

The Log Jam

Fall 2019

Girl Guides of Canada Pacific Shores Area

To the Guiding Members of Pacific Shores Area:

I would like to thank Barbara Wood for the four years as Deputy and Area Commissioner. “You are a hard act to follow but enjoy the rest and we will meet again - in about a year right?”

The Guiding year 2019/2020 has begun and a new AC Team. On 15 July 2019 I accepted the position of Area Commissioner and immediately surrounded myself with four experienced Guiders. As Deputy I have Noreen Keen from Nanaimo and Karin McCune from Campbell River; as Treasurer Patti Salewski from Nanaimo and as Secretary Cindy Popplestone from Crofton. I am excited about working with these ladies.

Our Area is facing a challenge right at the moment as we have 170 girls on the waitlist and are looking for experienced volunteers who would be willing to work with new volunteers to give these girls a chance to experience Guiding. I know this might be a short term solution but any help or ideas would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me at bc-pacificshoresac@girlguides.ca

I look forward to working/meeting with many of you over the next three years - lets make Pacific Shore hum with activity.

Margaret Slater
Commissoner
Pacific Shores Area

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Everything she wants to be.

How My Girl Guide Trip to Ecuador Changed Me

I got back from my Girl Guide trip to Ecuador a few weeks ago and my mind is still processing everything I experienced. From the moment I stepped off the plane, I could tell this would be different than any other school or family trip I could ever go on. Even though few of the girls on the trip had never met before, I could feel the almost immediate bond we all had.

The trip itself was absolutely incredible. Every activity we did from the volunteer work and cultural experiences to making our own chocolate and going on early-morning hikes in the Amazon was unique, inspiring, fun and even challenging. But what made this trip truly special to me was the people. One of my favourite moments was after a long day of working up in the Andes we were surprised with a campfire! Being in a place that is so new to me and doing something so familiar really makes you feel at home. Campfires are such a special time, especially for anyone who's been in Girls Guides and it was really cool to learn some new songs to bring back to my unit as well as share some old favourites.

It wasn't just the girls on this trip that impacted me, but our trip leaders, and the local people. We went to visit a women's artisan group sponsored by WE while in the Andes. They taught us about how to make and spin wool and we had the chance to hear stories about how things had changed in their community since WE had started working with them. They told us about how they could make a living and help support their children, and how, unlike themselves, their daughters could now finish high school and be independent. It was beyond inspiring, and for me it made me realize what I might like to do with my life is work for an NGO or something where I can help people.

Every place we went I felt immediately welcomed by the locals. One day I will always hold particularly dear to my heart was while working in the Amazon. It was incredibly hot. During our lunch break in an unfinished classroom, we noticed a group of children. They had been watching us all morning slowly getting closer and closer. When we brought out the soccer ball we had brought, they quickly showed us to the field to play a game. I've never considered myself a coordinated person and have actually never really liked soccer, but something about playing it on a muddy field while wearing knee high rubber boots in 40° C weather made it extremely fun, even if we were absolutely destroyed by the competition.

Meet our guest contributor: "Hi! I'm Gabriella, I've been a Girl Guide for 12 out of the 16 years of my life. I've had the privilege of literally growing up with wonderful leaders and a great unit. Even when my life gets busy, as I also swim, row and have school, Girl Guides has always been a place I can come to relax, have fun and be truly myself." Gabriella lives on Salt Spring Island.



A Bit of BC Guiding History



This photo of Lord Baden-Powell sipping a cup of tea was taken at Willows Beach in Victoria. The question is WHEN.

The Guide who had given him the tea is the mother of a lady who was a Guider in Lantzville in the early to mid 1980s.

Lord Baden-Powell retired from active work with Scouting in 1937 (at age 80) so we can assume this visit to BC was before that.

Does anyone know when Victoria got this visit? Or does anyone know how we can find out?



BENCH VISE

The Camp Creina Committee is seeking a used bench vise for our camp workshop. If you have an old bench vise you would like to donate, please contact Camp Creina Committee Chairperson:

Dana Wood: x_dana_x@msn.com

Thank you!



Camp Creina

Fall Clean-Up

10:00am – 3:00pm on Sunday, October 27th

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 by October 18.

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



Gone Home

Helen Inglebright
Julie Diddridge
Margaret Cox
Sheila Carter
Eleanor Hurst

Pat Mahon went to Newfoundland and met this fetching local!!



Cindy Popplestone, Gail Temmel and I travelled to Newfoundland for DAWN, a provincial camp with over 300 girls from across Canada. We left a bit early so we could do a bit of exploring. First to St. John's for 3 days, then rented a car and travelled across the province to camp at Gros Mourne National Park on the western part of the island.. Along the way we saw Puffins, and Icebergs.

Rorry Lynn , photo right, from Waters Edge District was just one of the participants from BC.

Dawn is a camp for Guides, Pathfinders and Ranger. It involves basic camping with tenting, patrol cooking, and a full program of challenges and fun.



Above: Iceberg hunting. Below: found some!!



