

# The Log Jam

Fall 2016

Girl Guides of Canada Pacific Shores Area

“Guiding is a feeling of togetherness and team spirit,  
which leads to lasting friendships.”

[Sheila Copps – Canadian politician and author]



A report from your Pacific Shores Area Commissioner:

Hello everyone – welcome back! As we get wrapped up in starting up Units, getting girls registered, and planning Unit/District/Area activities, please remember that this organization is based on fun and friendship – not only for the girls but also for the adults. There is a tremendous potential to make life-long friends as we participate in meetings and activities. My thanks to each of you for getting off to such a great start – to the Unit Guiders, District Commissioners, and iMIS Specialists for working so diligently to get everyone registered (our numbers are up significantly this year!) and to all of our Unit Guiders for stepping up to take on a Unit and work and play with the girls in our Area. I have been amazed at how many of the Units have already been out camping and enjoying the outdoors. These experiences are certainly one of the building blocks for establishing friendships and for build-

ing a bank of special memories for each girl and adult. I look forward to hearing about all of your adventures as you explore our beautiful island, province and world throughout the year. My congratulations to all of the patrols selected to attend SOAR in Smithers in July 2017, my thanks to all the Guiders who are taking the time to take these patrols, and my thanks to all the Guiders who are attending as Core Staff – it should be an adventure! Here's to a year filled with fun and friendship!

Barb Wood

# Chase River Sparks . Taking Care of the Environment



1st Chase River Sparks had the opportunity participate in a Tree Planting event in June, 2016 at the Colliery Dam in Nanaimo. The girls worked hard to remove invasive species and earn their challenge crest. They had a brief pizza lunch, then worked planting some native plants, and the best part, they planted an Arbutus Tree. 1st Chase River Sparks are proud to be a part of the Nanaimo Arbutus District.

Gloria Millar  
Contact Guider  
1st Chase River Sparks



Holly is a particularly invasive species on Vancouver Island



Planting an arbutus tree in Nanaimo Arbutus District!



# Creating an Impact III



**You can't go to India and not buy a sari!!** The Canadians posed in our saris, after they came back from the tailors. Yes, saris are custom made! In the background are the four palm trees planted to represent the four world centers, with a fifth planted recently in the middle to represent Kusafiri.



## You have to visit the Taj Mahal too!!!

Hayley Reeve-Hamilton, a member of Nanaimo Piper Rangers, was selected for the National Sponsored Sangam 2016 Trip. Hayley spent 3 weeks in India this summer with 12 girls and 3 leaders from across Canada.

If you would like Hayley to visit your group to talk about her trip, she can be contacted at [misshaylshamilton@gmail.com](mailto:misshaylshamilton@gmail.com)

Our group posed in full uniform in front of the statue of Buddha in the front gardens at Sangam.







Our group posed in front of the magnificent Taj Mahal. The Taj Mahal was commissioned in 1632 by Muhal Emperor Shah Jahan, and took 22 years to complete. The monument was built as a mausoleum for the emperor's beloved wife, Mumtaz Mahal. Composed entirely of white-ivory marble, the Taj Mahal is considered #1 on the list of the seven man-made wonders of the world.

The group spent 2 weeks at Sangam, which celebrates 50 years as a WAGGGS World Centre this year and then spent a week touring the country.



A hand-painted alcove at the Amber Fort in Jaipur. Amber Fort is the principal tourist attraction in Jaipur, with an area of 4 square kilometers and a variety of absolutely breathtaking architecture.



## Guiders go on Adventures too.



Susan Stephens and Debra Baker, members of the Boomers' Trefoil Guild spent a month in Spain, walking the Path of the Pilgrims. Starting in the Pyrenees they hiked over 700 km to the coast city of Santiago. Along the way they stayed in aubergues where their "passport" was stamped. When they got to the Cathedral of St James in Santiago, they were given Certificates to show that they had indeed walked the Pilgrimage Path.

At our meeting this past Wednesday, the walkers regaled us with stories of their trek. We were amazed at their tales of blisters and sore legs, getting up at dawn and walking through heat and rain. So proud of their achievement!

## Deadline for the next issue of LogJam will be Friday December 30th.

But don't wait for the deadline,  
if you think of something of interest get it in before you forget about it!!!!

Email your submissions to [lreeve@telus.net](mailto:lreeve@telus.net)

Words can be in Word, text, or Pages.

Photos must be in jpg format

PDFs will not be accepted

## Long Time Area Guider Lee-Ann Knight Presented with Fortitude Award



Johanna Scott, Deputy Area Commissioner, came to our meeting to make the presentation. The letters were written last spring, but the Award did not find us until July. The Award was actually published in the Fall Canadian Guider but we hadn't had a chance to present it to her till now!

Congratulations Lee-Ann. You are a great Guider and an inspiration to us all!



# Guiding Mosaic

a report from Jena Mosher

In July 2,500 girls and over 350 core crew came together at Guiding Mosaic 2016 in Sylvan Lake, Alberta. The week was filled with reuniting with familiar sisters, making new friends, lots of singing, and endless laughter. I attended camp as a member of the Special Events crew, which meant I helped organize anything outside of regular programming throughout the week. Some of these events included a dance party in the rain, learning about Guiding around the world, a concert with Motel Raphaël, opening and closing events, lunchtime fun, and a Promise Renewal ceremony. It's these large Guiding camps or events that I enjoy most as they bring together so many different people within the Guiding community and remind me just how empowering the sisterhood is. The next Guiding Mosaic is in the works for 2020 however next July there will be SOAR in Smithers, BC. For those of you who might not be attached to a specific unit, or you are working with a branch that is too young to attend I cannot encourage you enough to apply. There are so many opportunities to join another patrol that might need a second Guider or to attend as core crew.

Photo above: One of my favourite parts of large events is always the flag raising during opening ceremonies. Check out the sea of different coloured hats representing the Guiding sisterhood from around the world

Photo right: As you may have seen from some of the photos, camp had to be quickly renamed 'Mudsaic' due to the daily rains resulting in endless mud puddles and rivers through the dining tent.





# Geocaching with Guides and Pathfinders.



We found a geocache!!! Wellington Guides and Pathfinders exploring Buttertubs Marsh.

Susan and Iris, Trefoil Guiders with the Boomers' Trefoil Guild, on two separate evenings introduced geocaching to Chase River Pathfinders in Chase River and to Wellington Guides and Pathfinders at Buttertubs Marsh in Nanaimo.

Both days were fun! The girls were enthusiastic and attentive. They found several geocaches. We were happy to introduce them to a hobby for all ages that allows one to enjoy the outdoors and discover areas of their neighbourhoods they didn't know existed.



The Chase River Crew pose for a group shot.

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