

# The Log Jam

Fall 2015

Girl Guides of Canada Pacific Shores Area Greetings

*From your Pacific Shores Area Commissioner*

“(Guiding), as I have said..... is not a science to be solemnly studied, nor is it a collection of doctrines and text. Nor again is it a military code for drilling discipline into (girls) and repressing their individuality and initiative. No-it is a jolly game in the out-of-doors...”

Lord Robert Baden Powell – January, 1931

Hello Everyone,

Welcome back! Our guiding year is off to a terrific start with girl registration picking up speed and looking as healthy as we had hoped it would. The girls are ready to go!

According to a recent survey the feedback from parents is....they'd like to see more outdoor activities for their girls. Why wait until spring and summer? Fall is an excellent time to get outdoors! The days are still warm, the evenings crisp. It is the season of change for our natural world with the bright colours of the leaves, our furry friends storing food for the winter, birds migrating and ocean mammals heading for the warmer waters in the south. There is so much to see, do and learn. One of the most awe inspiring sights for me is going to the riverbanks to watch the salmon bravely struggle their way upstream to spawn. It really does take my breath away. How fortunate we are to have access to all the nature that surrounds us. It is right at our doorstep.

As LBP said in his quote, “(Guiding)... is a jolly game in the out-of-doors”. He had such wisdom in his vision for our youth. Some of the phrases we use today are “Girls First” and “Girl Greatness Starts Here”. What do these words mean? LBP's philosophy was to encourage individualism and initiative. This philosophy is as true now for today's girl as it was then.

Some things never change. What is old is new again. Though some changes may be difficult to accept, there are some things that remain true in Guiding. I am referring to our Guide Promise and Law. I am referring to the dedication of guiders in all their various roles. We are volunteers who chose to belong because we believe in Lord and Lady Baden Powell's vision that started Guiding/Scouting so many years ago.

Here's to a year of fun and exploring, of making new friends and keeping the old. Here's to a year of great things to come. Aaaaand....we're off!

Deanie Patten

## ***International Bits and Bites***

Look for Nationally and Provincially Sponsored International Trips, they should be on the National and BC websites soon!

They are:

The Girl Guide Amazing Race BC.

BC to Peru.

Sangam World Centre, India.

Flame Camp, England.

Application deadlines will be early November so start thinking about them Now.

International Program Help and Ideas:

Peru Twinning Instant Meeting package, and a “Girls Go Global” flyer, with information about the World Centres, Twinning, International Friendship, and the Millennium Development goals are available on the BC website.

Time to start thinking about Thinking Day 2016 and the Canadian World Friendship Fund – want to raise money for the CWFF and win a pizza party? There are more slices coming to the CWFF Pizza Challenge coming in 2016, information is on the BC website.

Thinking Day 2016 “Connect” is a resource available at [www.worldthinkingday.org](http://www.worldthinkingday.org) .

BC Website – [www.girlguides.ca/web/bc](http://www.girlguides.ca/web/bc)

National Website - [www.girlguides.ca](http://www.girlguides.ca)

WAGGGS – [www.wagggs.org](http://www.wagggs.org)

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## ***Service Projects Come in a Variety of Forms***



Brandy Sisson, a Pathfinder from Parksville, helped Lantzville Historical Society with a lot of photo scanning!!

Don't hesitate to look to the wider community when looking for service projects .... the groups who could use a helping hand are seemingly endless.

## Guiders Can have Fun too!!!

Three Guiders from 3rd Wellington Guides took part in the Tough Mudder race at Whistler in August. Stephanie Saffin grins from under a thick layer of mud!!!



# 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 25 OCTOBER, 2015



**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 21 OCTOBER, 2015**

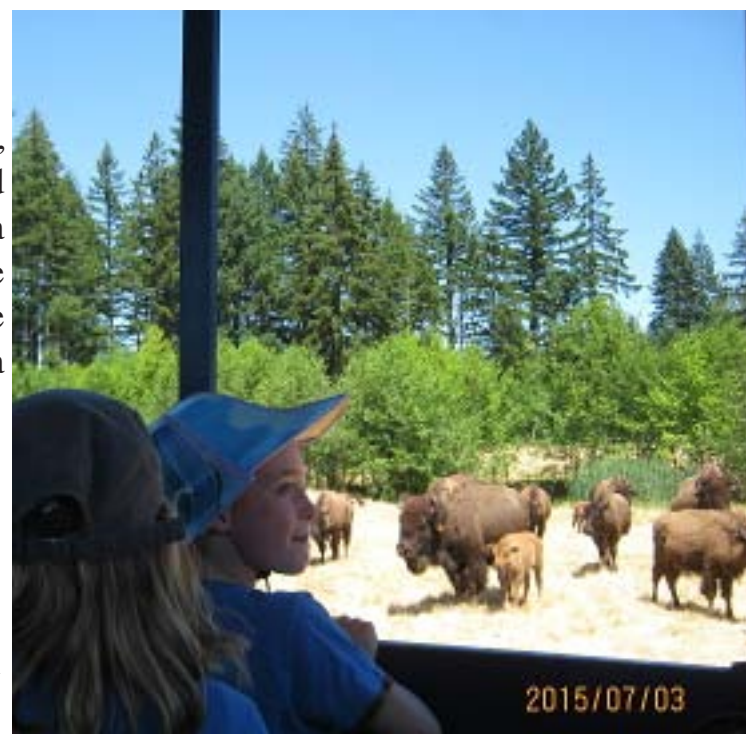
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[2014ggcccadm@gmail.com](mailto:2014ggcccadm@gmail.com)





## Chase River Sparks End The Year with a MOO!!

1st Chase River Sparks ended their Guiding year with a bang, no I mean moo, do Bison moo? Girls met for the last time to “Bounce Into Brownies” and take a special tour of the Morningstar Bison Ranch. Farmer Bob took us on a special tour of the Ranch, bringing the Sparks up front and personal with some pretty impressive and very large animals. The Sparks were able to feed the Bison including the newborns After the tour, the Sparks and families enjoyed a bison dog (yes they taste better than regular hotdogs), watermelon and had an overall great afternoon. Like Sparks are apt to exclaim “Again, again”.



**Welcome to Brownies!**



## Salt Spring Island Girls Under a Royal Tree

Salt Spring Island held their Advancement Ceremony in May 2015 under the widespread arms of a Garry Oak tree, planted to commemorate the crowning of Queen Elizabeth II, herself a Brownie and a Guide in her youth.

Pictured here are Anna Rithaler, a Salt Spring Guiding Alumni back from her first year at VIU to take part in our ceremony and Kachina Small Wolf, Maddison Wesley-Plambeck, Hope Caldwell and Sophia Fava, who all completed the requirements for their Canada Cord and received the Chief Commissioners Award and Citizenship Award. These girls are wonderful role models for our younger island girls.



### 1st Salt Spring Island Rangers put some zip into Guiding!!

In late June, our Rangers ended their season with a trip to Adrenaline to go zip lining. It was a whole lot of fun!

Pictured here are Hope Caldwell, Sophia Fava and Kachina Small Wolf.

There is no end to what our girls can do . . . with the correct paperwork taken care of! We two leaders took part as well and had a zipping good time!

## Funseekers Trefoil Guild Summer 2015

It was with great excitement and anticipation as recently 8 of our members

Boarded the ferry to Vesuvius on Saltspring Island the crossing was very picturesque To spend the day with the Saltspring Trefoil Guild.

It was really wonderful to be met by a bevy of purple guiders with cars waiting to

Take us to the home of Connie Wray. we then enjoyed a wonderful lunch, prepared and served by guild members.

We relaxed and visited for a while ...what stories and memories we shared and

Of course lots of laughter After lunch our tour of the island began ....first stop was the Art the Gulf Islands

Glass Foundry, craftsman Mark Laukner demonstrated his many skills for

recycling glass into beautiful ornaments ,including blending, carding, spindling also drafting of the wools. Alas as this is a commercial business no lambs or sheep to see

Buttencourt House Heritage Museum was next on our agenda, it was most

Interesting to see how our ancestors lived, as we enjoyed browsing the old tools and household supplies as well as all the heavy farm equipment..... It sure was a different and very Difficult life style than we have today

We also browsed a most interesting gallery..... Some of us went home with lighter purses

Then a visit to the village of Ganges, to enjoy fellowship and ice cream before boarding

The ferry home with dinner in Nanaimo We thank the Salt-spring Trefoil Guild for their wonderful hospitality

Respectfully submitted





## Measuring Up at a Mary Poppins Themed Camp

3rd Wellington Guides had a fun weekend camp with the theme of Mary poppins. We did activities around this classic movie like: lets go fly a kite! Measuring each girl ... practically perfect in every way (that ended up being most of the leaders height), making bird feeders and earning tuppence, penguin bowling and more. Four Mary's and a chimney sweep organized and supervised the camp!!!



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**Deadline for the next LogJam**

**Monday, January 4th, 2016**

email your submissions [Lreeve@telus.net](mailto:Lreeve@telus.net)

**Note:** copy must be text or word documents

Photos (jpgs only) should be sent one per email.

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