



January 2019

The Piccolo

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Science,
Technology,
Engineering,
Art and
Math

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**Girl
Guides**

Québec Council

The Guiding Year

- 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 5 **Spark Event**
- 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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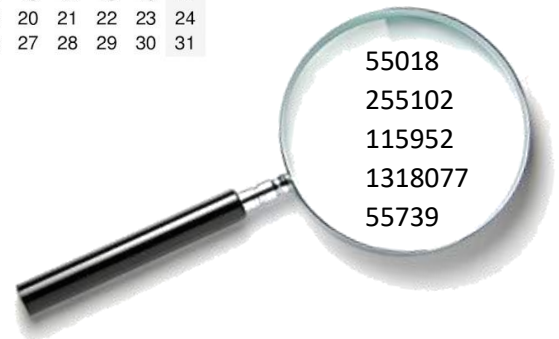
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There's a Crest for That!

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!



Message from the PC

Happy New Year and see you all at Symposium!

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 February issue: February 7.

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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 focused 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*



Districts are being challenged to bring STEAM-themed matching headgear to show off their district pride – hats, pompoms, wigs, whatever you can think of!

More Training!

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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 behaviour, including girls with disabilities, so your girls want to travel, managing and preventing bullying, planning with the new platform and more of your ideas!

Camping News

Joanne Cardinal, Camping Adviser | camping@guidesquebec.ca



Pathfinders and Rangers: 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!

Snow Trails is a BRING-A-FRIEND event!
Members and non-member friends are welcome to register!



[Register now!](#)

Wonderful Weeks at Wa-Thik-Ane

The temperature will rise and the snow will melt to welcome the summer and with summer will come the

Wonderful Weeks at Wa-Thik-Ane for summer camp!

We have an exciting camp season in the planning!



Once again this year we have 4 full weeks and three weekends of camp, so help us fill those tents!

- **Adventure Camp** for Pathfinders and Rangers only.
- **Expedition Camp** for Guides; an adventure camp for Guides.
- Returning again this year **Trails Camp** for Pathfinders and Rangers; come and hike the new trails of Wa-Thik-Ane and camp out one night along the way!
- **Mother and Daughter Camp**; please help us pass the word on this wonderful weekend camp for girls of all ages with their Moms.
- Back by popular demand, a different **theme** for each regular camp week or weekend; choose your favourite!

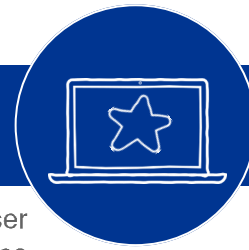
Have we piqued your interest? A more detailed information package will be sent out at the end of January.

We NEED YOU!

Please **promote summer camp** to your units. Would you like a summer camp team to visit your district to talk to the parents and girls? Let us know at camping@guidesquebec.ca and we will come.



If you would like to join our **planning team or volunteer** for a week/weekend please contact Joanne Cardinal at the above email address.



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Top 10 STEAM Activities

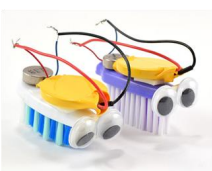
Looking for more hands-on activities that incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) for your units? This TOP TEN LIST should get you going. Activities can be scaled for Sparks to Rangers.

1. **Build** a structure that can support itself out of only straws and tape
2. **Construct** a LEGO® boat that can hold weights like washers and give it a float test.
3. **Build** a marble run that can travel throughout your meeting space using tubing and tape.



4. **Design** and build a table, using only newspaper and tape...it must be able to support the weight of a textbook.
5. **Challenge** girls to build edible cars. The cars must be built entirely from food items edible to humans. They must look like cars with at least two axles and at least three wheels. To add a speed challenge, their car must roll down a ramp approximately 100 cm long.

6. **Design** and build paper Pop rockets: see [instructions](#) from NASA for constructing paper rockets and building a fun [pop rocket launcher](#) (Guides to Rangers) or make [printable paper rockets](#) (Sparks to Brownies)
7. **Design**, build and test a Rube Goldberg® Machine. Enter your unit's into the [Rube Goldberg Contest!](#)



8. **Create** some [bristle bots](#) and design a maze for them.
9. **Sew** some STEAM by having girls design and create their own [LED wearable](#).



10. **Float** a boat. Challenge girls to develop their engineering design skills by designing a [cardboard boat](#) that will float even when weighed down by a bag of sugar.

Geordie Productions: Reaching for Starlight

Save the Date! Geordie Theatre and Girl Guides in Québec are once again collaborating to present a special performance for Guiding members ([Reaching for Starlight](#)), including a Q&A with the performers and a short tour of the theatre.



Saturday, April 27 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!



Trip to Ottawa



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Next Generation Council

Join the Guides Québec Next Generation Forum!

Girls ages 13-18 who are passionate about the role youth can play in shaping Guiding in Québec are invited to apply to join the Next Generation Forum.

- Have fun with other Pathfinders and Rangers
- Have a say in the future of Guiding in Québec
- Be a spokesperson for other girls
- Add to your CV
- Help plan exciting events



*Ideal for someone who is enthusiastic,
dedicated and innovative.*

The Next Generation Youth Forum positions are held for one year and girls get to be part of the committees that plan provincial events!

Any girls who think they might be interested should [answer the few short questions here](#) and we'll be in touch! **Deadline: March 1.**

Guiders, a personal message to a girl telling her you think she'd be great for one of these positions can make a world of difference. Please help us find these girls! You can also send names of girls you think would be great to youth.jeunesse@guidesquebec.ca.

30 Years of Sparks Event



Save the Date!

Spark units are invited to come celebrate 30 years of Sparks with us on May 5 in Saint-Laurent.

It's going to be a party to remember!

More details coming soon!

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PR News



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

St. Patrick's Day Parade

The St. Patrick's Day Parade is a great opportunity to show off our Guiding and Irish spirit. Join us on March 17th and walk in the 196th Montreal St. Patrick's Day Parade. If you would like to participate, please register as a unit or individual (adult) [here](#). There will be a crest available for purchase. Parents and siblings are welcome but no pets. Those registered will get more information by email about meet-up time and location for parade day. **Registration closes March 1, 2019.**

If you have any questions, email pr.rp@guidesquebec.ca



PR Events

When a local PR opportunity comes up, an email must be sent to the Provincial PR Adviser at pr.rp@guidesquebec.ca, copying the District Commissioner, by the Guider taking the lead on the event, for her review. The PR Adviser will be prepared to give advice, and specifically offer up suggestions on the most current messages GGC is looking to promote and how they should be delivered. She will also, in conjunction with the Communications Adviser, be able to help decide on the appropriate PR material for the specific event.

To get a better picture of Guiding PR in the province, we'd also ask that you complete the [Post-Event form](#) 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!

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: Unit Guider Award

The Unit Guider Award is presented to Unit Guiders in recognition of good service in the Unit Guider role. Nominators must provide a completed R.3 form, along with two letters of support. The award is granted by the council concerned. The years of experience are cumulative and a Unit Guider may receive any or all of the award levels during her tenure in Guiding. The bronze can be received by a Unit Guider in her first year.

The award is given in three levels: Bronze (1-3 years), Silver (4-10 years), Gold (11+ years)



Tip of the Hat

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 (awards.reconnaissance@guidesquebec.ca). The Guider will receive a crest at home and it will be published in The Piccolo.



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!



International News

Valerie Zaloum, Event Lead | international@guidesquebec.ca

CWFF

The run-up to Thinking Day, February 22

What do you know about the Canadian World Friendship Fund?

Along with WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides & Girl Scouts) projects where Canadian Guiding has pledged its support, the CWFF offers financial assistance to adult members who have been selected to accompany girls on nationally sponsored trips, to members attending international Guiding events as GGC representatives, and to girls and adults from other Guiding countries visiting Canada for special events.

Each member should make an effort to contribute – fundraising for CWFF requires no special permission (though activities should conform to GGC fundraising guidelines). A suggestion is a \$5 per member goal, and there are lots of ways to raise or earn that donation! Contact international@guidesquebec.ca if you're looking for suggestions.



All the Time in the World: A Thinking Day to Remember

Celebrate the worldwide sisterhood of Guiding on February 22-23 at Bonsecours Market!



Our sleepover event for **Brownies** and older is very popular – there is still some space available, so [don't delay!](#)

Sparks may join in with their Guider or a parent for **Open House activities** on Saturday morning, from 8:30 – 11 am

Admission for them is \$4 per girl member at the door – reserve through this [link](#)

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

To learn more about this extraordinary event, check the [December Piccolo](#), and to review some of our FAQs or to register, click [here](#)



Looking for a great way to finish your Saturday?

The Pointe-à-Callière Archaeology and History Complex is offering our members the extraordinary rate of \$5 for visits that afternoon. Explore beneath Montréal's foundations, and visit the exhibits.



Newfoundland 2019



Congratulations to the members selected to attend Newfoundland 2019!

Cassandra Gillen - Valois Dorval

Dylan Sanchez McMillan - Valois Dorval

Zoe Silano - Lakeshore

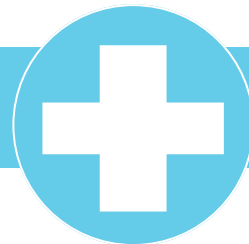
Gemma Webster - Valois Dorval

Andrea Munster - Liesse (Accompanying Guider)

Alternate:

Emily Schamerhorn - Lakeshore

First Aid News



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 the 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

Cookie News

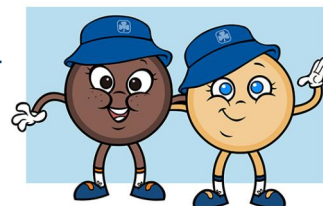


Bethan Wardrop and Marissa Schembre, Cookie Co-Advisers
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Cookie All Stars

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.



Cookie Days in Canada

Spring Cookie
Days: April 6
and 7, 2019

Registration for Smart Centre locations will open mid February. Watch *The GuidePost* for details. Offered properties are quite limited so remember that you're always welcome to organize your own location or go door to door. Choosing any of these options during that weekend will earn your unit a crest as long as you're registered!

Voilà Québec!

Emily Lillies, Event Lead | voilaquebec@guidesquebec.ca



Thinking of what to do during the summer? Come volunteer at Voilà Québec! Spend a week up at Wa-Thik-Ane with girls and guiders from across the country. We are looking for guiders to fill the following roles:

- Program
- Quartermaster
- First Aider

[Click here](#) to submit a volunteer application. The deadline to apply is Monday, March 4.

Look out for us at Symposium for exciting news about how you can help design Voilà Québec!

If you have any questions, email voilaquebec@guidesquebec.ca or find us at Symposium.



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)

Safe Guide News



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

Winter Activities

We know our girls love to be outdoors in the winter. With that in mind please remember to include *Safe Guide in all your plans*. For Guides and up, help them understand our way of managing risk with the Safe Guide document:

Ice Skating and Sledding/Tobogganing: There are activity guides to help you with your planning on pages 69 and 71 of Safe Guide. Regarding helmets, Safe Guide states that Guiders must let parents know that if they want their child to wear a helmet, they must provide it. This is a parental decision.



Conditional Activities: Alpine/downhill skiing and/or snowboarding. Please consult Appendix B - Conditional Activities on page 160 of Safe Guide. Parents and adult participants will need to complete an SG.5 (Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement) prior to your event. If you are making plans with a third-party, please ensure you follow the guidelines for a Third Party Service Provider, page 75 in Safe Guide.

Not permitted: ATV's and snowmobiles and ice climbing.

Guiders Driving Girls



This is a question which comes up often. There has been a change this year. For Green level activities, GGC will no longer be involved in approving arrangements to drive girls, as these are considered private arrangements, whether it be Guiders driving, other parents driving, or the group organizing car-pooling. GGC does not carry automobile insurance, so the registered owner must have adequate insurance. See page 39 of *Safe Guide for more information*. *Vehicle rentals, hay and sleigh rides and floats are still on the chart as Yellow*

Treasurers' Trove

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



District Book Reviews

A district book review swap is being organized at the provincial office for the week of February 25. More details with specific dates/times will follow.

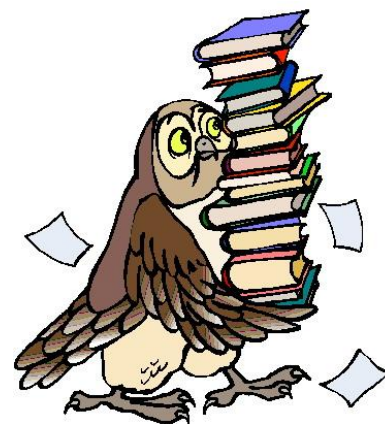
If you can make any of those dates, please bring your closed December 31 2018 books, ready for review. You will swap books with another reviewer there, and you will be able to bring your books home right away once reviewed.

Please confirm by emailing finances-support@guidesquebec.ca if you will be able to make it on any of the designated dates.

If you can't make it, the books still need to be reviewed. You can either make arrangements with a neighbouring district, or have someone else within the district review the books. Be sure that the guidelines as to independence/no relatives etc. are respected and that the Financial Review Checklist is completed appropriately.

The first page of the Financial Review Checklist (Notes from Recipient Council) is prepared by QC Council and sent to the reviewers. If you won't be there on any of the above dates and are arranging for others to review the books, let me know and I can help fill in that section for your designated reviewer.

If none of those alternatives work, send the books to the office by January 31, 2019, and other arrangements will be made.



Book Reviews — Units, Camp/Trip Accounts & Trefoil Guilds

Unit, camp/trip and Trefoil Guild books need to be reviewed by January 31 as well. The reviews for units and camp/trip accounts are done at the District level, but copies of the Financial Review Checklist and Annual Financial Report must be sent to the office. Deadline to do so is January 31. Trefoil books can be reviewed at the District book swap.

Book Reviews — General Guidelines

Many of you are familiar with this process, but as a reminder here is a quick checklist of items to keep in mind for any book review (district, unit or Trefoil Guild):

- 1) On the 'Annual Report' tab make sure your District/Unit/Trefoil Guild name and signing officers are listed at the top. Make sure the proper bank info is at the bottom and fill in the reconciled balance as this is not automatically generated. This page must also be signed by the treasurer and DC. When complete, you need to print this Annual Report.
- 2) Print any 'Main Forms' that you used. Every line should have an "OK."

- 3) Print your explanatory notes if you have them.
- 4) Print your December 31 bank reconciliation with a copy of the bank statement showing the December 31 balance.
- 5) Make sure all receipts are with your cheque requisitions, and your deposit slips are clear.
- 6) Make sure you have all bank statements.
- 7) Print any GST/PST related forms.

Be sure to respect the January 31 deadline as noted above.

Other

Be sure to use the available documents on the GGC Quebec website under Quebec Forms at: www.guidesquebec.ca. There are many guidelines and forms which may answer your questions, such as:

- Treasurer's Calendar
- 2019 Financial Package
- Financial Review Checklist



There are always possibilities for financial trainings, so please don't hesitate if you'd like one organized. If there are any questions in the meantime, don't hesitate to reach out.

Trefoil News

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



Happy New Year, ladies!

I hope to see many of you at the Guider Symposium at John Abbot on January 19. There will be a special Trefoil Guild gathering in the afternoon.

Please send me reports of your Guilds' activities so I can enclose them in *The Piccolo*.

Here is a picture of the toys the West Island Cabana Guild sent to the West Island Women's Shelter for Christmas.



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DEAR OLAVE,

DEAR OLAVE: When I go online my kids get excited because they think they will have a chance to play video games, so I usually try to do it when they are not around if I can. Yesterday, however, I was checking my emails for something else, with both kids hanging over my shoulder, when I spotted that *The Piccolo* had arrived. I opened it to quickly check if there was anything I should take note of before moving it out of my inbox, when my son, who is a 3rd year Cub Scout, remembered (from previously reading over my shoulder!) that we should check for my iMIS #. So, while I tried to actually read the news in the *Piccolo* he looked for my number and was very excited to find it! ...Perhaps he deserves the crest?

Lucky Mother

DEAR LUCKY: It sounds like you've trained your son very well! I think he definitely deserves a crest and I will add one in for him with yours. Thanks for reading!

DEAR OLAVE: I've got this great idea for an event I'd like to run at the provincial level, but I have no idea where to even begin or who to contact. Any chance you could shed some light on the process?

Eager Planner

DEAR EAGER: A new event? Neat! It's always exciting to get new people involved and that's wonderful to hear that you're eager to step up. Your best bet for a first step is to check in with the related adviser. You can find the [contact list](#) for all of the advisers, liaisons and council members in Québec on our provincial website. Send her a quick email to see whether something like what you have in mind has ever been done before, where it might fit into future plans, or just to get some advice. Eventually there will be an event

planning sheet to complete with more details, a budget and a communication plan, but that's jumping the gun for now. You can see it [here](#) if you're curious, though. Good luck and I look forward to seeing pictures from your event in *The Piccolo* some day!

DEAR OLAVE: My girls and I are absolutely loving the new program! They've earned their first badges and are excited about getting more new ones. I know that they can still earn the old ones too, but a past Guider in our unit ordered so many thinking she needed to stockpile them at one point and we now have way more than we could ever use in the near future and I don't know what to do with them. Any suggestions?

So Many Badges

DEAR SO MANY: I'm so glad to hear that you're enjoying the new program. The old badges are still current for this year, but it sounds like you have a ton and the new badges look so cool, so I can see why your girls are excited to earn them – especially since they're getting to decide how! There are a number of buy-sell-trade pages on Facebook where you might be able to pass them along to another unit who could use them. If you're looking for something more local, bring them along with you to Symposium on January 19, where there will be a table just for badge swapping! You can trade in your badges for tickets that you can cash in for badges you may need. Guiders can also visit the table to buy badges for 25 cents each, with all monies collected going to the Canadian World Friendship Fund. They won't be the new ones, but perhaps you could recognize a girl for something special she has done as part of the new program that also fits into the old one.

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Local Stories

Many units and districts planned celebrations and service projects for the holidays. Northshore girls made crafts with seniors and collected non-perishable food donations. Secteur Argenteuil Pathfinders collected items to fill bags for those in need and Riverdale Pathfinders set up a photo booth for their Sparks.



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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!

