ever considered applying for a role as a provincial adviser?

Many positions open up in May 2020. This could be your chance to get more involved and have your voice heard at the provincial level.



Travel/International Adviser

Empower girl and adult members to travel and provide guidance as needed.

qc-international@guidescanada.ca



Safe Guide Adviser

Liaise with provincial Safe Guide assessors, answer questions and plan Safe Guide training sessions.

qc-safeguide@guidescanada.ca



PR Adviser

Support districts in their PR plans and coordinate provincial PR events.

qc-pr-rp@guidescanada.ca



Membership Adviser

Support the province in retaining our current members and gaining new ones.

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Program Adviser

Coordinate provincial program opportunities and provide timely programming ideas & resources.

qc-programme@guidescanada.ca



Training Adviser

To promote, coordinate, and ensure delivery of training for adult Members and to coordinate learning opportunities for trainers.

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Get in touch with the [nominations committee](#) if you're interested in finding out more or to nominate a fellow Guider.

Girl Recognition Ceremony

The 2019 Girl Recognition Ceremony was hosted by Laval-Mille-Iles District.
Congratulations to all the girls who earned the following awards!



Canada Cord

Adora Okeke-Marchand
Alexa Li Kam Wa
Amelia Starnino
Amy Lyon
Chloe Francisco
Elizabeth Tremblay
Emma Alcorn
Emma Beaulieu
Isabelle DeLangen
Kathleen Hynes
Kira Price
Madeleine Alain
Madeleine Fortier
Marissa D'Ippolito
Paisley McFarlane
Reaghan O'Farrell
Sarah Alexander
Zoé Gagné
Zoe Pride

Change Maker

Cassandra Gillen

Distinctive Youth Award

Melissa Bradley
Cassandra Gillen
Kristin Rodney

Provincial Commissioner's Blue in the Spirit

Elysia Coache - *Fall Fun Day*
Rebecca Devey - *Hamelin Girl Recognition*
Rebecca Feng - *Sparks Jamboree*
Alexandra Gagliano - *Fall Fun Day*
Zoé Gagné - *Spark Jamboree*
Zoë Hagiepetros - *Fall Fun Day*
Talia Martin - *National AGM*
Paisley McFarlane - *Thinking Day*
Zoe Pride - *Fall Fun Day*
Dylan Sanchez-McMillan - *Fall Fun Day*
Emily Schamerhorn - *National AGM, Spark Jamboree*
Ayla Shanks - *Thinking Day*
Melanie Swain - *National AGM*
Jane Weber - *Spark Jamboree*

Provincial Commissioner's Gold-You Rocked It

Abigail Estey - *National AGM, Fall Fun Day*
Brianna Gallant - *National AGM, Fall Fun Day, Girl Recognition, Girl/Guider Tea*
Virgine Voyer - *Snow Trails 2019*

Lady Baden Powell

Adien Griffiths
Alexandra Mathieu
Chloe Hnatiuk
Emma Pinter
Gwen Cornell
Hailey Wysote
Julianna Marcotte
Julianna Meier
Juliet Lefebvre
Kristin Osman
Lauren Benard
Madeleine Costain
Mathilda Johnson
Melina Mercuri
Prachi Patel
Sandra Nitchi
Soa Lemary
Sofie Sondermeyer
Sophie Kalpas
Sophie Simard
Taylor Ann Ross

Trailblazer Bronze

Achelee Hynes-Rooney
Isabella Guay
Marina Reda

Chief Commissioner's Gold Award

Jane Weber

Youth Commitment Award

Abigail Estey
Alison Bews
Amelia Starnino
Amy Lyon
Ariana Veerabadren
Christina Hynes-Rooney
Elora Di Blasio
Emma Alcorn
Emma Beaulieu
Emma Stork
Evelyn Grow
Isabella Falcone
Marissa D'Ippolito
Metayah Little
Paisley McFarlane



Snippets from the Past

By Annette Levasseur

The first years of Guiding in Québec are not well documented.

What we do know is:

- ♣ Older girls were called Senior Guides until July 1923 when it was decided at the Oxford Conference to change the name to Rangers.
- ♣ In May 1925, there were two Ranger companies with eighteen Rangers and three leaders.
- ♣ In 1926, this figure rose to six groups and six leaders.
- ♣ The first Sea Rangers were called “Sea Guides” and their ship was “Nelson.”

Stay tuned for more...

Honouring our former Provincial Commissioners (5th, 6th and 7th):

Elizabeth (Bessie) Isobel Farrell-Hyde 1950-1954

Florence Leslie 1954-1959

Kay Stavert 1959-1964 as well as 1941-1945



We know you take lots of pictures. Before you flip the page to 2020, send your best ones to qc-communications@guidescanada.ca. We're looking for awesome shots for the AGM year in review slideshow and for many other purposes (social media, PR, our website, etc.)!

* Please make sure all members in them are image released.

