

# The Log Jam

Girl Guides of Canada Pacific Shores Area

## A Note from Barb Wood, Our Area Commissioner

Welcome back to the second half of the Guiding year! Hopefully everyone enjoyed a bit of a break from Guiding over the holiday period and that you had the opportunity to spend some quality time with family and friends.

All of you had a busy fall which was reflected in the increased membership in Pacific Shores Area. We are still waiting on the numbers from our first count (December 1st) however we all know that we had more full Units than we have ever experienced. Once again we find ourselves in the position of “if we only had more Guiders, we would have more girls.” Over the next few months we will be working on setting up the Units for next year – are you willing to continue working with a Unit; do you know someone who was involved in Guiding in the past and may be interested in returning; do you have a parent in your current Unit who may be interested in helping out and learning about Guiding before coming on board full or part-time in September; do you have a work colleague or relative who is looking for a way to contribute to our communities; or do you have a friend who would enjoy sharing in your love of Guiding? Let’s find some Guiders so that we can open additional Units and bring our new Girls First program to even more girls!

With thanks to Seija Laine, our new website was launched. We now have a fresh new face to share with our Guiders, girls, parents and the general public. Our goals include sharing information that will assist our Guiders and providing a place to showcase the special events taking place in the Units and Districts in our Area. I encourage everyone to take a look ([ggcpacificshores.ca](http://ggcpacificshores.ca)) and if you have ideas for improving it or would like to contribute to it send it to Seija at [WebAdmin@ggcpacificshores.ca](mailto:WebAdmin@ggcpacificshores.ca).

As Thinking Day approaches, I am sure many of you are busy planning activities to celebrate this special day in our organization. Our organization has a rich heritage and a world-wide presence and this is a wonderful opportunity to share it with our girls.

Rally on the Shores, an exciting day of exchanging traders and taking part in hands-on activities, is scheduled for Sunday, May 26th at Beban Park in Nanaimo. This opportunity is for all Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders and Rangers and we look forward to showing off our beautiful island to Units from other areas of the province. Interested in sharing this experience by helping out with this event – contact Jayne Willie at [jaynecoasttrain@gmail.com](mailto:jaynecoasttrain@gmail.com).

## More from Barb Wood

2019 marks the 30th anniversary of Sparks joining the Girl Guide family, this is a great time to remind ourselves to take the time to “share and be a friend.” Take the time to share the fun of developing programs with all of the girls in your Unit to find activities that both excite and challenge them. In addition, enjoy every minute you get to share with your sisters in Guiding (Guiders and Trefoil Guild members) as you build memories that will last a lifetime. Come and join us, as we acknowledge the achievements of our Canada Cord and Gold Chief Commissioner’s Award recipients and our bursary recipients, at our Annual Guider Gathering to be held on April 28th at the Eagles Hall in Campbell River.

I have been delighted to be back working and playing with all of you. We are very lucky to have so many creative and talented women in our Area and I look forward to welcoming some new members onto Area Council. Each individual’s contribution to Guiding and their dedication continues to be an inspiration to me. Thank you so much for all you do!



Everything she wants to be.



## *Camp Creina*

Spring Clean-Up

**10:00am – 3:00pm on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Girls, Guiders, and all family members from any unit in Pacific Shores Area are invited to help out at our annual work bee!**

**Lunch is provided! Please confirm numbers by emailing [2014ggcccadm@gmail.com](mailto:2014ggcccadm@gmail.com) by February, 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Girls must be supervised by parents or Guiders.  
No dogs permitted at Camp Creina.**

**Recommended: boots, work gloves, rakes, water bottles.**

**Guider reminder: SG 1 & 2 for girls**

**Camp Creina 2365 Shaw Road, Cowichan Station**



# 1st Island Trex Unit ... Trekking in Strathcona Park



1st Island Trex provides the opportunity to adventure trek to beautiful places such as Lake Beautiful, British Columbia.

We trekked through Paradise Meadows in Strathcona Provincial Park, for three days in October 2018. What a fantastic time we all had. They also explored Cruikshank Canyon which is also part of Strathcona Park.

Adventure trekking with  
1st Island Trex  
in Strathcona Park  
reignited my appreciation  
for all of  
nature's amazing sights.



The participants on this trip: From left to right: Jaiden Gray, Morgan Gaudet, Jamie Lawlor, Dora Masters. The first 2 are Rangers in the 1st Island Trex Unit. Jamie is their Ranger Guider. Dora Masters is their Trex Guider. (photo bottom right)





## Iron Chef – Chopped Style 2018.

A wage was battled on a beautiful sunny weekend in Oct at Camp Creina between 13 groups of 4 Pathfinder/Rangers and 1 Guider for champion of the Iron Chef 2018 challenge! The groups came from all over PSA and after tasting 13 appetizers, 13 main courses and 13 desserts the three judges, Deanie Patton, Iris Symon and Marian Davies finally made a decision for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Some of the girls in the groups were brand new to camp cooking while others had participated in past Iron Chef challenges. The Guiders were great at sitting in their chairs and only giving advice (which was their one and only job!). The groups all arrived at some point on Friday evening, set up their sleeping places, handed in their decorated cookie box and just hung out. Saturday morning, after breakfast, they set up their kitchens and the fun began. There was a food draft – where they got to look at what was offered, then were able to choose one thing at a time with a draw out of a hat for the order (but never the same order as each round was a new draw). The cookie boxes, which were handed in after each round, were filled with the mandatory mystery items. There was one ingredient that had to be used in all the dishes in some way. Then the cooking started. The entire afternoon was taken up with cooking, presenting to the judges, judges tasting and scoring. All the dishes prepared were very different from each other and very interesting since they all were given the same mandatory mystery items. At the end of the afternoon all the kitchens were packed up again for another year. Meals were prepared by Nancy Archer and her crew. Many thanks to everyone who came and helped out and to the girls and guiders who participated – this wouldn't happen without you and your enthusiasm. You never know what we will come up with – you will just have to wait and see. Hope to see you all next year. I wonder what the theme will be next year???





## Kathy Brown Life Membership Award

Last Bastion Trefoil Guild would like to thank all those generous folks who so happily donated to obtaining a Life Membership Award for Kathy Brown. The presentation took place at our annual Last Bastion Fall Luncheon on October 18, 2018. Kathy has been an active member of Girl Guides of Canada since 1962, starting out in Guides and still going strong as a member of the Last Bastion Trefoil Guild in Nanaimo. Kathy's campfires are legendary and we have all benefitted from her love of music and camping. Not one to sit idly by and let others do the work, Kathy has held many posts in the old Mid Island Area, now known as Pacific Shores, and has left her mark on many projects that the Area has undertaken. Her organizational skills are second to none and we have been the lucky recipients of her tireless efforts in promoting Girl Guides and their programs. If you took the Girl Guide Promise and Law and rolled them into one, you would have Kathy Brown. Thank you for the many hours of service you have given to your community, your family, and your friends and to Girl Guides. No one we know deserves this honour more than Kathy. Congratulations from us all!!



## Mt. Provost Pathfinders

1st Mt Prevost Pathfinders  
Enrolment night Nov 14, 2018

9 new members joined.

Mt. Provost Pathfinders are in  
Mountain Valley Trail District  
(formerly part of Waters Edge  
District)

The cool picture was taken by leader  
Carol Smith



Deadline  
for the next issue of  
LogJam  
will be  
approximately April 30th.

But don't wait for the deadline,  
get your photos (jpg) and  
articles in as soon as you have  
them.

send you submissions to  
[lreeve@telus.net](mailto:lreeve@telus.net)



# Caroling



1st Ladysmith Guides (Blue Heron District)  
caroling at Lodge on Fourth.

## **Dates to remember:**

### **Annual Pacific Shores Area Guider Gathering**

Hosted this year by Campbell River District  
28 April 2019  
Approx times 11am to 3 pm  
Eagles Hall Campbell River

### **Rally on the Shores**

26 May 2019  
Nanaimo Beban Park  
(more info at <http://ggcpacificshores.ca/events-2> )



Blue Heron  
District's, 1st  
Ladysmith Spark,  
Brownie, Guides  
and Pathfinder  
units taking part in  
our annual caroling  
at  
La Rosa Gardens.  
(photos above and  
left)



## Craft Nights at Starbucks

Guider/Barista Elizabeth Wennerberg, Guider with 1st Harewood Sparks in Nanaimo Arbutus District, has been running Starbucks craft nights in Nanaimo for a year and a half at Port Place Mall. She then mentored a Starbucks location in Duncan that wanted to get the activity started there. She travelled up to Coastal Rainforest District, in Parksville, to spend time with 2nd Parksville Guides during their first meeting in January. It was a great evening of community engagement, trader making, and bridging, as Elizabeth also brought two helper Pathfinders and a helper Brownie!

Photo top left, Rylee, Callee, and Elizabeth W.

Photo bottom left Callee and Rylee with Chloe from 1st Chase River Pathfinders

Bottom photo Julia, Guider Susan Zutz, Callee, and Rylee





## BC Trex Rendezvous Indian Arm October 2018



Aurora, a member of 1st Island Trex Unit, was one of seven lucky PSA girls who attended Trex Rendezvous in Oct 2018, along with 78 other Trex Girls from all over BC. This camp was amazing! I loved it so much! There was so much to do, and I learned a lot! If I could ever go again, I would totally go and would encourage other girls in Pathfinders to join Trex so they could attend this camp!!

My favourite part was the high ropes activity, because I got to test my limits and learned how to tie a figure eight knot. I loved the canoeing and kayaking, I liked in the one activity where we had to find different animals. The staff was amazing! I liked the cabins we were in, they were really cool, and the food was so delicious!!

I also learned another thing, when using a lighter, don't touch or even go near the substance that has just been melted, because it hurts! The views were stunning, and the way there and on the boat, was really fun! The experiences were awesome, I loved the camp leaders, they were really fun to hang out with. I think the archery session was really fun, and educational. I also met a lot of new people, I made new friends and had some exciting experiences! Overall I thought this camp was amazing and totally recommend it, to all my friends!

We all had a blast.

Thanks for letting me have such a great experience! Can't wait to come back!

Aurora



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It's off to work  
we go!!

Fall Clean Up  
at Camp Creina

