

**ANNUAL EVENT
20-23 JUNE 2019
TORONTO CANADA**

**GROWING SUPPORT
FOR GREATER IMPACT**



The
Olave 
Baden-Powell
Society



WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome! Bienvenue!
Bienvenido! مرحبا

On behalf of all the supporters of OB-PS in Canada, we want to invite each and every one of you to attend the 2019 OB-PS Event in Toronto, Canada. The event will be held in the fabulous Hilton Toronto – located in the centre of our vibrant city. We hope you will join us in Toronto. Bring your family and friends along and encourage them to become part of this global fellowship!



Growing Support for Greater Impact – Everyone who supports OB-PS contributes to growing WAGGGS’ impact on the lives of girls around the world. Our dynamic speakers will share their insights on topics of urgent importance to girls and young women worldwide, such as nutrition, gender equality and cyber bullying. Hear how WAGGGS and Member Organizations are responding to these challenges.

You will also hear about Girl Guides of Canada’s exciting new girl-driven program “Girls First” – not for girls, or with girls, but by girls! “Land of the silver birch, home of the beaver”! Although you may not see too many silver birch trees or beavers in downtown Toronto, if you are able to join one of the exciting pre- or post-conference tours, you just might spot some of them on your travels!

We are looking forward to welcoming you and to sharing an inspiring and fun-filled four days with you in Toronto in June 2019.

Elaine Paterson & Margaret Treloar

Co-chairs OB-PS 2019 Host Team

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

THURSDAY JUNE 20 – ALL EVENTS AT HILTON TORONTO

Registration and the Event Shop will be open all day. National Coordinators will be meeting in the afternoon. A reception for New Supporters will be followed by the Welcome Reception where everyone can meet and enjoy dinner on the magnificent terrace of the Hilton.

FRIDAY JUNE 21 – ALL EVENTS AT HILTON TORONTO

The opening plenary session will take place in the morning and will include updates from OB-PS and WAGGGS as well as an inside look at how Girl Guides of Canada is evolving to meet the needs of girls and young women in Canada today. There will be time for country meetings in the afternoon prior to the Presentation Ceremony. Afterwards, join young members of Girl Guides of Canada for dinner and a birthday party – OB-PS's 35th – Canadian style!

SATURDAY JUNE 22 – PROGRAMME OUTINGS

Saturday is your day to get out and explore Toronto. Visit galleries and museums, learn about our past, or spend time with girl members of Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada. There will be walking on all the trips and we have indicated an activity level for each option, below.

All trips will run rain or shine - so please be prepared!

All participants will be back at the hotel by 4:30 pm, at the latest.

Lunch will be included in all trips.

ACTIVITY LEVELS

We assume you can get on/off a bus on your own or perhaps with a helping hand.

1. some walking around a museum or gallery; almost all at ground level
2. ability to board a boat or take a 10-minute walk on paved sidewalk
3. walk on uneven ground; some stairs; walking shoes recommended
4. walk on uneven ground; some hilly terrain; walking shoes strongly recommended

Tour #1 – TORONTO CITY TOUR

Start your day with a boat cruise around Toronto harbour and islands, taking in a unique view of Toronto's skyline. Then climb aboard your red double-decker bus for a 2-hour tour of Toronto. See its neighborhoods, downtown and Toronto's own castle - Casa Loma, once the home of Lady Pellat - the first Chief Commissioner for the Canadian Girl Guides. Return to the hotel for a delicious lunch. Then visit the Eaton Center for some afternoon shopping, if you wish. Activity Level 2

Tour #2 – McMICHAEL CANADIAN ART COLLECTION

This trip is centered on the unique collection of Canadian art at the McMichael Gallery. The permanent collection consists of over 6,500 artworks by Tom Thomson, the Group of Seven, First Nations, Métis, Inuit and contemporary artists who have contributed to the development of Canadian art. There will be an hour-long guided tour of the collection and time to explore more on your own, or visit the excellent gallery shop. We'll have our box lunch on the grounds before boarding the bus for a short ride into the historic town of Kleinburg to explore the shops and coffee houses before returning to Toronto. Activity Level 1

Tour #3 – BLACK CREEK PIONEER VILLAGE

Spend the day in Toronto's pioneer museum reflecting Ontario in the 1860's. We'll have a guided tour of the main buildings in the Village and then enjoy our box lunch within the Village grounds. After lunch there will be an opportunity for a hands-on experience making something using tools and methods from the 1860's. Black Creek is a working village, typical of those established in south central Ontario between the 1790s and the 1860s. Activity Level 3

Tour #4 – BATA SHOE MUSEUM & GARDINER MUSEUM

Begin the day with a guided highlight tour of the Bata Museum celebrating the style and function of footwear. Footwear on display ranges from Chinese bound foot shoes and ancient Egyptian sandals to chestnut-crushing clogs and glamorous platforms. There will be time to visit the gallery shop before lunch. Then we will take a short walk to visit the Gardiner Museum. It is one of a small number of specialized museums of ceramics in the world. Activity Level 2

Tour #5 – AGA KHAN MUSEUM & EDWARDS GARDENS

We'll start the day at the Aga Khan Museum which, according to the Aga Khan himself, "aims to offer unique insights and new perspectives into Islamic civilizations and the cultural threads that weave through history binding us all together". We will have a tour of the permanent collection followed by some free time to explore the grounds and the shop. Then we will visit the beautiful Edwards Gardens where we'll enjoy our box lunches in a courtyard surrounded by spectacular plants and flowers. Following lunch and guided tours of the gardens, there will be time to explore the resource centre and shop. Activity Level 3

Tour #6 – GIRL GUIDES' GLOBAL AWARENESS EVENT

Join 100 Canadian Pathfinders (Girl Guides of Canada members ages 12-14) at nearby Guide Camp Ma-Kee-Wa. You will have the opportunity to meet, mentor and learn alongside these young leaders as they explore global opportunities for leadership and advocacy. Your visit to Camp will include small group sessions in which you will participate in service/advocacy activities, a fabulous camp-style meal and of course a campfire complete with fun and action. Activity Level 4



PLEASE NOTE:

When you register for the outings on the registration form, please indicate your top 3 choices. We will do our best to get you on a trip of your choice. We will assign people on a first come/first served basis.

Saturday June 22, continued – Gala Dinner

This evening we will celebrate the 35th anniversary of OB-PS in grand style at the Royal Ontario Museum. The programme will include presentation of President's Awards and Princess Benedikte Awards.



Michael Lee-Chin Crystal of the Royal Ontario Museum

Sunday June 23 – All events at Hilton Toronto

Our second plenary session will focus on the future with expert insights into the world of girls today and emerging challenges and opportunities. This will be an interactive exchange which we expect will be educational and inspiring. Before we close at lunch time, we will also hear about the plans for the next OB-PS event to take place in 2020.

Post-event tours will be departing in the afternoon. Details will be available with tour sign-up. Tours are purchased separately directly with the tour companies. Please see the links on the tour pages.

HIGHLIGHTED SPEAKERS

Please visit OB-PS website to find out more about the speakers
<https://www.waggs.org/en/support-us/ob-ps/ob-ps-events/>



Sarah Nancollas
Chief Executive,
WAGGGS



Adam Heuman
Director of Engagement,
WAGGGS



Robyn McDonald
Chair, Board of Directors,
Girl Guides of Canada



Jill Zelmanovits
Chief Executive
Girl Guides of Canada

HIGHLIGHTED SPEAKERS

See more information about our speakers at OB-PS event website.



Sarah Govan-Sisk
International Commissioner
Girl Guides Canada



Faye Mishna, Ph.D.
Areas of expertise: bullying; cyber abuse/cyber bullying and cyber counselling; and school-based interventions for students with learning disabilities.



Anne Wagner, Ph.D.
Areas of expertise: gender, race, social justice, (higher) education, critical pedagogies and violence against women.



Claudia Mitchell, Ph.D., F.R.S.C
Area of expertise: Youth Culture, gender, and AIDS; Aboriginal youth; Visual and arts-based research methodologies; Girlhood studies; Teacher identity and memory-work studies.

EVENT MERCHANDISE

There will be an event shop located near the registration/information desk. Two special “shopping opportunities” have been arranged in connection with OB-PS 2019 in Toronto. Check out all the details on the Event registration website.

Please note that you will be able to purchase merchandise on site at the Event Shop using Canadian \$ cash or VISA/MasterCard credit cards ONLY. ATMs are available nearby for obtaining Canadian \$ cash, if needed.

OB-PS 2019 Event Shirt

An event shirt can be ordered on the registration page. The shirts are made of a comfortable, easy care 65/35 polyester/cotton pique fabric. (More details on the event web site.) They are white with an embroidered event logo, as shown in the drawing below. [Example shown is the Women's shirt – please note: dotted line around the logo will not appear on actual shirt.] Shirts must be pre-ordered and pre-paid through the event registration page. You will be able to pick them up at registration at the Hilton Toronto on June 20, 2019. There will be no exchanges or returns from our supplier. It may be possible for you to arrange an exchange with another participant.



The event shirt is available in Women's sizes S to 3XL and Men's sizes S to 6XL. Please refer to the size chart below. Finished measurements are in inches.

Chest: Full chest, measured 1" under the arms. Body Length: Measured from center of the back-neck seam straight down to back bottom hem.

WOMEN			MEN		
SIZE	CHEST	BODY LENGTH	SIZE	CHEST	BODY LENGTH
S	36.5	24.5	S	38	29.5
M	39	25	M	42	30.5
L	42	26.5	L	46	31.5
XL	47	27.5	XL	50	32.5
2XL	53	30	2XL	54	33
3XL	57	31	3XL	58	34
			4XL	62	35
			5XL	66	36
			6XL	70	36.5

REGISTRATIONS OPEN 13TH OF NOVEMBER

Book your ticket by visiting the OB-PS website, starting on the 13th of November. <https://www.waggs.org/en/support-us/ob-ps/ob-ps-events/>

US \$ 995 for Early Bird (until January 31st 2019)

US \$ 1095 for Full Registration (after January 31st 2019)

If you are unable to register online or have any issues with your booking please get in touch with us at obps@waggs.org

Please note that registration will be closed when event capacity has been reached.

Your registration includes:

- All meals as part of the scheduled programme – starting with the welcome reception & dinner on Thursday June 20 and ending with the morning tea/coffee break on Sunday June 23. Breakfast is provided for all registered event participants on June 21, 22 and 23.
- All scheduled programme events during this time, including the outings and the gala dinner at the Royal Ontario Museum on Saturday June 22
- All transport as part of the scheduled program

Please note that accommodation is not included. Please secure your hotel accommodation, at special OB-PS Event rates, through the conference link at the Toronto Hilton (see Accommodation, below).

Cancellation and Refund Policy:

The event registration fee will be refundable until **January 31, 2019**. After this date, the event fee is non-refundable. The Event Fee is transferable and there is no extra fee if your registration is transferred to another person.

If you have any questions, please contact OB-PS at obps@waggs.org

35th Birthday Celebration of OB-PS

While we are in Toronto, we will be celebrating the 35th anniversary of the founding of the Olave Baden-Powell Society. We hope that you will join us and be inspired, once again, by how OB-PS has enabled WAGGS and its members. If you are not able to join us, please consider sending a birthday gift in honour of the work of the Society and WAGGS over the past 35 years.

ACCOMMODATION

Please be aware that accommodation is **not included** in the event fee and you must book your own hotel accommodation directly. The OB-PS event will be held in the Hilton Toronto hotel. Please make your reservations by using the following link to the Hilton Toronto's registration system for OB-PS 2019.

<https://book.passkey.com/go/WAGGGSJune2019>

If you are not able to use the online system and you need to contact the hotel directly by telephone, you should reference the event code for the special rates for OB-PS 2019. The event code is **"WAGG19"**.

The reservations telephone number for the Hilton Toronto is **+1 800 267 2281/ +1 416 869 3456**. You should not need to call the hotel unless you do not have access to internet system.

WOW! - Average hotel rate at the time of printing this booklet is over 400 Canadian Dollars for a standard room, OB-PS event participants will enjoy rate of \$219 plus taxes. This amazing offer will allow you to enjoy time before and after event with an amazing discounted rate.

Note that our special conference rates apply to accommodation at the Hilton Toronto for dates between **June 15** and **June 25**, 2019 based on availability.

**Please note that pre and post check-in dates are based on availability. The official OB -PS 2019 / WAGGS block dates are June 18 – 22/2019. Rooms booked before or after these dates are subject to rate/space availability based on remaining room types/rates in inventory at the time of the inquiry.*

PRE - AND POST - EVENT TOURS

Several pre- and post-conference trips have been designed for your pleasure by two different travel companies. Please deal directly with the company to get your questions answered and book your tours. A short list of tours is included here. Please check on the details on our event website and the tour company web sites.

Tours offered by 'Going Places Together'

Option # 1 – Kingston, Montreal and Ottawa – post-event, 5 days, June 23-27, 2019

Option # 2 – Follow the St. Lawrence to Quebec City – post-event, 6 days, June 23-28, 2019

Option # 3 – Ottawa and Kingston – post-event, 4 days, June 23-26, 2019

Option # 4 – Circle Georgian Bay – pre-event, 5 days, June 16-20, 2019

Option # 5 – Northern Ontario – pre-event, 5 days, June 16-20, 2019

Option # 6 – All Canadian Agawa Canyon – post-event, 5 days, June 23-27, 2019

Option # 7 – History and Estates of Ottawa and Gatineau – post-event, 5 days, June 23-27, 2019

Option #8 – Niagara Falls – post-event, 3 days, June 23-25, 2019

The above 8 tours are being offered by Nancy Walsh of 'Going Places Together'. To see the full itinerary for each tour please click on this link <http://www.goingplacestogether.com/WAGGGS/OptionalToursOBPSTorontoConference2019/tabid/300/Default.aspx>

For registration/reservation forms please click on this link <http://www.goingplacestogether.com/Registerhere/tabid/127/Default.aspx>

These optional tours are under the heading 'WAGGGS' on Nancy's home page <http://www.goingplacestogether.com>
If you have any questions, please email Nancy Walsh at nancy@goingplacestogether.com

Tours Offered by 'New Wave Travel'

Option # 1 – Montreal, Quebec City & Ottawa – pre-event,
5 days, June 16-20, 2019

Option # 2 – NIAGARA FALLS AND ST. JACOB – pre-event, 2 days, June
18-19, 2019 PLEASE NOTE: this tour returns one day before conference
begins.

These 2 tours are being offered by 'New Wave Travel'.
For more information, please click on the following link:

<https://r1.surveysandforms.com/f91ost8e-a82lno50>

If you have any questions please email Suzanne Schurmann at
suzanne@newwavetravel.net

**All arrangements for pre- or post-event tours are to be made
directly with the tour company representatives. Participants can
confirm all tour details and costs directly with the tour provider.**

Things to do and see in Toronto

– See a List of ideas for shopping, sporting events, golf courses and entertainment venues on the registration website.



USEFUL INFORMATION

Airport Arrival Information

There are a number of ways to get downtown from Pearson International Airport: a car service (limo), taxi to the hotel or train (the Union/Pearson Express – adult fare \$12.35, senior fare - \$6.20) to Union Station, the main downtown train station, and then a short taxi or subway ride to the hotel.

There will be parking available at the hotel for those who arrive in their own car. Parking will be paid for separately by the participant.

Clothing

June is the beginning of summer in Canada. It will likely be warm and sunny although some rain is possible. Average temperature in June is 17°C / 63°F, with the high temperature regularly reaching 24°C / 75°F. The dress code for the meeting will be smart casual or uniform; for the Presentation Ceremony and Gala dinner the dress code will be smart, uniform or national dress.

Communication

At OB-PS we welcome people from all over the world. This means many people will be speaking and working in English as their second, third or fourth language. We ask everyone to please try to speak clearly and slowly.

Currency

The unit currency used in Canada is the Canadian dollar \$. Notes are \$5, 10, 20, 50, 100 and coins are \$1 and \$2 as well as 5, 10 and 25 cent coins. Guests are recommended to exchange currency at the airport upon arrival or at one of the large banks near the hotel.

Electricity

The voltage in Canada is 110-120 volts and electrical plugs have two pins, as shown on the right. If needed you should bring a plug adapter for a type A socket.



Internet

As part of our conference arrangements, we have obtained complimentary wireless internet in all bedrooms and in public areas of the Hilton Hotel. Wireless internet will not be available inside the plenary hall.

Name Tags

Name tags will be given out at registration. Attendees are asked to wear name tags at all times during the event; these are entry tickets to activities and events. There will also be separate tickets for some events. You will receive them in your registration package.

Payment and Tipping

At most shops, restaurants and department stores, you are able to pay with debit cards and credit cards, such as Visa, MasterCard, Diners, AMEX. Tipping is customary in restaurants depending on the level of service.

Registration

Registration for the event will take place in the convention floor foyer, one floor below ground, at the Hilton Toronto on Thursday June 20th between 09:00 and 19:00. Registration will also be available on Friday morning from 08:00.

Smoking

In many areas of Canada smoking is prohibited in buildings and on streets. Smoking in a prohibited area may result in a fine. Smoking areas are clearly signposted.

Taxis

Taxis are readily available outside the hotel.

Time Zone

Toronto in June is on Eastern Daylight Time (UTC-4:00).

Transportation

Buses will pick up and drop off at the Hilton Hotel for the Saturday tours and for the gala at the Royal Ontario Museum on Saturday evening. Please note these services will only run between the Hilton Hotel and your chosen tour. If you choose alternative accommodation, you will need to make your own transportation arrangements.

Travel Insurance

We strongly advise that you take out travel/medical insurance for your trip to Canada. In the event of illness or injury you will be responsible for your own medical expenses.

Visas

Canada has various visa requirements for various nationals. Please check with the Canadian Embassy or Consulate in your country. Many visitors to Canada need an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) or a visitor visa. Delegates can find out if they need an eTA or a visa and if they need to give biometrics.

If you need a letter of invitation please indicate this on your registration form.

Water

Tap water in Canada is safe to drink. If you prefer mineral or sparkling water this is readily available at convenience stores or vending machines.

Contact Information

Hotel – Hilton Toronto
145 Richmond Street West,
Toronto
416-869-3456



WE LOOK FORWARD TO GREETING YOU IN TORONTO!

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