

THE PICCOLO



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Message from the Editor

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Fall is here and units are starting up. It's a perfect time to hold a meeting outside and enjoy the warm weather and quickly disappearing sunlight!

This year is an extra special year because it will be the last one with the current Guiding program. Next year we move forward into Girls First! You've been hearing about it for ages and you're sure to have questions about what's coming — change is scary after all — but there are lots of opportunities for you to get involved and to find out more!

Fall Fun Day

Staff from national will be coming to fall Fun Day to talk to Guiders and girls about what's coming! Don't miss your chance to hear all about it and to share your thoughts!

GGC's new tagline, "Everything she wants to be," is an indication of the direction Girls First will take. Guiding will be more fresh, relevant and responsive to what girls and Guiders need than ever before.

As was shared in this fall's *Canadian Guider*, girls will be led and given opportunities to become more confident, resilient, independent, open-minded and fulfilled.

It's not too early to get girls excited about these changes too! Talk to them about whether they'd like to become a test unit and let them know that they can be a part of determining the direction our organization will take, as they do with your unit!

Become a test unit!

Are you interested in getting an early start on seeing what Girls First will have to offer? Apply to be a [test unit](#)!

What are their dreams and wishes for their future in Guiding? Can you help get them there? Keep your eyes open for more information coming your way all year!

Share your favourite activities

The Girls First team is looking for your favourite activities. Tell them about them [here](#) and they might get included in the new program!

Presentation at the office

Senior volunteers (DCs, advisers and council members) are invited to a presentation from national staff at the office on September 29. RSVP [here](#).

Find out [more!](#)

Program News



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Celebrating Girls

International Day of the Girl is a day to recognize and support girls' rights and to end global gender inequality. This initiative was created to bring world focus to the challenges that girls face in their everyday lives, and to support governments and communities in addressing these challenges. As a girl-serving organization and a member of the world's largest voluntary movement for girls and women, GGC continues to commemorate this day each year with a specialized instant meeting.

International Day of the Girl is October 11th this year and we have so many reasons to celebrate the girls in Guiding!

Looking for an easy way to work this theme into a meeting, look no further than this [instant meeting](#) from 2016 with great activity ideas for all branches !

Looking for new programming? Why not join #TEAMGIRL?



WAGGGS is marking International Day of the Girl 2017 with the #TeamGirl campaign - and this year the focus is on education! Education is at the heart of everything WAGGGS does - to enable girls and young women to develop to their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world.

Download ***NEW*** specially designed [activity packs](#)!

Your unit can work through this pack together to explore some of the barriers girls and young women face in getting an education, and explore how non-formal education can begin to address these barriers.

Happy International Day of the Girl!

Challenge of the Month: Sing Ontario Sing

Start off the Guiding year by introducing new songs to your unit while celebrating Canada! Throughout your campfire, you'll share facts about the wonderful country we live in.

Have your girls pick from a variety of songs. Start off with an opening song, move on to repeat-after-me and silly songs (the sillier the better) and finish off your campfire with slower and closing songs.



What's Coming Up?

2017 - [Canada's 150th Birthday](#)

September 21 [International Day of Peace](#)

October 4-10 - [World Space Week](#)

November 25 - December 10 - [16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence](#)

Cookies are coming!

Cookie Adviser | cookies.biscuits@guidesquebec.ca



Chocolatey mint cookies will be delivered across the province between **September 25-30**.

Storing Cookies

- Ensure storage space is clean, dry and protected. The storage location should not currently house chemicals, paint or any solvent producing an odour that could be absorbed by the cookies.
- Keep the cookies away from potential infestations (insects, rodents, etc.).
- Keep cases dry and away from moisture of any kind. Beware of bare cement floors that may transfer moisture to carrying cases and cause weakness. Deliveries will not be made to locations with dirt floors.
- Temperature is an important factor during mint deliveries. If we happen to have a warm September mint cookies can easily melt if left in a car for any length of time or an unventilated garage. Mint cookies should be stored at a temperature between 10°C and 22 °C
- Do not store in vehicles or outdoors (e.g. backyard or front porch).



Cookie Days in Canada

- Cookie Days will be held on **Saturday, October 14th and Sunday, October 15th**.
- GGC is no longer partnering with SEARS. You can [apply](#) for a Smart Centre location or plan your own cookie-selling event.
- If you are planning a Cookie event don't forget to enter it on to the [Cookie Map finder](#) (this takes about 3 working days to show on the map).

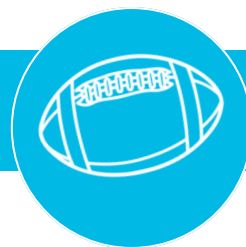
Cookie All Stars



There's an exciting prize for girls who sell 80 or more cases of cookies in the 2017-2018 Guiding year: a camp kit (approx. value of \$300) or a \$250 Amazon gift card. The Cookie All Star site won't open until February so make sure you keep track of how many cases each of your girls sells this fall so you can submit your numbers in the winter/spring.

The Gros Dodo Update

Le Gros Dodo Planning Team | legrosdodo@guidesquebec.ca



Find us on Snapchat!



We'll be sharing the Gros Dodo with you!

Snapchat

We'll have our own special geofilter for the event!

For those less familiar with Snapchat, a geofilter will let you snap with our specially created overlay while in and near the stadium during different times on Sunday. Share your excitement about the event by using the geofilter and send us your snaps so we can share them!

You'll find our filter when it's available by swiping left or right on your screen as long as you have location sharing with the app enabled.

Add us on Snapchat: [guidesquebec](#)

Social Media

Hashtags for other social media platforms: [#GGCLeGrosDodo](#)

Pathfinder Trip to Carnaval

Angie Kruller | aokantje@gmail.com



Plans are under way for the third bi-annual Québec Carnaval adventure for Pathfinders, February 2-4, 2018. We have booked a church hall, with a capacity of 40. The trip will include transportation (coach bus), sleeping accommodation, meals and snacks, the Carnaval "Effigy" (admission to Carnaval activities), a visit to the Ice Hotel and a cabane à sucre supper on the way home. The cost per person will be a maximum of \$175. Guiders are expected to accompany their girls.

We are looking for a few Pathfinder Guiders to put this trip together with our help. Please contact Angie Kruller at aokantje@gmail.com if you want to join the team

This is a Pathfinder activity, but we will open it to Rangers if we need to fill spaces. Therefore, we ask that you poll your girls to assess interest and send a quick e-mail to aokantje@gmail.com with your possible numbers by November 15th. Please put "QC trip" in the subject line. This is not a commitment, but we need an idea if there is enough interest. Complete information and registration information will be in the November *Piccolo*.



Spotlight on PR



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



Is your PR material up-to-date? Don't see it here? Are members wearing old version of the uniform in the pictures? You might be using the old material! Please be sure to keep your materials current.

If you need to replace your PR materials or get more for upcoming events, email [communications](mailto:communications@guidesquebec.ca).

Reminder: the [PR Subsidy](#) is available for your upcoming membership events. Get up to a \$75 PR Subsidy!

Girl Recognition



Sara Ogilvie, Member Services Coordinator | mbr.services@guidesquebec.ca



The annual Girl Recognition Event will be held in Monklands District in November.

If any of your girls earned awards last year (Lady BP, Canada Cord, Chief Commissioner's or Girl Greatness), please email imis@guidesquebec.ca with their award, their name, their iMIS number and the date when the award was presented by the end of September to ensure that it gets on their iMIS profile as that is where the invitation list will be pulled from.

Training News

Heather Martin, Training Adviser | training.formation@guidesquebec.ca



WHEN? WHERE? WHO? WHAT?

Please complete the training request [form](#) so we can plan to meet your needs
You can register for training sessions [here](#)

(*Tentative dates)

New Guider Training (minimum 5 Guiders required or alternate arrangements will be made)

Being a Unit Guider & About the Branch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn the basics needed to be a Unit Guider - includes overview of general Guiding information and level specific activities and resources 	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday* Sept 24 8:30-4:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">To be determined based on need and availability*** TRAINING - 4.25 hours 1 evening/2 evenings/1/2 day</p>
Safe Guide <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about GGC's risk management program (Safe Guide) and how it applies to activities with your unit. <i>(MANDATORY within your first 6 months)</i> 		<p style="text-align: center;">To be determined based on need and availability*** TRAINING - 3 hours 1 evening/1/2 day</p>

Transition Training (minimum 5 Guiders required or alternate arrangements will be made)

Moving into Brownies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about the unique needs of the Brownie age girl and how to adapt from what you know. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday* Sept 9 1:00-4:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">To be determined based on Interest, need and availability*** TRAINING - 3 hours 1 evening/1/2 day</p>
Becoming a Guide leader <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about enabling Guide aged girls and how to build skills and independence. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday* Sept 24 1:00-4:00pm</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Into Sparks, Pathfinders, or Rangers? From Guider to Commissioner 		<p style="text-align: center;"><i>As there are fewer Guiders switching into these branches, please complete the request form so we can best meet your needs!</i></p>

Outdoor Activity Leadership Training (minimum 10 Guiders required)

OAL - Getting Outside <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to getting your unit outside more often, including day camps and fieldtrips 	<p style="text-align: center;">Friday* TBC 7-9:30 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Overnight option available between sessions Including Snacks & breakfast Come "Share in the Sisterhood" (Location & Price to be confirmed)</i></p>
OAL - Residential Camping (\$15) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview and basics required to Lead, Plan, and implement a basic camping experience in a residential setting. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday* TBC 9:00am-4:00pm (includes lunch)</p>	

Training for trainers and experienced Guiders

Train the Trainer and Friends <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A overnight session to help build training and facilitating skills for Trainers and other experienced Guiders working with adults and Rangers. 	<p style="text-align: center;">From Saturday* to Sunday TBC</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Includes Overnight stay, Supper, Breakfast, and Lunch (price TBC) (most likely the same location as OAL)</i></p>
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Mental Health First Aid	<p style="text-align: center;">Certification Course: 15 hours - TBC late Oct-Nov 2017 Approximately - \$150-\$200 per person Not subsidized by province Min: 12 participants -- Non-Guiding friends who work with youth welcome Please confirm INTEREST on the Training Request Form</p>
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Other Requests	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>***Please complete the training request form (PDF or online) so we can plan to meet your needs and send it to training.formation@guidesquebec.ca. Watch your email and future Piccolos for more dates and details!</i></p>
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International News

Valerie Zaloum, International Adviser | international@guidesquebec.ca



International Travel Opportunities 2018

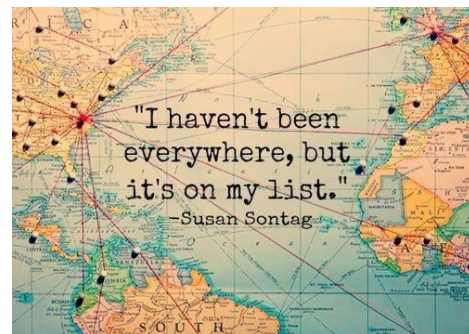
- Pathfinders and Rangers, and the Guiders who know them best! The application site is now open for these great trips!
- Check the age requirements of each of these cool destinations, and really give some thought to applying.
- C'mon, some of you have heard about this since you were Sparks or Brownies - NOW is your chance to try!

*Deadline:
October 30!*

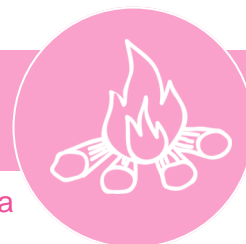
Maybe you want to learn more about National trips, or maybe you want to help inspire a unit to build an independent trip of their own.

We are fortunate to have many recent travelers in Québec who have lots of knowledge to share about this awesome experience.

Contact international@guidesquebec.ca with questions, or to set up a visit from an experienced globetrotting member!



Property Committee News



Ellen Gauthier, Property Committee Chair | lacbouchette@guidesquebec.ca

Camp Clean-Up Day

Once again the Wa-Thik-Ane camping season is coming to an end and it is time to put the camp to bed for the winter. This year's closing day is scheduled for **Sunday, October 1 from 9am to 4pm.**

As usual there will be plenty of tasks for all of our eager volunteers and needless to say, more participants make the job smaller! We must take down tents (weather permitting), close up sites, move equipment into winter storage and clean and animal proof the buildings.



Limited indoor accommodations at Stavert Lodge (18 spots) are available for adult Guiders who wish to stay over following the Provincial Fall Fun Day on September 30. The Property Committee will provide breakfast for those who stay over and lunch for everyone who participates in the clean-up on Sunday.

Please send us an email at lacbouchette@guidesquebec.ca with the subject line "Camp Clean-Up Day" to let us know your plans and to reserve a spot at Stavert.

Not available that weekend? If you are unable to come on October 1 – do not despair! There is a need for small teams of adults to take down the canvas tents during the weeks preceding camp closure, and again for a small team to complete the winterization of the buildings between October 2 and 6.

Fall Fun Day Registration



Joanne Cardinal, Camping Adviser | camping@guidesquebec.ca

What?

A fun day at our provincial camp in Morin Heights with challenges and activities that will have you visit the entire camp in an interactive and fun way. Our day will end with our annual campfire with over 300 voices singing Guiding songs.

The goal of this event is to encourage new and experienced campers and Guiders to visit the camp and try camping without the concern of the overnight or the required planning and to give those who love camping another chance to enjoy it before the winter.



When?

Saturday, September 30, 2017

9:30 am—arrival at Wa-Thik-Ane, Morin Heights

7:30 pm—departure from Wa-Thik-Ane, Morin-Heights

Transportation: Departure approx. 8 am, from location on the registration form; return approx. 9 pm to same location

Who?

Guiders of all branches and their girls

Each Guider may bring a full patrol (based on branch-specific ratio). One Guider per **full** patrol travels free.

Mixed groups must meet youngest girl ratio

A PRC-checked female adult may accompany girls in place of a Guider, but will be expected to participate as a facilitator of the day's program.

Cost?

\$45.00 per person (girls and adults)

Includes 3 snacks, 2 meals, a crest and activities

Includes transportation (\$15 discount for one Guider per full patrol)

Register

The SG.1, SG.2 and a handout for families (in English and French) are available on the [Québec website](#).

Complete the [PATROL REGISTRATION FORM](#) after reading the information included on the first page

NEW **Strict deadline for registration Sunday, September 24 at noon.**



Any participant who participates in both the Gros Dodo SLEEPOVER and Fall Fun Day will get a \$10 discount (see reg. form)



The Fall Fun Day team is looking for volunteers!

If you are not part of a patrol attending and want to help run a fantastic fall day full of fun, please contact Joanne Cardinal, the provincial camping adviser at camping@guidesquebec.ca.

No experience is needed, just a love of the outdoors and a smile!

Safe Guide News



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

Please refer to the summer Piccolo for some of the changes to the Safe Guide document and forms. They have been in effect since September 1, 2017.

Every Guider should download and read the changes in the Safe Guide 2017 document and make sure they are using the most up-to-date forms. Of particular note is the new H.1 form. If you have any comments about the new form, please send them to safeguide@guidesquebec.ca and I will send them on to National.

New Guiders are invited to the Safe Guide Training on September 24. See the training section for details. All Guiders **must** complete Safe Guide training within 6 months of becoming a Guider.

I know you all have great plans for the upcoming year. Remember Safe Guide is your friend in ensuring everyone has a safe and healthy time!

Youth Council



Helena Green, Youth Coordinator; Alexandra Meredith, Youth Voice
youth.jeunesse@guidesquebec.ca

You're invited!

Youth Members age 15-25

Your youth advisors would like to invite you to join them:

14th October 2017

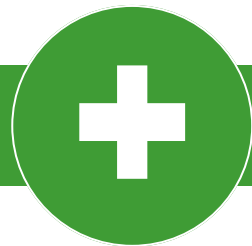
At Mountainside United Church

From 9am to 3pm

This is an informal meet and greet to get to know each other, exchange ideas, thoughts and expectations for the coming Guiding Year.

Please RSVP with your name, iMIS # and District to youth.jeunesse@guidesquebec.ca.

First Aid



A first aid recertification course is being offered by Pulse Aide Inc. on **October 22, 2017 from 8:30 am - 5:30 pm in Lachine**. As for all recertification courses, participants must have a current (not-expired) Red Cross Certification. The cost is \$90. More information can be found on the [website](#).

Treasurers' Trove



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

Financial Training

Any Guiders new to the treasurer role should take the full financial training, which includes a review of the forms. It takes approximately three and a half hours. It covers everything treasurers need to know to keep the books in compliance with the standards required by National, including mid-year and year-end reporting and budgeting.

If there are any unit treasurers who require financial training, please let me know. If there are others from the same or neighbouring districts who are interested, arrangements can be made to have small group sessions.

Signing Officers

Signing officers need to be changed or approved at the start of every Guiding year. This must be done through an approved motion at a District meeting – [even if the signing officers do not change](#). Any changes should be brought to the bank's attention to update the signatures in a timely manner.

Keep in mind that:

- RoseAnna Cirino and Susan Welsh are to be the Provincial designates on all district level accounts again this year.
- The district commissioner and district treasurer should be on all district and unit accounts. There must be at least four signing officers on each account (you may have five if it makes it easier to obtain signatures).

For units and districts, the procedure is the same as last year. Check the Unit and District Treasurer Handbooks for the details and sample wording for motions. (They are posted on the GGC Quebec web site [here](#))

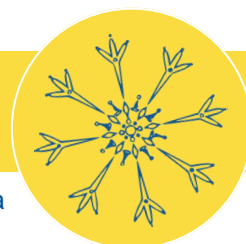
Cookies

The chocolatey mint cookies will be delivered soon. Remember that there is a blackout on other fundraising for one month after cookies are delivered to allow the girls to concentrate on selling at least two cases of cookies each.

If you have any questions about these or any other Guiding financial matters, feel free to contact me at finances-support@guidesquebec.ca

Guide Winter Camp

Joanne Cardinal, Camping Adviser | camping@guidesquebec.ca



Our bi-annual provincial Guide winter camp will take place the weekend of February 23-25. We hope to see you there!

Local Stories

Lizzie Knowles, Communications and PR Coordinator. | communications@guidesquebec.ca



It's September and things are moving!

Riverdale girls are back and ready for fun!



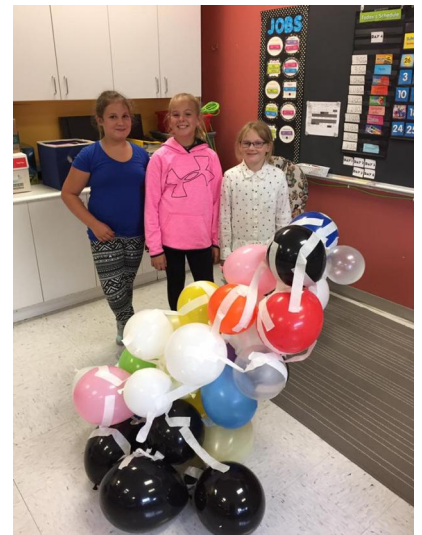
The 1st Milton Park Guiding Unit set up a tent as a team with obstacles simulating challenging weather and played chuck the bedroll.



They're planning, playing, camping, innovating, making friends and working as a team!



Saint Bruno Pathfinders went camping at Wa-Thik-Ane



Val d'Or girls worked as a team to build balloon towers!

Upcoming Events

September 16-17	Le Gros Dodo
September 21	International Day of Peace
September 24	Training Day
September 24 at NOON	Deadline to register for Fall Fun Day
September 25-30	Cookies Arrive
September 30	Fall Fun Day
October 1	Camp Clean-Up Day
October 4-10	World Space Week
October 9	Thanksgiving (provincial office closed)
October 11	International Day of the Girl
October 14	DC/Adviser/Council Day
October 14-15	Cookie Days in Canada
October 30	Deadline to apply for nationally sponsored trips
November	Girl Recognition Event
November 13-17	PED Week
February 2-4	Pathfinder trip to Carnaval
February 23-25	Guide Winter Camp