

The LogJam

Fall 2017

Girl Guides of Canada Pacific Shores Area

Welcome back!

a report from Barb Wood, our Area Commissioner



Barb Wood

I am sure for many of you it has felt like a very short summer – especially for those involved with SOAR 2017! My thanks to each patrol Guider, Core Staff, Steering Committee member, and our SOAR Liaisons for all of their hard work in providing a fabulous experience for our girls. I had the pleasure of seeing everyone off and welcoming everyone back – although I must admit that I was wishing, as the planes left the tarmac, I had been on board! SOAR 2020 has been approved so you can start your planning for another exciting event. We are now onto new adventures and I am looking forward to sharing many of them with you. The first will be Iron Chef where I am sure there will be some very creative dishes prepared. I know that many Units, Trefoil Guilds, and Districts will participate in Remembrance Day services – thanks for putting a face to Guiding in our Area. Already many Units have been out camping which shows our girls, and Guiders, that camping isn't just for the spring and summer. And save the date for our Area all-branch camp – the long weekend in May 2018. I hope that you create many special memories during this Guiding year and develop friendships that will last a lifetime.

Thank you to each of you for promoting Guiding – our numbers are up again this year! I am hoping that some of our Units decided to pilot the new Girls First program. It is scheduled to be implemented in September 2018 and should provide exciting opportunities for girl involvement and a program filled with new, relevant, and challenging activities.

Here's to a year filled with fun and friendship!

Deadline for the Winter issue of Logjam will be late December ... You will be sent a reminder by e-mail. But don't wait for the deadline! If you have something to share, send it right away - before you forget.

e-mail it to ***Lreeve@telus.net***

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 29 OCTOBER, 2017

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 23 OCTOBER, 2017

PLEASE LET CAMP CREINA ADMINISTRATION KNOW ATTENDING NUMBERS AT
2014ggccadm@gmail.com



We had a great start to our year!

The 1st Ucluelet Girl Guides volunteered on September 25 at a Cops for Cancer Fund raiser Fun Fair. The girls ran all the games and got to play themselves! The West Coast (Tofino/Ucluelet) raised \$60,000 for Cops for Cancer which sends children with cancer to Camp Goodtimes! The Fun Fair raised \$1400 and we were happy to be apart of this great event!



SOAR

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Cindy and Gail' and Foxy. Both are from Waters Edge District, and favourites of many girls for their wicked imaginations.



Help' was also in K'san. The girls saw some town workers weeding the local flower beds, and helped them weed for about 10 minutes.

'HM19'
7 Guides from 1st Cowichan
Guides, and 1 Pathfinder from
Bench Pathfinders.



'Chess, Day Trip, River Watching' was done in K'san.

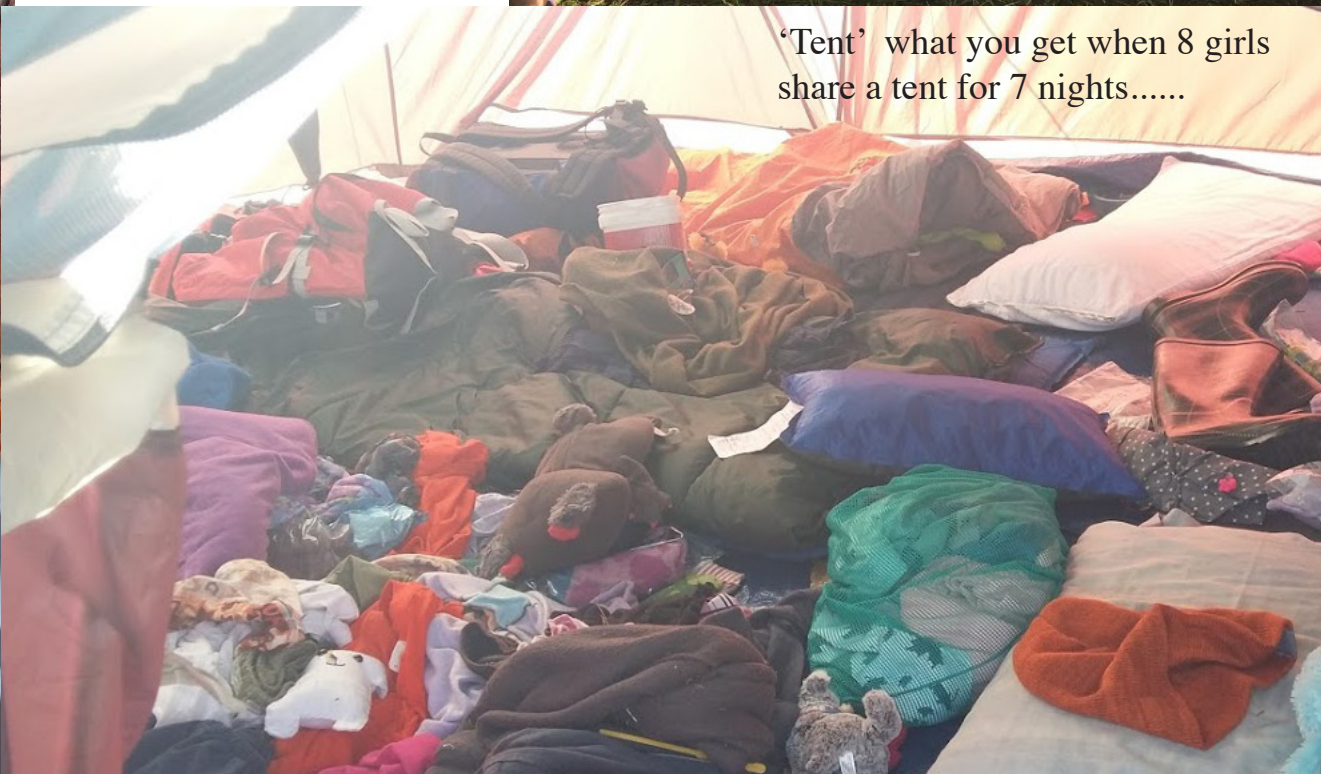


We felt bad tearing them away from the library/museum in K'san. They were curled up all over the library, all 8 with books in hand.

The Longhouses at the cultural centre in K'san were made of cedar planks, the girls loved the smell, but you should have seen their faces when they realised that it was a public bathroom on the other side of that wall LOL....



More from HM19 and SOAR



'Tent' what you get when 8 girls share a tent for 7 nights.....



1st Cowichan Guides from Waters Edge District selling cookies in Mint cookie costumes made by leader Susie Potts.

(In the spring we reverse them to be chocolate and vanilla cookies).

These are our First Salt Spring Sparks visiting their leader's house for some fireside smores and a swing on the porch swing, and another outing in Mouat's Park eating snack under some sheltering trees.



It all began with a simple wish...

Every year at Thinking Day, we would talk about Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, the beginning of Guiding and the (then) four world centres. My girls, starting when they were Sparks, got to know the stories very well. One Thinking Day when they were Brownies, they started whispering amongst themselves about how they would like to go to visit the World Centres. I looked at the circle of girls and said, "Then let's do it". There were big eyes and even bigger smiles looking back at me. That was the beginning of our journey to get us to Switzerland.

We had a parent meeting when they became Guides and started planning. Switzerland seemed like a big undertaking so we decided Pax Lodge would be a first amazing step. The leaders were familiar with London, so we could plan that a lot easier. We started fund raising, saving money and asking a lot of questions. Then began the paperwork. Eventually we registered for Journey Through London at Pax Lodge and staying for an extra week after that. In August 2015 our group went to London and had a spectacular time, made new friends and tried new things.

Upon our return, we immediately started planning for Switzerland. We had so much more knowledge and experience in planning this time. We registered for Swiss Challenge and tried to book extra time at Our Chalet, but were unable to. That is how we came to discover Kandersteg International Scouting Centre (KISC), where we spent the second half of our trip. After much fund raising and cookie selling again, we eagerly planned for our adventure.

Swiss Challenge at Our Chalet was an amazing experience that is hard to put into words. My girls were challenged by each other and themselves to step out of the box and experience all sorts of new things. Their limits were constantly pushed each day. They rock climbed, zip-lined, hiked to the peak of alps, rode gondolas, visited a woodcarver, learned about chocolate-making and the history of Our Chalet. They did team-building exercises, made friends from around the world, and tried amazing new foods. They explored Swiss towns, swam in the river, and



ate spectacular gelato. One of our Guiders, Penguin, turned seventy while we were there. We managed to arrange a cake for her and Happy Birthday was sung in five different languages. When it was time to leave, it was sad to say goodbye to our new friends, as well as our wonderful, caring and supportive staff.

The second half of our trip was spent at KISC. This was a totally different, but still amazing experience for us. The Our Chalet program had been all set out, while here we had had to create our own schedule. After reading the entire activity book for weeks at home, the girls had picked a variety of activities to participate in. We did international campfires, crafts, a service project, international sharing night, an Evolving Alps Hike, and many more. Two girls and one guider each



broke the camp record in the crate stacking activity. We had amazing day trips to Italy, cheese and chocolate factories, a medieval town and Jungfrau (the top of Europe). We learned that Scouts trade scarves more than badges.

This trip was a lot of hard work but it was worth it. The girls experienced a new culture and made Guiding connections around the world. They learned what they really could do, individually and as a group. They are already planning their next guiding adventure. Switzerland was a dream that became an amazing adventure and it all started with a simple wish on Thinking Day when they were Brownies.



Camp Creina Hosts a Wedding

I co-lead Riverside Guides and Pathfinders in Cowichan Station, BC. Riverside is part of Waters Edge District and Pacific Shores Area. I have been in Guiding for 22 years and it has been a true passion since I was about 9 years old. I went through all the levels except for Sparks, led Pathfinders for several years with the 117th Pathfinder Unit in Calgary, Alberta, and have been with Riverside since 2011.

Cowichan Station is home to an absolutely beautiful area Girl Guide camp called Camp Creina. I have attended countless camping trips on this site and I sometimes joke that I know it better than my own backyard. I am a member of the Camp Creina Committee and my husband Jeff mows the lawns on site.

On May 21st of this year, Jeff and I were married in the Camp Creina chapel. It was an absolutely beautiful day and I was very honoured to have my Guides and Pathfinders lead me down the aisle.

Dana Wood



IGGNite 2017 in Ireland



This summer I had the opportunity to attend IGGNite 2017 in Ireland. It was an International event with 987 girls from 12 different countries. This included Canada, Malaysia, St. Vincent's and the Grenedines, and Ireland and other parts of the United Kingdom. The Irish Girl Guides organized a variety of events such as the talent show, trading night, and multiple activities with community members. (Coast Guard, military, ambulance, etc.) There was also a Free Being Me workshop.

Some highlights included touring Dublin, making new friends, meeting the Irish Coast Guard, learning Irish Dance moves, and watching my new friend Yasmine win the talent show! (I knew her 5 days before she was famous!) Trying to understand our Quartermaster's accent was a blast.

I learned a lot on this trip, too. Be prepared with both sunscreen and your rain gear, Irish weather can change in the blink of an eye. Ireland also has lots of culture and history so take it in and enjoy it! However, beware when trying to help set up a tent, they put up a waterproof layer with tent poles, guide ropes, and tent pegs, and clip rooms to the inside. It's reverse from how we set them up!

My absolute highlight of the whole trip started in an unexpected way. My sub camp, Blaze, flooded with ground water and four of the six sites were evacuated. One of the two remaining sites decided to leave just in case, which left my site, Blaze 2, as the only site. Our leaders called us nicknames like survivors and warriors! Because of this, the Chief of WAGGGS Nicola Grinstead decided to have tea on our site with us! I had a lovely conversation with her and she signed my Canada flag and award for my helpfulness! Best day ever!

I really want to thank the people who helped me along the way, like my district and area, provincial council and international committee, and national council and office! All their efforts took me on the trip of a lifetime! Thank you so much!

Ally Boyd