

The Log Jam

Summer 2019

Chapter 2

Girl Guides of Canada Pacific Shores Area

Girl Guides in Pacific Shores Area made a Rally Cry on Sunday, May 26, and nearly 1,500 Girls and Women answered.



This year's Rally on the Shores was held at Beban Park in Nanaimo, B.C., the first time the rally has come to Vancouver Island. Participants came from all over Vancouver Island and the Vancouver area for an afternoon of camaraderie, crafts, singing and trading.

A colour party officially opened the ceremony, and Riley Antrim-Shoquist led the rally greetings with a message from Snuneymuxw First Nation, spoken in Island Hul'q'umin'um' and translated into English. New B.C. provincial commissioner Diamond Isinger urged the girls to have fun and invited them to bring their ideas for Guiding to her in exchange for a special crest.



Ruth Seabloom, left, and Linda Hodgkin sign units into Rally on the Shores at Beban Park's Centennial Building in Nanaimo.



The colour party marches in the Canadian flag, Canadian Girl Guides flag and the world flag.



Traders were serious business at the rally; hats such as this one could be seen throughout the site.



British Columbia's newest provincial commissioner, Diamond Isinger, revs up nearly 1,500 rally participants with her opening speech.



Riley Antrim-Shoquist greets rally participants in Island Hul'q'umin'um', the language of Snuneymuxw First Nation. Organizer Noreen Keen translates her greeting into English.

Organizer Noreen Keen and her purple-clad team had arranged for displays from the Nanaimo RCMP, Nanaimo Ground Search and Rescue and the Pacific Gael Pipes and Drums band, among others. Girls could speak with female police officers, learn how to keep warm in an emergency blanket from volunteer rescuers and try out a set of bagpipes with the pipe band.

There were crafts inside, including a service project that saw hundreds of "sock cupcakes" created. They have since been dispersed to different organizations that will hand them out to those who need them.

After a pizza lunch and ample trading time, Noreen Keen and a group of Pathfinders she encouraged to come to the front led campfire.

Diamond Isinger, Provincial Commissioner, listened to hundreds of ideas from girls and leaders, as she traded her special commissioner patch for comments.

Other crests that were hot trading commodities included those from Krysta Coyle Guiding Ambassador and Director - Guiding Experience ,and Robyn McDonald, Chair, Board of Directors.

Numerous units thanked organizers for putting on a great rally. Comments like “Our kids are having an amazing time. Thank you!!!” and “Our girls are loving it!!” and “Thank you to the fabulous ladies who put this event together” were posted on the GGC Rally BC Facebook page.

Rally on the Shores had just ended and already there were people making plans for 2020. Rally on the River will take place on May 24, 2020 in Maple Ridge. Mark your calendar!



Ranger Katiana McCune from Campbell River helps a Brownie from 7th Komux Brownies tie knots to make a tripod at an outdoor skills station.



“Hey, do you mind taking a photo of our group?” The 14th Victoria Guides gather for a group photo before moving on to some of the activities at Rally on the Shores.



Young adult members Morgan Gaudet, left, Jaiden Gray and Michaela King grab a photo op with B.C. PC Diamond Isinger. The trio is involved in everything from Rangers and Trex to being junior Brownie leaders with King.



Rally participants created “sock cupcakes” as a giant service project. The socks are being distributed to organizations that will give them to people who need them most.



Madison Brooks-Goodmurphy from 1st South Port Guides in Port Alberni enjoys a slice of pizza for lunch.

‘Diamonds and Pearls’ ... Dogwood Training 2019

A Dogwood training is different from other trainings in that there isn't a specific skill set to be learned. Instead it's an opportunity to look more deeply into our roles in Guiding, the Sisterhood of Guiding, and ourselves. I was lucky enough to attend the recent Dogwood training held April 12-14 2019 at Camp Elkhaven on Denman Island.

Elkhaven was a wonderful choice for hosting the training- it's a very beautiful location, with lovely ocean & mountain views. We were around 14 participants, plus trainers. Some were quite new to Guiding, others had years of experience, some were current or former DCs, ACs and even a lovely former

PC! A wealth of diverse experience in Guiding was represented.

We had some great discussions about time management, what are time savers, and what are time wasters. We worked in groups to build first class 'pastaramas' (dioramas built mainly from pasta), and planned Campfire, skits and Guides Own. We played some interactive games and did activities where we learned about the history of Guiding and Lord & Lady Baden-Powell. Charades was quite interesting!! Some of us were more crafty or more outgoing than others, and we talked about that too- how we all have our strengths and it's important to recognize and utilize the strengths in ourselves and those around us in order to build solid teams. We also discussed our reasons for being involved in Guiding, and why Guiding is important to us. That was very valuable at this time of the year when we are often at our busiest, and may be starting to feel a bit burnt out.

We practised Guiding traditions, such as marching into a horseshoe, and flags. I definitely learned some new things! The Pooh Bear stretch was a favourite. The campfire on Saturday night was lovely- that's always one of my favourite parts of Guiding weekends. There was much discussion about different versions of favourite songs we were singing!

I made new friends, and got to know familiar faces better. The food was fantastic! Many thanks to our QMs. It was a wonderful, rejuvenating weekend- thanks very much to our Area Training Adviser Stacy, and trainers Gerry and Dawnette for putting it all together!



Cowichan Brownies work to make Duncan Parks more Accessible

2nd Cowichan Brownies, Mountain Valley Trail Pacific Shores had a meeting at the end of May in the park with Mayor Michelle Staple and the City Planner Danica Rice. Michelle Staple is the first Female Mayor of Duncan, BC.

We spent a half hour discussing what is accessibility and what makes a playground and park accessible. The girls then drew up their ideas for accessible playgrounds. The Mayor and City planner arrived and sat down with the girls to discuss their ideas. Both the mayor and the city planner where very interested and intrigued by their ideas. They asked each girl questions about their design ideas. Best ideas, a booth to get robot eye balls for the blind, a booth for getting free wheel chairs and a skate park with wheelchairs for anyone to use. Umm I hope she wasn't looking at me. Lol

Accessibility is probably more in the forefront with this Brownie Pack as one of their Guiders, Rachel Whitehouse has been paraplegic, since her daughter was 2 , now 9. "I am very aware of how inaccessible our downtown playground is. The mayor asked me to email her all the practical ideas for making the park accessible"

The city planner brought aerial photos of the park. The girls divided into groups and with the help of the city planner tried to label the different parts of the park.

The girls gave them a warm Brownie ,twit twoooo, thank you and hugs then presented them with girl guide cookies and all the girls' drawing.

We finished up our meeting had a half hour of free play on the playground.



In the photos, Michelle has black hair blue tank top, Danica is blond with a stretch denim dress, Guider Rachel Whitehouse in the wheel chair, and my co Guider Stacey Wenstob.

2nd Parksville Guides Visit Top Bridge Park



On the surface, this is just another kid who's ignoring nature and playing on her phone. 2nd year Guide Arielle Small is actually using her technology to take a picture of a neat feature she noticed on the river so she can remember it later and reflect. Girls were encouraged to bring cameras on the hike. Guiders later shared photos of all the bits of nature they identified on the unit Facebook group for parents/guardians to share with the girls. Technology doesn't need to keep us from nature and the outdoors but rather can help enhance our appreciation of it!

and Learn about the RCMP

Cpl LeBrun (aka Guider Michelle!) visited 2nd Parksville Guides to quiz the girls on the RCMP after a prior visit to the local detachment. Girls in this community who successfully answer Guider Michelle's questions get presented with an RCMP crest that has been removed from retired uniforms - a great treasure for their camp blankets.



Camp Creina

Painting Lats and Buildings

Girls, Guiders, and adult members from Pacific Shores Area are invited to help the Camp Creina Committee paint the exterior of the camp latrines, workshop, and shelters. Paint and brushes will be provided.

Girls must be supervised by parents or Guiders.

No dogs permitted at Camp Creina. No fires permitted at this time.

Kit List: painting clothes (shoulders must be covered), hat, painting gloves, closed-toe shoes, sunscreen, and filled water bottle. If staying for dinner, please bring your own dishes. If camping overnight, please bring your own overnight camping gear, including drinking water.

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Come for all or any times. You are welcome to camp overnight if you would like to. Saturday dinner will be provided. Bring your own food otherwise.

Please RSVP numbers by emailing 2014ggccadm@gmail.com by July 15th.

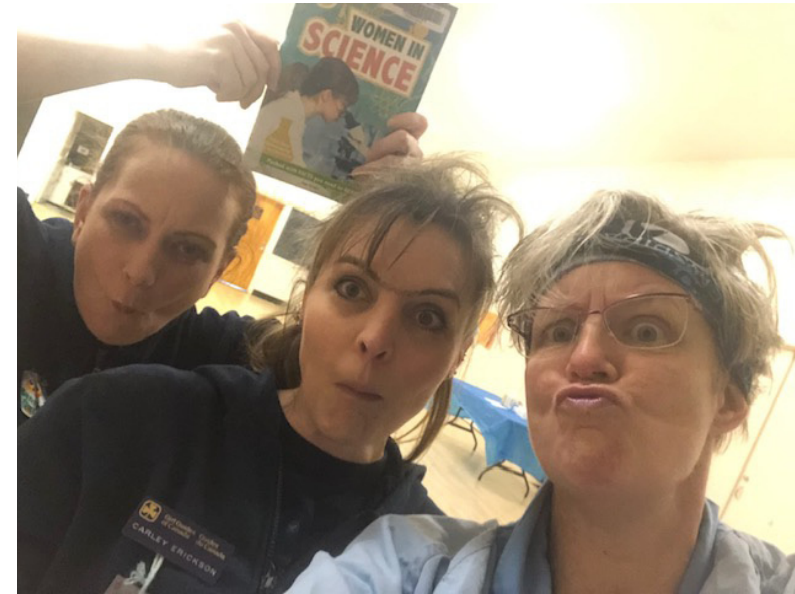
Camp Creina 2365 Shaw Road, Cowichan Station



1st Wellington Brownies ... completing their Key to STEM



1st Wellington Brownies having fun experimentin' and workin' on our Girl's First, Experiment and Create: Science Lab, and our 2nd years completing their Key to STEM. We had the most fun creating our "Mad Scientist" Hair - as you can see from our Leaders.



Malaspina Strait District

Photo right, 1st Powell River Brownies, 2nd Powell River Sparks and Kelly Creek Multigroup Sparks and Brownies during our Celebrations Around the World Sleepover.



Generation Gap Trefoil Guild Comox Valley

Generation Gap Trefoil Guild has been busy with activities. We often find it challenging to get together – all very busy with work, grandchildren and other obligations. Before Christmas we gathered for lunch (in our Trefoil Guild t-shirts), brought bags of toiletries and warm mitts, caps and socks for the homeless, and some continued on to a favourite performance, the Yellowpoint Christmas spectacular. At this time we had also started a service project. One of our members, a quilter, was asked to come up with a project for us. We decided on a child sized crazy quilt. Some members gathered to cut the squares, some put the pieces together, some sewed it together then Christmas happened. We all got together once more in January and snipped all the seams. We are proud of this gift provided to Transition house, supporting at risk women and children in our community. This year some members got together for snowshoeing and some members attended the Sound of Music at the Chemainus Theatre. In May most of us will be volunteering at Rally on the Shores – that should be fun.



Deadline for the next issue of LogJam
will be Monday September 16th

(but you will get an email reminder). We want to hear all about your units' summer adventures!!! Don't wait until the last minute ... send your stories and photos (JPGs) in as soon as you can.
lreeve@telus.net is where to send your submissions.



1st Wellington Pathfinders participated in a World Thinking Day Challenge by WAGGGS! This challenged the girls to think outside of the box, to be empowered in actions and decisions as well as thinking through puzzles! They learned many interesting facts, a lot of laughing and fun was to be had!

Pride

We had girls/women representing Blue Heron District, Nanaimo Arbutus, Nanaimo Piper, Hurford, and Coastal Rainforest, as well as Boomers Trefoil Guild. People travelled from Ladysmith to Port Alberni and in between. The feedback from the crowd was outstanding.

In the photo (right) Arielle Small is on the left, Abbie Hayward on the right, both of 2nd Parksville Guides.



Guides visit Vancouver

Girls from 2nd Parksville Guides (11), 1st Oceanview Pathfinders (5), and 1st Parksville Guides (1), spanning Hurford and Coastal Rainforest districts, spent a weekend in Vancouver visiting the aquarium, Science World, and staying overnight at Guide House.

