



The Log Jam

Fall 2014

Welcome
back!

Girl Guides of Canada Pacific Shores Area

When September arrives we think end of summer, cooler temperatures, back to school and back to an exciting new year of Guiding. There definitely is a buzz in the air. Unit guiders have been meeting to plan the year's activities and setting things in motion for fall camps. Guiders are setting aside time in their busy schedules to take the many trainings that are being offered. Do take advantage of trainings. They are designed to help you be the best you can be in your role, plus, they are a great opportunity to network and expand your guiding friendships.

Summer may be almost over, but the memory of it will remain for the many girls and guiders from Pacific Shores Area who attended SOAR in Enderby. Word is that this little town made our girls feel safe and welcomed. Word too is that the citizens of this lovely community were the heroes of the day when practically the whole town came to the aid of the flooded out and soaked campers. It was a thunderstorm like no other, but in true Guiding fashion the leaders and staff took it all in their stride and a memorable camp was had by all. I was at the ferry to pick up a large group after camp. What I heard from many was "when's the next SOAR!"

I hope you enjoy looking at these pictures from SOAR. When you see the joy on the faces of our girls you will be reminded why we do what we do.

The registrations are rolling in at a steady pace, but as an area we have not yet reached last year's numbers. Over the next few months the number of new registrations should increase with the goal of surpassing last year's membership by the end of 2014. We can do this by being visible in the community and "chatting up" all the great rewards of being in Guiding. There's "bring a friend" to a unit meeting; cookie blitzes and selling door to door; taking part in community events; using the cookie and membership banners and handing out promo materials to the public. Wear your uniform at every opportunity. I frequently have women remark that they were once a guide or brownie. I'll hand them a card and welcome them to "rejoin". After all, this is an organization for girls AND women and there are many roles one could fill. I always express this-I am grateful for all that guiding has given me.

Deanie Patten PSA Commissioner

PACIFIC SHORES AREA AWARDS

Welcome back to another year of Guiding! I hope you all had a wonderful summer season.

As the Guiding year begins keep your eyes and ears open for those Guiders who are deserving to be recognized.

Does your District have an Awards Adviser? If not have you considered a rewarding job that can put a smile on someone's face? If this sounds like you be sure to inform your District Commissioner.

The Awards Committee is here to help you recognize our Guiders. Please contact us if we can be of service.

Provincially Scholarships and Bursaries The bursary and scholarship application forms are currently under revision and will be available on the BC Girl Guide website in October. I am heading off to Province for an Awards Workshop next month and look forward to sharing what I learn with members from Pacific Shores Area.

Contact the Awards Committee at
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SOAR ... lots of fun and lots of service. On this page, belly dancing, school supplies, making dog toys, and stuffing teddy bears!!





Programs benefiting from the service projects carried out at SOAR included The "Best Babies & Moms" program in Enderby, The Enderby Resource Center, The Salvation Army, BCSPCA, and charities in Africa. The teddy bears the girls made went to Police, Ambulance and Fire Departments to be given to children in distress. They made hygiene kits for the homeless in the Enderby area. The pies were a fundraiser for the Enderby Resource Center. They filled back packs with school supplies for the Salvation Army's school back pack program. Dogs in SPCA shelters received toys made by the girls. They made skirts and sanitary panties for girls in Africa.

Yukon Ho!

1st Dogwood Rangers of Port Alberni
head to Yukon Territory, August 2014

**There are strange things done in the midnight sun
By the men who toil for gold;
The Arctic trails have their secret tales
That would make your blood run cold;
The Northern Lights have seen queer sights,
But the queerest they ever did see
Was four Rangers living large, looking for Lake Lebarge
In the Yukon Territory.**

Robert Service may never forgive us for shamelessly using some of his “Cremation of Sam McGee” to describe our trip to the Yukon, but it seems fitting. Guiders Lynn Hooper and Susie Quinn and girl members Casandra Dievert and Samantha Oldale of the 1st Dogwood Rangers of Port Alberni spent eight days in August exploring the Yukon Territory, driving from Whitehorse to Dawson City and back to Whitehorse again, with a few side trips in between. Our trip included a Strange Things Done evening walking tour of Dawson City, which used to be the capital of the Yukon in the heydays of the Klondike Gold Rush. We stayed in a hostel with no electricity, located a ferry ride across the Yukon River; drove to Tombstone Territorial Park for the day; hiked to Five Finger Rapids in Carmacks; drove to Kluane National Park; stayed in another hostel in Whitehorse and spent part of an afternoon visiting the 100 Years of Girl Guides in the Yukon, an excellent exhibit at the MacBride Museum. (We left them a little surprise in their display, a souvenir from B.C. Girl Guides. No word yet on whether they have discovered it.)

Throughout our trip completed the Yukon Guiding Climate Change Challenge. We were able to pick up our crests in person after running into Yukon Area Program & International Adviser Erin Cross in a store in downtown Whitehorse! We had corresponded with someone else but she was going to be on holidays while we were there, so we weren't able to meet up with any



The 1st Dogwood Rangers of Port Alberni, from left, leader Susie Quinn, Casandra Dievert, leader Lynn Hooper and Samantha Oldale, visit the “100 Years of Girl Guides in the Yukon” in the MacBride Museum, Whitehorse, Yukon, in August.

Rangers.

Our trip to the Yukon started out as a World Centre tour: Lynn, Casandra and Samantha came up with the concept, and invited new Rangers and another unit to come with them to Olave House in England and Our Chalet in Switzerland. When other girls dropped out and fundraising became too much for the remaining girls, we turned our focus to a smaller trip that was not an International, and would fit within our more modest fundraising goals.

Black Diamond

Have you ever had an idea? You push it away. It keeps returning.

A fully funded unit available to vulnerable girls was my niggling idea.

Black Diamond Guiding unit was created last year. It was a fully financed unit... girls working with social workers, counselors, or other agencies were personally selected and invited. The girls each had special circumstances... emotional needs, academic needs and most prominently economic needs.

But where does one find leaders to organize, administer and program a unit with such high needs? The Child and Youth Care Program at the Vancouver Island University were approached to see if such a leadership was a possibility for a practicum. It was approved. We found a dynamic sincere student who became the guider in charge and two experienced guiders became her assistants.

Now the year in review!

The 12 girls loved the many experiences....

- Carved a pumpkin (only 2 girls had ever carved one before)
- Sold cookies in front of a grocery - not one girl had ever tasted a cookie – so we broke out a box
- Craft sleepover – we walked to the evening Santa parade – the two eye openers were how much the girls ate and how they treasured their beautiful crafts
- Museum Sleepover – had a walk about through the community and discussed its history

- Baking a pumpkin pie from scratch
- Sewing a simple pencil case using hand stitches and a sewing machine
- Two night sleepover in chuck wagon cabins in the poorest of weather conditions but they had the time of their lives learning basic camp skills
- Swim night
- Highlight was attending GUEST – Future scientists were created

Uniforms were laundered each week by a leader – the girls loved the smell. Each and every badge was sewn by the same leader. The excitement was more than evident as they wore their badge sash.

I know you're thinking how did this get paid for? Every level's budget supported "Black Diamond" up to province's "Helping Hands". Pacific Shores supported "Black Diamond" at the AGM with their silent auction and guiders even had to purchase their cutlery with a donation to the unit. Our district has been given several craft and program supplies; along with many camping supplies to be donated to this special unit.

Thank you from each Black Diamond girl who had enriching experiences that they would NEVER have had without GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA.

Success story – the unit will run again this year. Extremely motivated CYC university students have stepped up to complete their practicum through the unit once again. The new year is set to have many adventures again.

Camp Creina



Fall Work Bee

WHO: GIRLS AND ALL FAMILY MEMBERS FROM **ANY** UNIT IN WATERS EDGE DISTRICT & PACIFIC SHORES AREA.

WHAT: CLEAN-UP BEE

WHEN: 10-3 SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER, 2014

WHERE: CAMP CREINA, 2365 SHAW RD

WHY: WE USE THE CAMP, TIME TO PAY IT FORWARD!

HOW: GUM BOOTS, CLIPPERS, RAKES, WORK GLOVES,
& SMILES, WATER BOTTLES

LEADERS REMINDERS:

SG.1,2 REQUIRED

NO EXCEPTIONS!

GIRLS ARE TO BE WITH ADULT OR LEADER.

NO DOGS!

LUNCH IS PROVIDED:

NUMBERS ARE REQUIRED BY 22 OCTOBER, 2014

PLEASE LET CAMP CREINA ADMINISTRATION KNOW ATTENDING NUMBERS AT

2014ggccadm@gmail.com



Camp Creina Corner

Did you know??

Notes from The Camp Creina Administrator...

- Camp Creina Booking Forms are available on www.ggcpacificshores.ca under Camp Creina
- Units can book Camp Creina for Camps, Day use and Meetings
- You can view bookings on www.ggcpacificshores.ca under Events Calendar
- The “canvas like” tents on both Naomona and Khenipsen are available year round
- Camp orientation is to be completed by phone 7 days prior to the start of you camp
- Camp Creina Administrator email is 2014ggcccadm@gmail.com to answer any of your Camp Creina questions.

Happy Camping at Camp Creina



Looking for fun and friendship?

Camp Creina Committee is always looking for new members. Meetings 9 times a year alternating in person and conference calls. Everyone welcome!!

Questions please contact
co-chair Genevieve Singleton at
twinflower4@gmail.com



2nd Parksville Brownies went camping on Denman Island ... more about their adventures on the next page.

2nd Parksville Brownies made a wonderful trek over to Denman Island April 4-6, 2014 for a STEM camp.

Novice guiders were nervous about most things to do with camp but barreled forth and the 25 girls in attendance seemed to have a great time.

Friday the girls met at the Buckley Bay ferry and said their good-byes for the weekend to their parents. On boarding the very short ferry, the girls were able to put their time to good use and sold cookies to unsuspecting travelers.

Once disembarking, (and time with perfection, thanks Mother Nature!) the intrepid explorers made their way across the beach at low tide to make their way to Elkhaven camp. Elkhaven is a seaside acreage and lodge owned by the Elks. They generously let youth groups stay there for a nominal donation (\$100!) so it is quite affordable.

During the trek across the rocky shoreline, the girls made a grisly but very science worthy discovery! The carcass of a beached Sea Lion!! They discussed it's likely demise with flourish and the intricate skeletal remains and how the life cycle of all things continues even in death.

Ivy, Tawny and Brown Owls had made their way to the lodge in vehicles to unload and get supper started while Snowy, and newly inducted Sparkle and Mommy Owls continued along with the girls. Tawny Owl left a very distinguishable marker on the beach for the girls to spot so they knew where to turn up to the lodge.

The weather held out for us which was fantastic as it had been calling for torrential rains all weekend!!!

Brownies were placed in rooms and instructed to come up with a room name with the help of all their roommates. They also had to unpack their bedrolls and get settled in their rooms. There may or may not have been a lot of rainbow looming going on!!!

Once settled, they fully enjoyed their 'chow' time. Pizza!!!! Each room had a responsible cleanup meal and they happily filled buckets and assisted with cleanup.

Campfire (OK...no campfire but we sat around on the floor and pretended!!) was fantastic and the girls then headed off to bed. I think the last set of eyes was asleep around 11pm.

The next morning everyone got their rooms ready and headed down for breakfast. More exploring and science related games and activities outside kept them busy for hours.

A campfire at lunch (real this time!!!) and homemade chicken noodle soup filled their bellies and had them ready to face the afternoon. More science experiments and a few games to burn some energy before coming inside to relax and rainbow loom!!

We had campfire (pretend!) again and the girls all shared what they were thankful for over the course of the weekend. Off to bed as it was an early wake up to pack and walk back to the ferry the next morning.

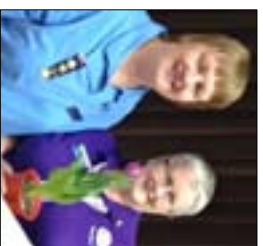
They again sold the remainder of the cookies (3 cases in total!) and met their parents on the other side just after noon.

What a fun time had by all and a great learning experience as well!!!

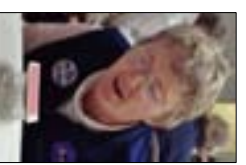


The girls found a sea lion skeleton on the beach

Ten members of Last Bastion Guild attended this Area event at Crofton Community Hall: left: Inez Polkinghorne, Nancy Bothamley, Kathy Disner, Marie McCallum, Margaret Wehner, Barb Wilson, Kathy Brown, Sheila Carter plus below: Anne Beltgens, and Johanna Scott with Amy Scott, our Last Bastion 2014 Bursary recipient. Note 3 generations.



Amy Scott of Hurford Rangers & Brownie assistant was presented with the Last Bastion \$750. Bursary certificate by Guild President Sheila Carter. Amy plans to attend 1st Year Sciences at VIU in the Fall then to UBC for Pharmacy. Leeanne of Area Awards presented Sheila with her 50 Year Membership Certificate (her pin presented previously). Marie McCallum created our Guild's donated-for-auction gift basket. We also helped Mary d'Isendoon of 1st Internet Guild celebrate her 85th birthday.



Kathy B and Sheila checking out the brown bag of "Minute To Win It" game instructions and props:
 -Breakfast Scramble: assemble the front of cereal box that's been cut into 16 even pieces
 -Candier: stack 5 levels of cups starting with 1 on bottom & finishing with 5 on top, paper plate between levels
 -Movin' On Up: move 40 cups from top of stack to bottom, one at a time
 -Don't Blow The Joker: blow off all cards but one from top of a glass bottle
 Door Prize draws: 5 wrapped boxes & half a playing card –to match your half. You could "steal" someone's
 About 12 donated baskets in assigned Guiding colours (ie Trefoil Guild-purple) raised \$800. and "paying by donation" for your cutlery raised another \$60.+ to assist the Black Diamond Guiding Unit.



Inez, Marie and Kathy D. enjoying the day, the food, games and friendships
 We were glad that 3 generations of Amy's family attended: Grandma Anne Beltgens, Amy, her mother Johanna Scott and also her other Grandmother (Scott)



2014 LAST BASTION TREFOIL GUILD JUNE 17th POTLUCK LUNCHEON



Ten members attended our June meeting & potluck luncheon hosted by Barb Wilson at her beautiful Oceanside home in Nanoose. It was a true pot luck: bean salad, macaroni salad, 2 potato salads, scalloped potatoes, chicken wings & drumsticks, baked salmon (caught by Phil Wilson), monkey bread pizza concoction, fresh fruit with dip plus pickles & olives.

There were no green salads or desserts so our hostess brought out Girl Guide chocolate/mint cookies. All was delicious as usual and of course more food then we could eat! There was a short meeting then eating. We played some mind games, our traditional Scattergories & Bocce Ball & had a wonderful time in the perfect weather.

Bk left: Barb Guenette, Margaret Wehner, Nancy Bothamley, Marie McCallum

Front: Barb Wilson, Sheila Carter, Inez Polkinghorne, Kathy Dishner, Kathy Brown, Isabelle Armstrong.

Absent: Anne Bellgens, Elizabeth Berry, Johanna Scott, and Joyce Command



THANKS FOR HOSTING - BARB Wilson!



May. 20, 2014 at Dinghy Dock Pub/Restaurant

PROTECTION ISLAND

May 2014 MEETING OUTING

Nine members met at the Commercial Basin Wharf to take the 10:15 Protection Island Ferry so we had time before lunch to walk around & explore the island. Exiting the ferry & walking up stairs/hill from ferry landing, we entered Pirates Park area to looked up at the tree top Heron Nests-colony. After a short walk through Pirates park, some took a 72 stairs climb "short cut" while others took the longer way following the scenic roads & trails



No paved roads exist on the Island, & few of the 350 residents use cars. A 20 minute ferry ride from Nanaimo takes you to the island, where golf carts & wheelbarrows are commonly seen as locals transport their groceries & supplies home. Some scenes to note: Bear carving beside road, a snail mailbox; Smugglers Beach on east side, view towards Gabriola Island to south, small lake with lily pads also a Community Garden area nearby.



May 20 2014 Last Bastion Trefoil Guild Meeting Outing continued

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<Some of our group even talked to a family along the road -the dad asked & found we were Girl Guides. His home schooled daughter said she was a Brownie & went to get her badge scarf to show. She had sewn all badges on herself. There is a group of Sparks, Brownies & Guides that meet together on Protection Island. She wanted to play her harp for them.



Some of our group walked down Colvioletown Trail roadway to Gallows Point/Beacon House/Protection Island Museum at the SW end of the Island. **Gallows Point** (originally Execution Point) takes its name from the fact that two native murderers were hanged there in 1853. Sixty years later, just offshore in the same immediate area, the ill-fated dynamite carrier "S.S. Oscar" ruptured her innards in an explosion that damaged much of downtown Nanaimo. Miraculously, there was neither loss of life nor serious injury. This Island has a long history of coal mining with an active mine here from the late 1800 till 1960. At one time it was known as Douglas Island (James Douglas 1st Governor of Vancouver Island). This name was changed in 1960.

It was at Gallows Point, near today's lighthouse museum, that the **New Vancouver Coal Co.** (later the **Western Fuel Co.**) had its Protection Island shaft, 1890-1938. Linked underground (and underwater) to the **No. 1 Esplanade Mine** and an airshaft on neighboring **Newcastle Island**, its miners could hear steamships as they passed overhead. (Left: mural on side of house)



HELP US CELEBRATE

LAST BASTION



TREFOIL GUILD

OUR **25th** ANNIVERSARY



Tuesday October 21st 2014 hosted by Last Bastion Trefoil Guild
Wellington Hall, Nanaimo – 3922 Corunna Ave.
11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Bring your bagged lunch and we will supply dessert and beverages

R.S.V.P.

October 8th to sheila_c@shaw.ca

Log Jam is published 4 times a year ... ideally in September, December, February and May ... but when was the last time anything was ideal? ***Deadline for the December 2014 issue will be Monday, December 1st.***

Copy should be sent by email to Lreeve@telus.net

Guidelines for submissions:

Photos should be sent 1 per email –otherwise there is no way of matching the photo to the caption
When I started on this edition, I had 21 photos identifiable only by a camera assigned number. I hope I got the right captions on the photos I used.

The Log Jam page is the same shape as a computer screen. If you want to send a **PDF**, it should be wider than it is tall, just like a computer screen. The exact size is 10.5 inches wide by 8.5 inches high. It is possible to adjust the size of a PDF, but not the shape.

Don't wait for deadline to send you stuff in (if you are anything like me, you will forget!!) There is always a folder on my computer screen waiting to look after your submissions for the next edition.

Lynn Reeve Log Jam Editor

Camp was a success in the cool of Camp Creina...just the perfect spot to be in this weather. Kakaleetza was transformed into 'Alice in Wonderland' thanks to Nancy. Mary and Kathy slept outdoors in our respective tents while the others enjoyed the cool of the new bunkhouse. Tour of Cowichan Bay and the Marine Center was most enjoyable. The cool waters of the Koksilah river gave us a refreshing swim in the afternoons. Some cut surgical dressing to create premie toques and then added decoration with felt pens...a most worthwhile service project. A dozen visitors joined us on Thursday afternoon for dessert, beverage, and a sing-a-long. They just enjoy catching up with one another so we didn't need an activity for them. We didn't have a QM in camp this year (much to the concern of some) but with patrol cooking it worked just fine. Nancy Harvey prepared the menus and brought in the food. Once we were familiar with what was in the fridge, we prepared our meals and modified menus as necessary. As experienced homemakers, I was confident we could rise to the challenge and make it work. We had more than enough food so it wasn't necessary to prepare all the suggested dishes and we sent the excess home with the campers. We played Bocci, scrabble, and crib and enjoyed the opportunity to get to know one another especially with two new campers in the group of eleven.

11 Camp Participants: **Last Bastion:** Isabelle Armstrong, Nancy Bothamley, Kathy Brown, Sheila Carter, Marie McCallum, Inez Polkinghorne
2nd Victoria: Sharon Fitch, Beth Jasper **Dogwood:** Terry Forster, Joan Mitcham **1st Cdn Internet/BC Lone:** Mary d'Isendoorn



Inez Nancy Beth, Isabelle, Kathy
Marie Sheila Mary



Nancy, Joan, Inez, Mary, Beth, Kathy
Sheila Terry Marie



Isabelle, Nancy Sheila Inez



Nancy Isabelle, Kathy, Sheila, Inez



Obstacle Course challenges : Isabelle, Inez, Kathy Marie (up net, down pole, balance beam-Oops! Tire Run -Kathy showing how it's done Right:: Bocci Ball team of Isabelle, Mary & Nancy



Isabelle (Come on in - the Koksilah River dance)



Nancy Bothamley

It was over our heads but about a dozen steps up stream to the right it was really shallow for more meters than we could walk. Could walk right across the river up there. There was a really tiny currant that we could actually swim against and the river was more like a pond except it was crystal clear right to the bottom!

^ Nancy's description of river ^



Mary & Sharon



Good appetites & kitchen chores

*an exercise in giving
and following directions!!*

DIRECTIONS FROM THE LEADER:

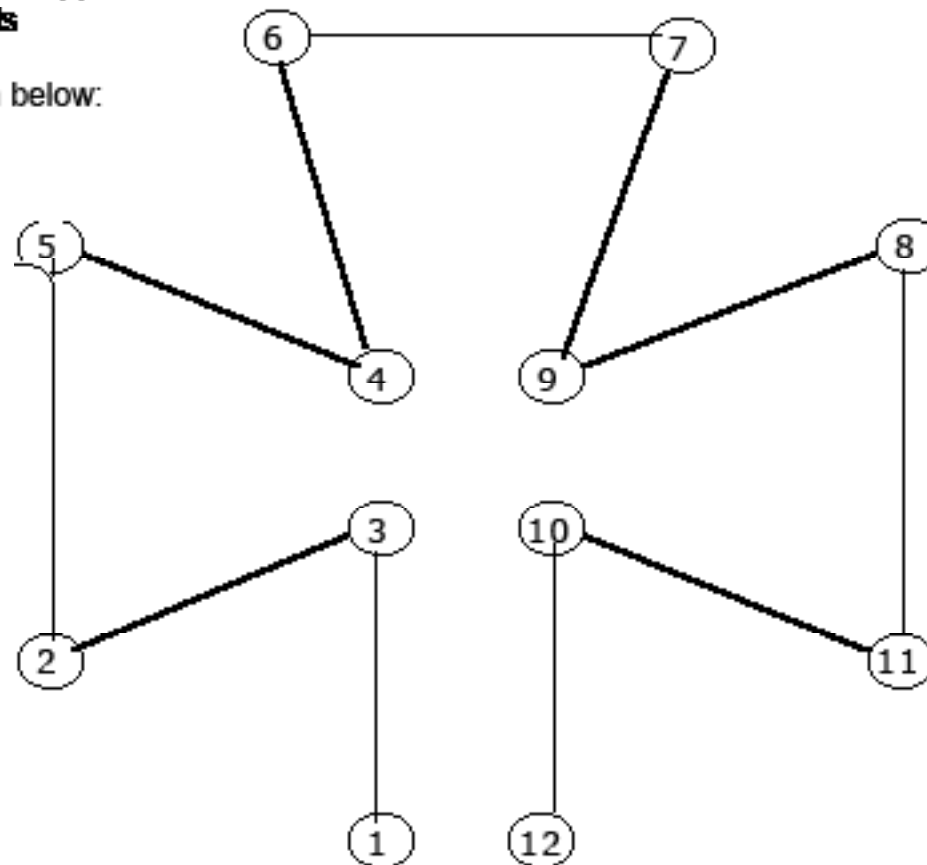
Ask # 2 & 11 to face outwards and take 3 steps and turn inwards

Ask # 3 & 10 and # 4 & 9 to stay where they are.

Ask # 5 & 8 to face outwards and take 3 steps and turn inwards

Ask # 6 & 7 to turn away from you and take 1 step, turn outwards and take 1 step, then turn inwards

They should look like the diagram below:



Make a loop in the end of a ball of yarn that is at least 25 m long. Give the loop to #1. Ask them to hold the loop, turn, and throw the ball of yarn to #3. #3 gathers the slack and throws to #2, who gathers the slack and throws to #5. #5 throws to #4, who throws to #6. #6 throws to #7; #7 to #9; #9 to #8; #8 to #11; #11 to #10; and finally, #10 to #12.

Done correctly, the yarn draws a trefoil!!

This is my version of the Trefoil I first saw at a Camping Advisors Workshop in 2008 at Camp Olave.

Gail Terrence