

LEAP ON!



Newsletter – Day 1

August 3, 2025

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LEAP 2025 Transportation Team

The power of camp is defined differently for each person within. No matter if you are the youngest camper through to the title of Chair, running the camp; each person has a different experience within the camp setting. Nestled on Highway 141, in the community of Rosseau, among the coniferous and deciduous trees; Rosseau Lake College (RLC) was our venue for LEAP 2025. Three years ago, LEAP started as a dream. As time unfolded, Hub members came on board. Kim Watters was our Hub member. She shared her knowledge and guidance with us. Next to come onboard was our Sub Hub members. They joined in the summer of 2024. A year of planning meetings, pivoting and traveling through the bumps, potholes and hilly roads, we did. We welcomed Crew members in early 2025; they called themselves “Minions” in a hearty laughable way.

As time traveled onward, the Transportation Team was closely tied into finding a coach bus company for arrival and departure days, a school bus company for Out-Trips, flights for people coming in across Canada, and parking lots for people visiting for the day as Rosseau Lake College's parking lot could not accommodate as many cars as needed on site. Signs were created, our team badge was approved, accessibility needs were taken care of, bus routes were added to the spread-sheet-ar-y that was created—complete with their own colours for various routes! Added were the menu and allergy lists that Bus Captains shared. We didn't want to forget or rental vehicles or golf carts!

Upon Crew arrival, two team members awoke early to start the day. Meeting at our Off-Site Crew parking lot, three buses were loaded, and Crew members were whisked off to camp, thanks to Wilson Transportation! At camp, all the Crew, Sub Hub and Hub members were busy putting camp together! We did it in remarkable time! As we laid our heads on our pillows, visions of transportation issues crawled in our stomachs. Many of us didn't slept that night, as there was too many “what if's” on the line.

However, by 2:10 p.m. on Sunday, also known as Arrival Day, the first coach bus rolled into RLC, and our team sprung into action. Over the next five hours, we directed coach buses, traffic and youth, answered questions, unloaded luggage behind the appropriate signs and shuttled campers living close by camp. All 22 buses arrived almost at one time. The faces of smiling youth and laughter

LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Kim and her Transportation Team for running all of camp's transportation smoothly, and for always having a solution for every request

**To Kim &
Transportation Team**

**From: 12th
ON LEAP**

could be heard miles away as many caught up on the events gone by. The first night was done—we did it! One patrol, from Newfoundland, was delayed; however, transportation was on the case, and a plan was created! After sleeping soundly Sunday night, we woke up to the birds chirping in the windows.

We set to work, for the next five days, repeating itself! Our focus of each day was loading and unloading buses, helping program count patrols and get lunches and coolers on buses. We directed more traffic and ensured buses arrived and departed on time for all the patrol's out trips. We took over 100 trips to the two off-site parking lots, shuttling vendors, paramedics, Girl Guide staff and volunteers between RLC and their vehicles. We chatted with Guiders, traded our badges and swaps with campers. We provided support where we could. We ate our fair share of ice-cream and became buddies with Security and Program teams too.

Our departure day looked quite similar to arrival day: organizing signs, luggage and people! The last bus pulled out 45 minutes ahead of schedule and we gave each other a high-five when it pulled out.

Our team was more like a Guiding family that week. We knew each others' strengths, challenges, needs and facial expressions. We

Preparing for LEAP 2025

"Hear ye, hear ye! We have a grand announcement! After having been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, LEAP will finally be taking place in August of 2025! WOOOOOOT!!"

"Sarah did you hear that?"

"I did! I truly did!"

"We totally need to go again!"

"Start the car!"

Okay, that might not exactly have been how it went down but it is essentially what happened. As soon as we learned that LEAP was a go, we just knew that we were going to be bringing a Patrol again.

helped each other out, knowing when each other needed a bit extra from us. Our time of LEAP is now memories and pictures to be looked back upon, with email addresses exchanged to count on our Guiding sisterhood while we wait for the next major Guiding event to become a dream waiting for people to create it a camp. Thank you to all the Hubs, Sub Hubs, Crew, and people who came around the side lines to make this experience a memorable one.

Kimberly Watters
Transportation Hub



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Ronnie! Way to make things happen!

To: Ronnie

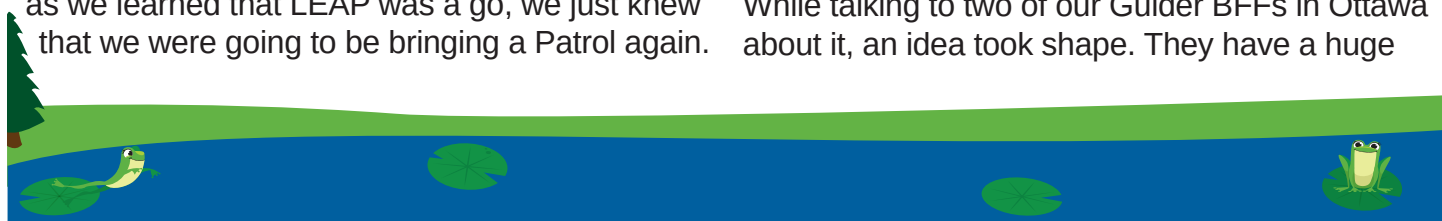
From: 57th ON LEAP

Afterall, LEAP 2019 was such a positive and memorable experience!

We surveyed our Trex unit and four were interested in coming with us - two of which joined us for the previous LEAP. Excellent!

But then we read one of the rules that would apply this time around - the one stating that Patrols needed to have a minimum 10 youth. Well darn. We come from a smaller community and did not even have 10 girls in our unit!

While talking to two of our Guider BFFs in Ottawa about it, an idea took shape. They have a huge



Ranger unit and they had too many youth who wanted to participate in LEAP. Like, way over the 14 maximum limit! As we have camped with their Ranger unit before, their girls were somewhat familiar with us so the idea took root. Sister units!

Once we had our minimum required participants, it was time to move on to the next most important thing: our Patrol's trading crest.

Trading crests was one of our favourite parts of the last LEAP. Not only did we get a chance to receive some pretty amazing keepsakes but it gave us the chance to chat with Guiders and youth from all over! Walking around with your Patrol's crest in your lanyard pouch which hung around your neck and crossing paths with someone who was also showing off their Patrol crest in their lanyard, seeing you did not have it, stopping them enthusiastically, asking if they had your crest and if they said no happily trading then going on your merry way, filled with even more excitement...such a neat experience. Was it a little intimidating to approach your first person you wished to trade with? Yes. Yes, it was. But soon it just became pure fun.

We remember that the slightly larger crests were very popular, as were the multi-piece crests. Those were especially coveted. That is when we had the idea to make our crest for this year a two piecer—one piece belonging to our Patrol and the other to our sister Patrol.

What would the image be? Super easy to come up with that idea! We are both very adventure-camping focused units and especially enjoy canoeing. So two bears in a canoe, fishing. And one of the bears needed to have caught a red Swedish fish because at a previous camp our youth came up with the oddest, strangest, and yet intricate story about a girl who dated a Swedish fish. Then there was a mistress which led to



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Melinda G! This gem kept the food line cool!

To: Melinda G.

From: G  nevi  e B.



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

the LEAP Team for organizing this fantastic event for the kiddos!

To: LEAP TEAM

From: A.M.'s Parents

a murder - because of course, there was a murder. These are Rangers after all, and that story just snowballed over the entire camp weekend. To this day, it is deemed one of the most epic stories to come out of a camp and definitely needed to be part of our crest.

So now we had our youth and we had our crest. We were all set!

We've stepped up our crest game, but so did many other Patrols! The photos shared on the LEAP Facebook page, wow...just wow! We already have our eye on which ones we really want, and we're not even there yet!

We are looking forward to trading, but something else we are truly looking forward to is experiencing this LEAP with the two youths who were with us in 2019 - Pathfinders last time and Rangers this time. We've asked them what they are most looking forward to and the crest trading was definitely up there

- not surprising as one of them was so extra super duper into the crest part last time, she even managed to find all the pieces to the most coveted crest of all: the rainbow crest - but they are most excited to be able to spend time in the Ranger Hangout.

It is going to be an absolute honour to watch these two girls experience their time at LEAP—their last big hurrah as youth in Girl Guides. Just as it's been an honour to know them since they were first year Sparks and watched them flower into two absolutely incredible young women.

That may even trump the crest trading for us...but only by a little bit ;)

Julie Walsh & Sarah Martyn
76th ON LEAP





LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Kris for coming up with the amazing idea for LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Outs!

**To: Kris M.
Logistics Hub**

**From: MarComm
Team**

1st ON LEAP 2025 Patrol pre-camp

The 1st ON LEAP 2025 patrol attended Co-Op Camp at Camp Manitou this past fall for a weekend of fun as we “looked to the stars” and took part in lots of fun activities.



Our unit learned how to work together as a team (both as a LEAP patrol and in our teams for the activities), learned new skills, and made many new friends throughout the weekend.



Our patrol also took part in the Tidy Camper award. For the first time camping together (since youth came from different units), they came in first place and triumphed over 780 participants for the award!

**Kacey Miske
1st ON LEAP**

Our Road Trip to LEAP 2025!

Lake Superior, one of the Great Lakes in Ontario holds many surprises. Home to 88 different kinds of fish, it drains into Lake Huron through St. Mary's River, then through the lower Great Lakes to the St. Lawrence River, ultimately ending up in the Atlantic Ocean.

Naomi is part of the 39th ON LEAP 2025 Patrol, hailing from Thunder Bay; one of the Ontario patrols traveling the furthest to get here. I am on the Transportation Sub Hub. Since my parents live near Rosseau, we started our journey on July 21. Driving Highway 17 East, we saw some picturesque scenery, only having time to take a memory of Lake Superior itself. Traveling the coastal trail, winding through small towns, Indigenous Reserves, and provincial parks gave us the treat many do not get the opportunity to see! The sky was so blue, and the horizon faded meeting the lake in its true colour and form.

On the first day, the roads were full of orange pylons as we zigzag-zagged through workers. Thankfully though, the road was open! There had been a washout the week before. We needed to stop at Great Lakes Adventures Store to pick up last-minute supplies.

On our second day, waters were rougher as we headed more inland, so storms were on the radar. We made it to Burk's Falls though, with many pictures of the lake and our time in the car.

Naomi will join her patrol on August August 3 and I will join my team the day before. We both have our tummies full of anxieties as we expand our knowledge, strengthen our sisterhood and learn how to sleep away from home!

**Samantha Zrobin
Transportation Sub Hub**



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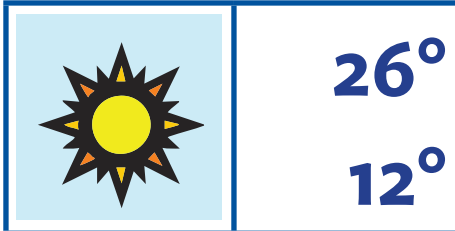
the Lifeguards for their phenomenal job!

To: Lifeguards!

From: 80th ON LEAP

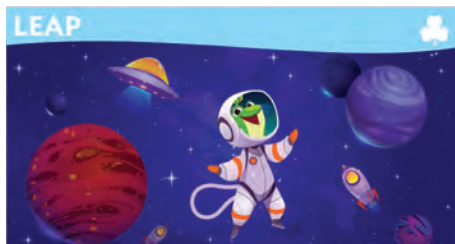


Today's Weather



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- Mission to Mars



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Kim, Transportation Hub

What LEAP means to me

What LEAP means to me if LEAP was an acronym, it would include what you can learn and be here.

L = learning, leadership or leaders.

E = explorers or exciting.

A = adventure or activity.

P = perseverance, patience or patrols.

So that would make...

Leadership **E**xplorers and **A**dventures of **P**atrols

Sarah Laurin
8th ON LEAP

Transportation Crew Ready!

Sunday afternoon, there was a hustle and bustle to get the camp set up done with last-minute chores. We all found our dining tent, and ate lunch with chatter of new friends.

The Transportation Crew was all set, lined up ready for the first bus to arrive. As the first bus arrived, there was a shout out that camp officially arrived. After that, the buses streamlined in and all buses were unloaded! The smiles, laughter and hugs of old friendships being renewed! It was a moment that will stick with me.



Samantha Zrobin
Transportation Sub Hub

83rd ON LEAP Patrol

My name is Miriam. I will be a first year Pathfinder next year, and I'm in the 83rd ON LEAP Patrol.

Before LEAP, we all went bowling together, so we could meet everyone in our patrol and spend time together. It was lots of fun and great bonding, and getting a feel for what everyone was like. I'm glad I went bowling and that I got to spend time with my LEAP patrol before coming to camp.

While we were decent at bowling I think cheering each other was our really strong suit! We were the loudest ones at the bowling alley! It was a lot of fun! Here is a picture of all of us together:



Miriam
83rd ON LEAP



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Lisa & Tracy. You probably wanted to spend some time together with the little free time at camp. Instead, you welcomed me in at the crack of dawn with stories and wisdom to share. Then you offered crests and SWAPs for me to take to my daughter, who couldn't come to camp due to a last minute injury. You filled us with Guiding love when I needed it most. Thank you!

To: Lisa & Tracy

**From: Tara M.
Peterborough**

My name is Addy. I'm a second year Guide. My patrol is the 83rd ON LEAP.

This is my first time at a LEAP camp. My big sister did a manicure for me to come to LEAP. My nails have frogs, trefoils and GG. I love them!!! I got do many compliments on them this week.

Here's a picture of them:



Addy
83rd ON LEAP

My Sisterhood Experience

I enjoyed camp because there was lots of activities and fun stuff to do. I really enjoyed LEAP because the food is very good and I got to meet a lot of new people and make a lot of new friends. Also, I loved trading swaps and crests.

One of my favorite things to do was treetop trekking, and all the activities - like archery and axe throwing.

This camp was also really fun because I got to do it with my friends, mom, sister and cousin!

Kaylee
59th ON LEAP



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Denise & Annette for looking after the girls of the 49th ON LEAP Patrol.

To: Denise & Annette

From: Amber

16th ON LEAP Patrol camp preparations

To get ready for the LEAP camp this year, our patrol had a fun sleepover meeting in 2024 to design the badges that we would be trading. The badge we created has a cute fox and the Girl Guide logo on it.

We also decorated each of our own's collapsible stool to be used in the camp. It is very cool as it can be collapsed into a very small round block!

And finally I spent the last few weekends with my mom to make my own swaps, which is a flower or butterfly shaped tag decorated with summer outdoor theme!



We have prepared so much for this camp together, and I'm very excited to go to the LEAP camp this year!

Carly
16th ON LEAP



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Transportation Team for giving crests & SWAPs to a patrol that had none!

To: Transportation Team **From: Teagan & Sarah**

Crew Set and Ready...

Here we come LEAP!



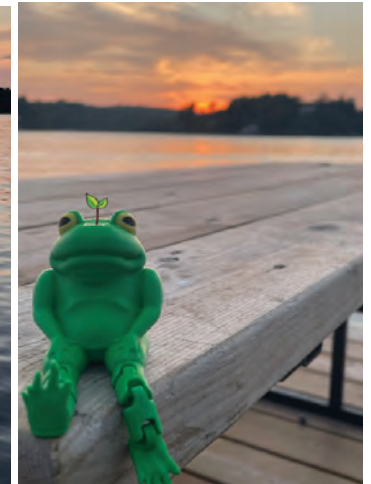
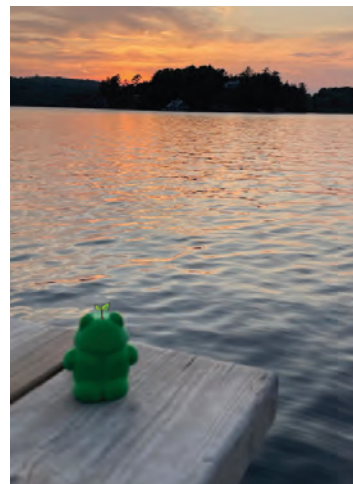
Crew: Charlie and Els (Logistics) and Erika (Program - waterfront) are packed up and ready to go. Here we come LEAP!



Enjoyed a campfire dinner to get into the mood. Can't wait to meet our fellow crew and all the participating units.

Erika Liver
Program, Waterfront

Enjoying the Sunset!



Here's Sprout enjoying the sunset at camp!

Jennifer Rooney
Program, Waterfront



Adventures of Toni the cactus!

Susan (Program - Waterfront Crew) is moving from Calgary to Nova Scotia, so what better to do than stop at Guide camp along the way. Her cactus, Toni, got a tour of the camp on Thursday! Toni had fun in a canoe and visiting program, but also learned important skills like sorting recycling.

Susan
Program, Waterfront



Toni's
Adventures!



Sister patrols from Markham

The 16th ON and 18th ON LEAP 2025 Patrols are sister patrols from Markham. They are having amazing time learning new skills and making new friendships.

Yesterday, the two patrols were able to go on their Out-Trips. Some to the *Islands Boat Adventure* and the other to the *Hug A Horse* trip. Each girl had an fantastic time. Then they all came back to have the carnival experience of a life time with candy apples, cotton candy, games and lots of sugar.

The 16th and 18th ON LEAP Patrols would love to thank everyone for making LEAP 2025 happen.

Bethany
16th ON LEAP



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August 5, 2025

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- Carnival



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Our Experiences at LEAP

My experience at LEAP is an awesome one. I feel like everyone should be able to go to LEAP. Although I miss my mom and dad a lot, I am having so much fun and I don't have time to think about them.

My experience at LEAP is amazingly awesome! I love LEAP!

Maddison
59th ON LEAP

Hello, how was your day? I'm here to talk about LEAP! First I love it here! I love how you get at one or more of your first picks for activities! Also, the Out-Trips are so cool (I think I'm doing it Wednesday).

If you like camping, swaps, badges, Guiding fun, and more - then it's the camp for you!

Bronwyn
59th ON LEAP

Special Events

I have attended a number of large events, but this is my first time attending a large camp as part of the Special Events team. It has been so much fun! I have met so many amazing and courageous youth who have helped with hosting our events, leading campfire songs, and participating in the talent show. Including Linger Longer coming up, we've had 122 youth help us out!

Some other fun numbers: 883 lollipops were pulled, we've handed out over 375 Carnival charms, there are 15 special guest speakers and performers for the week, we needed 490 cups and 280 ping pong balls for carnival's

Minute to Win It games and this was Sprout's first Girl Guide Camp!



Bubbles (Nikki Cahill)
Special Events



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

the Special Events Sub Hub & Crew! Thank you for your energy and enthusiasm to make evening program, Ranger Station, and the Challenge AMAZING for our campers!

To: Special Events **From: Paula J,**
Sub Hub & Crew **Special Events Hub**

My Awesome Time at LEAP

My name is Elsa, and I'm writing about the awesome time I had at LEAP. I made an octopus at the needle felting session, and there are one or two photos of it on Facebook! His name is Jeff and he's really cute!



I made new friends, and learned new ways to paint with watercolours, and went tree top trekking. Also, there were some manly guys going around on Thursday. (They were just my friends pretending, LOL!)

Anyway, this camp was better than any other camping trip I've done, I wouldn't miss it for the world!



Elsa
Olenski
79th ON
LEAP Patrol

Trying New Things

It's over halfway through the week at LEAP, and it's quickly coming to a close. Hopefully you'll have been able to try some new things throughout the past few days here at Rosseau Lake College. I know I have!

I got to participate in a wonderful drum circle lead by Barry Hayward from *Rhythmicity*, build a matching game, learn more about space, and I've even tried some new food made by the wonderful kitchen crew, who always serve with a smile on their faces.

Many girls in my patrol have tried some new things, which I'm very proud of them for doing. They were nervous, but they took risks and ended up having a great time. If you haven't been able to, that's okay! This article is here to help and give some tips.

- Remember: It's okay to be scared. Anxiety is normal, everyone deals with it sometimes. Even professionals were hesitant once, but they learned how to confront their fears too.
- Get help from a friend. Friends who have experience in whatever you want to try are a great resource. They can walk you through the process and help demonstrate what to do.
- Talk to the leader. Similar to friends, leaders can help guide you through the process too. They know lots of things, and are especially helpful if you can relate to them in some way.
- Take baby steps. Go at your own pace, you don't have to rush. Progress is progress, and takes time. You'll get there when you're ready.

Get out there and take the risks while you can! The prize is great and absolutely worth it.

Caelyn McLaren
79th ON LEAP

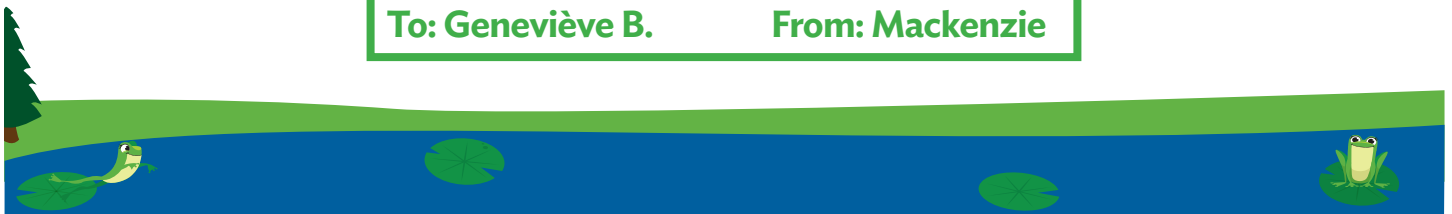


LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Geneviève B! She's so kind and always gives us the cutest SWAPS while waiting in line for meals.

To: Geneviève B.

From: Mackenzie



Camper Care—Wellness at LEAP 2025

The statistics are in and the Wellness Team had a very busy week taking care of campers with a variety of health and wellness issues. We would like to thank the professional group of medics, registered nurses, social workers, mental health workers, and first aiders who made up the team.

Sue, Hub and Michelle, Sub Hub

The stats:

- 8 – 911 calls were made with lights and sirens zooming through camp. The support of all the teams to safely guide the ambulances through camp was amazing!
- 231 Campers and Crew visited Wellness, many of those made multiple visits.
- The #1 issue was heat related illness with all the symptoms that go along with that. (including sunburns)
- The #2 issue was bug bites!
- Bandages, cold packs, and tensor bandages, oh my! Tylenol, Gravol, Reactine and chuck buckets were also provided!
- 26 loads of laundry were done by our amazing laundry team!

Members of the Camper Care Wellness Team came together to provide their perspectives during LEAP 2025: to provide their perspectives on Camper Care during LEAP:

“Getting to meet and starting to recognize more campers throughout my week was a real highlight.”

Amanda



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Wellness for following through on requested accommodations, and for handling all the unexpected challenges with smiles on their faces!

To: Wellness Team From: 12th ON LEAP

“Helping others overcoming the heat was a challenge, but we reminded campers to drink lots of water and seek shade as much as possible.”

Mitchy

“One of my highlights was being able to see the girls go back to their program and their patrols as a happy camper.”

Tara

“One of the highlights for me was how much campers supported each other.”

Kristel

“It is easy for campers to miss home, especially if it is the first time away. Over the week, it was amazing to see how the homesick campers learned and applied various strategies to stay at camp to enjoy the programs and activities offered at LEAP 2025.”

Susan

“A highlight for me is seeing tears turn into smiles when youth were having a hard time. It’s always great to make a positive impact on our camper’s experience.”

Mallory

“Would I do it again? In a heartbeat.”

Bettina

Highlight of the week? “Hands down the magic of sisterhood: hugging old friends, meeting new ones, finally saying “hi” in person to folks I’ve only known online, all while being here for our youth members and cheering them on.”

Dani

Future camp tips?

“Keep that water bottle glued to your side, swap into dry socks/ shoes ASAP, reapply sunscreen like it’s a sport, and don’t forget—rest is part of the adventure!”

Dani





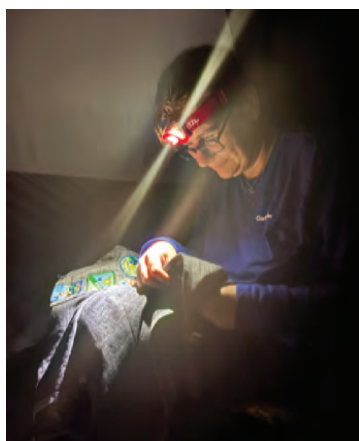
LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Amanda (Sparkles) and the Tillsonburg Pathfinders and Rangers for helping us get our tents up AND for doing guy wires during the storm.

To: Amanda (Sparkles) & Tillsonburg Pf/R **From: 55th ON LEAP**

Specialty dietary needs

Chef Brendan has been helping us with speciality dietary needs. Many campers have gifted him crests throughout this week to show gratitude for his delicious work and talent. We all know how much he cares that campers, Guiders, vendors, and volunteers are well fed and cared for.



Marianna Gillis (Crew), another chef, and an associate who wishes to remain anonymous, conspired to covertly borrow Chef Brendan's apron. The apron was returned the following morning before breakfast with the crests beautifully hand sewn so he will

not lose his crests and, therefore, never forget is week at LEAP 2025!



Marianna Gillis
Programs, Let's Make a Game!

Thank you!

A big THANK YOU to all campers that helped with the camp recycling to minimize contamination. The Green team appreciates everyone working with us on the camp recycling rules.

To all Crew that came out to help us with the after events clean up—we appreciate you! You have made our job so much easier.

To Hub and Sub Hub members—thanks for checking in to make sure we have what we need—you are the Guiding sisterhood in action.

Guider Kiwi
Green Team – Logistic



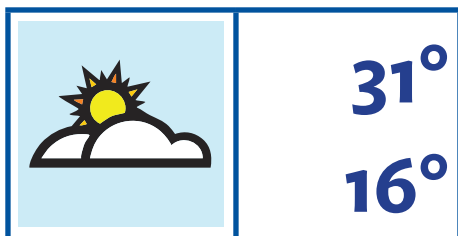
LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Guider Poppy! She is an amazing mentor and support. She is always such a warm and caring leader to everyone. She has helped so many kids over the years. She is always a nurturing and caring person. She has helped set a positive example of what a leader should embody.

To: Poppy **From: The Rennies**
35th ON LEAP

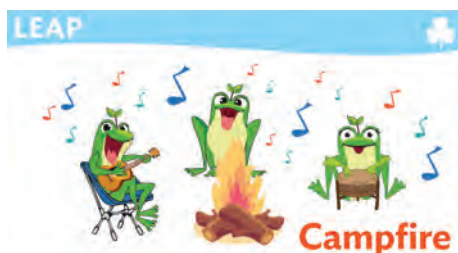


Today's Weather



Today's Happenings

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- Movie Night – Moana 2



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Why the green ribbon: remembering Aqua

If you look closely at our patrol crest, you'll notice a small green ribbon. This ribbon carries a very special meaning for the 38th and 54th ON LEAP 2025 patrols from Toronto. We wear it to honour Angela Martin, known fondly in Guiding as "Aqua". Aqua was a leader who was supposed to be here with us at LEAP 2025.

Angela became part of Guiding alongside her child, Jeune. She quickly became known for her warm hugs, her infectious laugh, and her genuine care for everyone she met. Whether you needed a listening ear, a word of encouragement, or simply a friend to share a moment with, Aqua made you feel seen, heard, and supported.

In March 2024, shortly after celebrating her 50th birthday, Angela passed away unexpectedly. Even in her passing, she continued to give to others as her family chose to donate her organs, giving the gift of life to those in need.



Aqua (Angela Martin) and Froggy (Angela Shanahan)

The green ribbon is a symbol of organ donation. By including it on our crest, we honour Aqua's memory and bring awareness to the incredible impact of organ donation. It's our way of keeping her spirit with us at LEAP and sharing her story of kindness, generosity, and the lasting difference one person can make.



We also wanted to give a special shout-out to Julie (Finnigan) Hamilton for graciously stepping up to become the second Patrol Guider for the 38th ON LEAP 2025 patrol.

Katelyn Gardner
38th and 54th ON LEAP



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Froggy at 54th ON LEAP for snapping pictures while the kids are too busy having fun; then sending pictures to parents.

To: Froggy

From: Paola C.

LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Geneviève Bérubé – she's so awesome and kind; we all love swapping with her and how funny she is. There isn't another like her.

To: Geneviève B.

From: 79th ON LEAP



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Guider Paula for taking the time to co-ordinate and organize the string at the friendship bracelet station

To: Guider Paula

From: Brown Owl

Meeting Peggy!

To start, my Grandma (Rita Decommer-Brault), who is a Sparks organizer and leader, said that someone she knew named, "Peggy" was going to be at LEAP. So right there and then, I had decided it was going to be my mission to find her! My grandma, Rita Decommer-Brault, is a Sparks leader who said that someone she knew named Peggy would be at LEAP. Right then and there, I decided it was going to be my mission to find her!

I asked my Guiders if either of them know a Peggy that would be at LEAP. I ended up finding out that she was wearing a light blue baseball cap with a green sprout on top.

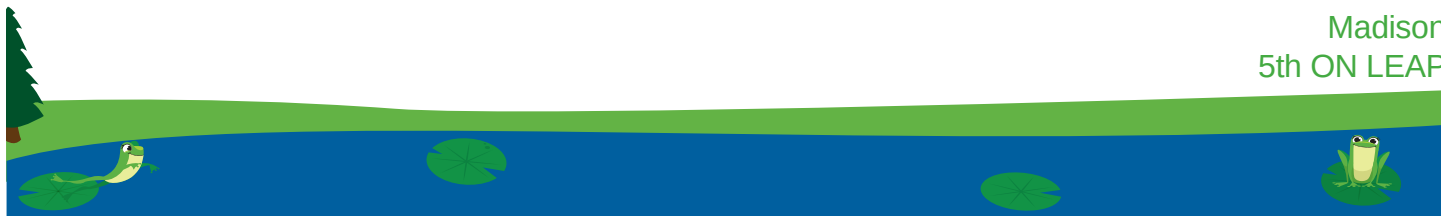
When the night of the LEAP carnival had arrived, I started my journey. I asked many people if they had seen her, and I searched across two small fields. As I was looking around, I saw a bright blue baseball cap with a sprout on top! It was Peggy! I walked up to her and asked if she was Peggy, and she said, "Yes!"

I had explained how my grandma asked me to say "Hi!" for her, then we swapped crests, took a photo, and FaceTimed my grandma. It was an awesome experience and a very fun story to tell!



Madison and her friend, Diane, find Peggy!

Madison
5th ON LEAP



FUN FACTS

PLANNING

- Planning phase: over two years
- Length of event: nine days
- Guest count: 1,223
- Youth: 775
- Patrollers/Guiders: 163
- Volunteers: 175
- Vendors: 110+

FOOD

- Meals and breaks served: 38,612
- French toast, waffles and pancakes served: 14,976 pieces
- Potatoes served: 3,115.62 lbs
- Pizza served: 1,204.76 lbs
- Chicken served: 756.8 lbs
- Number of lunch boxes made: 2,848
- Amount of propane used: 1,800 lbs

HSQA

- Number of Pages in the Camp Allergen Matrix: 187
- Number of Unique Dietary Allergies/Restrictions: 73
- Number of Foreign Objects: 0
- Number of Time/Temperature Violations: 0
- Number of Epi-Pen Injections from Food: 0

Carol Caterer
Program – Compass



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Guider Amy and Guider Rebecca for taking the 33rd ON LEAP Patrol to LEAP 2025!

To: Amy & Rebecca From: 33rd ON LEAP



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

all the school bus drivers! You're amazing, patient, and soooo enthusiastic! You share your positive energy daily and we're grateful!

**To: Wilson Transportation drivers team
From: Transportation**



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Guider Latté (Vickie) – Thank you for sharing your cool. Cool is a substitute for ice.

To: Guider Latté From: Winnifred T.



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Kim W., Transportation Hub, for keeping patrols occupied by swapping and chatting to them, while they were waiting to go on their Out-Trip.

To: Kim W. From: Samantha Z.



Vani and Sam
The Makings of a S'more!



A day in the life of Lea P, our patrol's mascot!

I wake up to the sound of Kelly's alarm. I guess I won't be getting my beauty sleep today! Then I get ready and head to breakfast where one of my humans spill hot chocolate on me...how rude!



I am taken to *Nailed It!* where someone even made me participate! I did *Nailed It!* again, and I almost got a nail in me. How scary!

For the afternoon, I made bubble tea. I loved mixing the ingredients. I chose to drink black tea with tapioca, because you

can't mess with a classic. It was way too big, so I couldn't finish it.

During free time, my humans went swimming, but sadly, they left me on shore even though I am a better swimmer!

I had dinner and got ready for the carnival. I took my humans, Emma and Helena, with me, and headed to the carnival. I played games, had treats, and I even got on the screen on the stage four times!

When the carnival was over, I got ready for bed and went to sleep.

That was a day in the life for me at LEAP!

Aryana
55th ON LEAP



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

the patrols that helped us get our lunch coolers off and on the buses on Wednesday in Parry Sound! Many hands makes light work!

To: Wednesday's Island Cruise Patrols From: Christina & Lynne, Island Cruise

Ella the Moose!

During our week at LEAP, many of the youth and leaders alike got the opportunity to go to Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary. At this GFAS accredited sanctuary, there are multiple different furry friends, one of which is Ella the moose.

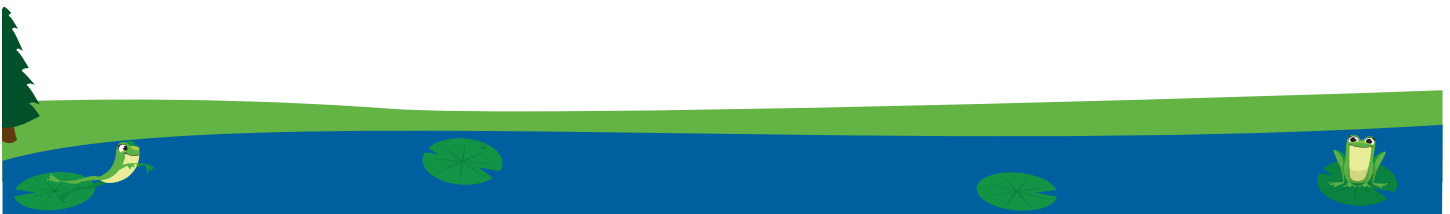
Ella first came to the sanctuary when she was only a calf. In the fall of 2015, Ella and her mom suffered from a car accident, orphaning Ella, and leaving her with broken hind leg.

After coming to the sanctuary, Ella underwent multiple different medical procedures and different physio therapies to try and heal her leg. Unfortunately, none of the procedures were successful enough for her to be able to survive in the wild, so in July of 2024, she became a permanent resident of Aspen Valley.

Now, Ella is a crucial part of Aspen Valley and acts as a surrogate mom for new calves arriving at the sanctuary.

Some fun facts about Ella is that she loves snow, swimming in her pond, and fruit. Ella often comes up to the fence when she sees her care givers coming, leaving her to have a strong bond with many of the caregivers and making her well loved by the people there.

Evelyn
66th ON LEAP





Today's Weather



Today's Happenings

- LEAP's Got Talent!



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Behind the mic:

the path to becoming a youth event host

Have you ever wondered what happens behind the scenes to prepare to be on the big stage? My name is Danica, and I got the amazing opportunity to help host Welcome Night here at camp. Throughout this article, I want to bring you into the world of a youth event host, and walk you through all the positives and challenges it brought.

Let's start back before I even knew I had the opportunity. At the start of April, a call was sent out to anyone attending LEAP in search of any youth interested in event hosting. Originally, I was not even going to apply. I was anxious about freezing on stage because of how many people would be in the audience. I also didn't know whether I would be talking alone or with a large group, and I was worried that the people I would be working with might not get along with me. I can confidently say that after working with the Special Events Team and other hosts, none of my worries were true and they were even better than I ever could have ever expected. Returning back to April, my Patrol Guiders brought this opportunity up to me a week after the call went out. They encouraged me to apply and told me that if I truly didn't want to do it later on, they would work with me to email the team and inform them I was no longer interested. About twenty minutes after I got home that same day, I applied.



In early July, I got the email that I had been offered the opportunity. At that time I still wasn't sure what night or event I would be hosting but I had decided that I would be doing it no matter what. About a week after the offer went out, all hosts and Patrol Guiders of the youth attended the information session, where we learned which night and event we would be helping host and which youth we would be doing it alongside.

A few days before LEAP, we received the final script. Unlike a normal script that tells you directly what you are saying, it was just labelled as "host".

For a few days I was really confused and anxious, “who is actually saying each part and what if I don’t get the parts I am comfortable with?” And honestly, once again I had nothing to worry about.

Sunday arrived quickly, and we had our official meeting at camp. We all finally had the chance to meet our fellow hosts and the Special Events Team and review the script. During this meeting we assigned each person to different lines and parts throughout the event. Everyone got the main talking points they wanted to say. The main topic that I wanted to do was housekeeping rules and introducing the Ontario Youth Forum. Which, if you saw the event, I had the chance to do both! After finalizing everyone’s parts, we all headed back to our sites to help finish setting up and go to dinner. At this point I got very excited seeing all the units arriving and was ready to make the start of camp one to remember.

After dinner, I headed back to the stage and began to help choose volunteers for Minute-to-Win-It games for around an hour. During this time, along with helping with the games, we all received our final scripts with notes, microphones and tips for being onstage. And, not long after, I was walking up the backstage stairs and into the bright lights. My time onstage was a little bit of a blur, but I remember walking back down those steps after the event feeling so proud of myself. I had gone from not even wanting to apply to finishing a huge event in front of 1000+ people. After the event, I had a chance to talk with the other hosts and the Special Events Team that were onstage and they all were so supportive and proud of what we had all done.

Looking back, I am so happy that I applied and had the opportunity to host Welcome Night. I learned so much not only about hosting, but about myself and pushing past my comfort zone. If there is one thing you take away from this whole story it is this, sometimes the things that scare you the most can become some of the best memories. I will never forget the incredible energy from the crowd, the team who worked to help the hosts be prepared for this event and the memories I made that night. If you ever have the chance to do any leadership opportunities onstage or off, take the leap and it may just be the highlight of your trip.

Danica
12th ON LEAP



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Guider Dark Owl, who did the bag print-making! She let them learn to print and have fun!

To: Guider Dark Owl!

**From: Grace
80th ON LEAP**

LEAP 2025 Featured on CTV News

Did you catch the LEAP 2025 segment in the news? We weren’t the only ones who felt that LEAP 2025 was a unique experience! Camp was featured on the evening news on Wednesday, August 6th, first airing on the 6 p.m. news, and rebroadcast a few times after that. You can catch the segment here: <https://www.ctvnews.ca/barrie/video/2025/08/07/cooling-off-at-2025-leap-girl-guide-camp/>



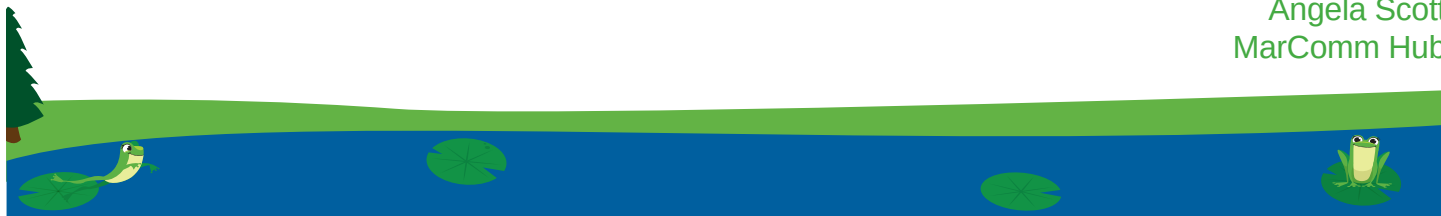
Angela Scott
MarComm Hub



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

the 72nd ON LEAP Patrol! Leaders are keeping parents informed of all the FUN activities this week!

To: 72nd ON LEAP From: A.M.’s Parents



The true meaning of sisterhood



To be a catalyst for girls empowering girls - that is the mission of Girl Guides of Canada. That is the true meaning of sisterhood. Empowering others by leading the way. When I joined I was basically "voluntold", a term I learned in the 90s. It means you've been given a volunteer duty without being asked.

For me, it was when someone handed me a Girl Guide shirt and 30 years later I'm still wearing it. They jokingly call us blue bloods. No matter where you are, you are with your family.

While being a catalyst for girls, I have always said: There's no such thing as "can't." You can try and fail, but "can't" means you're not willing to try. I was encouraging youth to explore, try new things, and face their fears.

While at LEAP 2025, I personally was challenged to face my fears and with the help of my fellow Guiders, I was able to conquer that fear. I had always disliked dark water. If I could not see the bottom, I wouldn't go swimming - unless it was in a pool. As I aged, my fear just kept getting worse.

We had an opportunity to cool off in the water wearing a life jacket. No matter how bad I wanted to, my fear would not let me let go of the ladder. At best, I could squat and get partly wet before my fear had me on the dock again.

With the help of the sisterhood of Guiding - "girls empowering girls" (aka my fellow Guiders - I was I was able to face my fear head on. While encouraged by other Guiders, reminding me I could do this and cheering me on, Peggy (Harmony!) gave up her free time to work with me one-on-one. She helped me focus, slowly let go of my fear, and the ladder. With her words of encouragement and my sisters in Guiding cheering me on, I was able to not only let go of the ladder, but let go of my fear. It was the most freeing feeling floating on the water without fear.



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Alex for coming to my rescue and bringing contact cement to help fix my mattress!

To: Alex

From: Kelly



The next step was challenging that fear again by getting on a paddle board. Again, she promised to not leave my side as I slowly climbed onto the paddle board. My fear said I can't stand up, but I conquered my fear. I was on the board dangling my feet in the water. Then it was time for both of us to challenge ourselves to stand up. Her turn first. I watched in amazement as she stood up.

Then it was my turn. My fellow Guiders cheered on as Peggy slowly talked me through the steps of standing up. This was the true Sisterhood of Guiding; the true meaning of our mission. There I was standing on a paddle board out in the middle of a lake. A beautiful dark lake of which I was no longer afraid.



This is why when I was handed that shirt all those years ago, I stayed in. Not just for the youth, but for myself.

Winnifred Tait
27th ON LEAP



Adventures for the 95th ON LEAP!

Hi! I'm in the 95th ON LEAP 2025 Patrol. I'm going into my first year of Rangers and this is my first time at LEAP.

I loved the kayaking and I'm excited for swimming! Two of my favourite morning programs were Groundwater Investigations and the tote bag design. I have convinced my Guiders to have a stamp making night in Trex. The food has been pretty yummy, and I am having so much fun trading crests and hat swaps!

Overall, LEAP has been so much fun so far, and I have learned so much!

EI

95th ON LEAP

Hi! My name is Emily and I'm from the 95th ON LEAP Patrol. I'm a second year Ranger and this is my second LEAP camp. So far, I've had an amazing time. I was a little worried about how much space we'd have in the tent and on our site, but it isn't too crowded.

The programs have been pretty fun too. I think my favourites are the *Cell Explorers*, *Make Your Own Tote Bag* and *Astronomy in Action*. The food has also been a really nice surprise. There's lots of options and even as a vegetarian, they're very tasty. I'm really looking forward to canoeing more on our Out-Trip tomorrow. Overall, camp has been a great experience so far and I'm really excited to keep having fun!

Emily

95th ON LEAP



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

the GREEN TEAM! So much effort to keep our awesome space clean!

To: Green Team

From: Melanie M.

My First Experience at LEAP!

My name is Kieran, I am in the 95th ON LEAP 2025 Patrol from Carelton Place, Ontario. This is my first time at LEAP.

So far, I have really enjoyed most of the morning activities. At this point, my favourite activities have got to be *Nailed It!*, *Guiding Era Friendship Bracelets*, and *Turning Trash Into Treasure*.

The food here at LEAP has been really great. I am greatly looking forward to the rest of the week at camp!

Kieran

95th ON LEAP



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

the Food Service Staff for always greeting starving campers with big smiles and lots of energy despite the heat. We enjoyed being greeted by their smiling faces and being entertained by their dancing.

To: Food Service Staff

From: Guiders Annik & Leslie



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Tara M. in the LEAP office! Your work is very much appreciated by your two daughters and adoptive daughter!

To: Tara M.

From: Kacey, Carsyn and Sarah

Camp LEAP 2025: A summer of talent, joy and unforgettable moments

This summer, LEAP 2025 wasn't just a place—it was a vibe. As part of the Special Events Team, I got to help spark the spirit of camp—the moments where laughter echoed, creativity soared, and campers came together to celebrate each other.

From sunrise to starlight, LEAP 2025 was packed with energy, and our special events brought the magic. We were so lucky to have on stage Senior Leaders from GGC, as well as special guests, Dawn T, Dr. Tanya Harrison, and the Bad Dog Theatre Company.

Every night, campers took the reins as hosts introducing special guests, and the talent show acts with flair and confidence! The talent show performances were real, and ridiculously good and so much fun!



The crowd cheered like family, and every act was met with so much applause! It wasn't just a show—it was a celebration of courage, creativity, and community.

On our final night we turned up the volume with a full-on dance party. music pumping through



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Kate & Ann-Marie from the 22nd ON LEAP for making the trip amazing for the girls and ensuring K has an extra special birthday at LEAP.

To: Kate & Ann-Marie

From: T. Reid

the trees, and campers dancing like nobody was watching. The DJ kept the beats flowing, and the Special Events Team made sure the atmosphere was pure joy. It was the kind of party where everyone belonged, and every moment felt like summer magic.



Being part of the Special Events Team meant more than planning—it meant creating spaces where campers could shine, connect, and just be themselves. Whether it was setting up the stage, hyping up the crowd, or handing out glow sticks, every detail mattered.

LEAP 2025 reminded me that when youth are given the mic, the spotlight, and the freedom to lead, they rise—and they inspire.

Paola Jones
Special Events Hub



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Carolyn & her team at the Bubble Tea session for accommodating allergies and being very supportive with campers!

To: Carolyn

**From: Amanda (Flower)
& 12th ON LEAP**

Behind the scenes at LEAP

Below is another trailer of trash and recycling - one of three trips per day!



From deciding where to put all the tents, portable washrooms, shower stalls, tables, and chairs; making sure we had water (24,000L of it); picking up garbage; charging batteries; escorting ambulances; ensuring who was on-site; countless other random, strange things; and doing some serious trading - the Logistics Team were on it!

Thanks to Kris and her amazing team.

Charlie
Logistics



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Therese from Thunder Bay for offering to let us borrow their patrol wagon, then offering to fill our shower bags instead while we wrestled with a wet tent.

**To: Therese,
Thunder Bay**

**From: 73rd ON
LEAP**



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

the Green Team! The bins all over camp are always magically emptied and ready for us. The team helps us sort in the dining tent, gives great prizes for the Chopstick Challenge, and in general, get stuff done all while in the background. Not all heros wear capes—some wear green braided cords on their hats!

To: Green Team

**From: Julie
38th ON LEAP**



Hey LEAPers!

We did it! One week packed full of new friends, new skills, new experiences, and unforgettable memories is officially over.

The Hub team worked so incredibly hard to make this camp a success, but in the end every minute was worth it to see you all enjoying it together.

We would like to thank each and every one of you for making LEAP such an unforgettable adventure. But don't forget, the fun doesn't end here!

As you head back into regular Guiding adventures this fall, we sincerely hope each and every one of you carry the excitement, fun, and passion for Guiding with you. Remember to keep trying new things, making new friends, and opening yourselves up to new experiences. We can't wait to see you shine in your next Guiding journey.

Katie, Youth Hub Member,
on behalf of the whole Hub team

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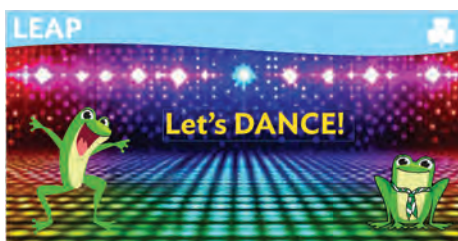
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LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Belinda and Chantel for taking shifts at the Tuck Shop!

To: Belinda & Chantel

**From: Angela Scott,
MarComm Hub**

74th BC LEAP 2025 Patrol's long journey to camp

The 74th BC LEAP 2025 Patrol has rocked Rosseau Lake at LEAP 2025! From cruising the lake like pros to mastering boats, boards, bugs, and trading camp crests —we've done it all!

But the journey to LEAP was no small undertaking for the 14 youth, two Patrol Guiders and two Crew members spread across BC. In total, this is the third time the patrol, who mostly were unknown to one another, have gathered. Their first part of our journey was in September 2024 and made possible by the help of some Guider caregivers and the big green bus that left Campbell River on Vancouver Island and picked up youth along the way to Vernon, BC. This was a pivotal first camp for the patrol and was where our crest was created and team building began!!



In March 2025, the patrol gathered for LEAP around Vancouver. Here the patrol practices transit use, made traders, and talked a lot about how we would set the patrol up for success.

When time came to leave for LEAP nothing could stand in our way! Guiders loaded up a vehicle to head to Nanaimo to catch the ferry to BC Guide House where the patrol gathered overnight. To get to LEAP 2025 BC walked, took a sea bus (ferry) hopped a Sky Train, boarded a flight, took a fast train into Toronto and back before

loading the final bus to camp. That doesn't include all the transit used in the two days we spent in Toronto, where we took a train, subway, ferry, and walked ooh-so-many kilometers.

The patrol has loved our experience at LEAP 2025 where we soaked up the sun, made a ton of new friends from across Canada, and packed every day with campfire laughs, epic adventures, and pure Guiding magic.



As our time winds down, we want to send a thank you to everyone who supported us—whether you bought cookies, provided subsidize, advice, or cheered us on from home. We also want to thank Ontario Council for the invite.

It's been inspiring to watch 14 bold, brilliant BC youth step up, try new things, and shine. Our hearts (and our backpacks) are bursting with memories and Guiding love.

We can't wait to do it all again. See you at the next LEAP!!

Carla Neumann, Guider
74th BC LEAP



My last youth Guiding event

LEAP 2025 will be my last Guiding event as a youth member, and as I look back on all of my many adventures in Guiding, there are so many experiences that will stay with me for the rest of my life.

From the many lifelong friends I made singing by the campfire at Woolsey, the experiences at LEAP 2019, my many unit camps and adventures in Trex, the leadership I've gained through volunteering as a Junior Guider, the amazing opportunity I had earlier to visit Our Chalet, and now this camp - LEAP 2025, where I am still learning new things. LEAP camp, where I am still learning new things.

Today I learned all about canoe tripping and saw a little bit of what it takes to portage and camp in the back country, while also experiencing a little bit of 'camp magic'.

I am so excited to begin my adventures as an adult member, both through Link and as a Guider. Guiding has given me such an amazing community that I know I will be able to lean on for the rest of my life.



Over the past week I have met so many new people from all over the country, and I know that I will see many of them again as I continue my Guiding journey. Because that's what Guiding is all about; coming together to share adventures, through sunshine and rain, laughter and tears, and knowing

that the end of camp doesn't mean goodbye, but see you soon.

Julia
95th ON LEAP

Opportunities!

I'm in my tent alongside two friends. I'm lying surrounded by hundreds of girls just like me, living all together in one big community. It's really remarkable when you think about it. So many girls, young and old, sharing interests, passions and experiences (oh, and toilets). Not to mention the beautiful Rosseau Lake just a couple hundred metres to my right, the crickets chirping away as night settles in, and of course the snoring of a tired Guider.

Though I'm an Albertan, I've actually been to Ontario a lot. I was born in Ottawa, and I've returned to our cottage near Kingston almost every summer for over ten years. That being said, I've never had an experience like this one. The summers I usually spend in Ontario are reserved for seeing family and close friends, and following traditions. Now don't get me wrong, I love my summers, but they do leave me craving some time outside my comfort zone.

LEAP has given me new opportunities to connect and branch out with Guides, Pathfinders and Rangers from all over the country, and do things I could never do within a typical summer. Speaking of opportunities, I'm so grateful I get to be here. I have never been to a camp of this scale, this level of planning and dedication. I can't help but lie in bed thanking everyone who made it possible and who has made my days even more brighter with their smiling faces and fun swap exchanges. Security, Food Services, and beyond, so much goes in to this camp, more than most of us can even comprehend. Even if we don't see the magnitude of hard work and tireless devotion, I hope all campers would agree that we are forever thankful to the hundreds of people who are making LEAP amazing.

As my eyes grow tired, I feel that it's time for me to cuddle into my sleeping bag and dream the night away under the beautiful stars that connect us all. I feel a powerful sense of happiness knowing that not only am I having a blast, but I'm making lifelong memories, learning new skills, and bringing new insight back to Alberta with me. And that's what LEAP is all about.

Nora
41st AB LEAP



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

all the Crew & Guiders that helped out with the carnival. You helped the kids have a GREAT time!

To: Crew & Guiders

From: Paola J.



LEAP Lifeguards!



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Guider Lana from Archery! She was very helpful and did a great job of helping the youth. The 80th ON LEAP really appreciated her!

To: Guider Lana From: 80th ON LEAP





LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

the 73rd ON LEAP and their amazing leaders, Stephanie and Meghan. THANK YOU!

**To: Stephanie
& Meghan**

From: Bailey's Mom



Needle felting fun:

Create your own wool sculpture!

Our wool sculpture sessions were a tapestry of creativity, colour, and connection, weaving together campers with tufts of wool and the steady rhythm of felting needles. Campers became artists, sculpting soft rovings into all sorts of creatures—especially frogs, in honour of Sprout—along with penguins, dinosaurs, cats, bunnies, turtles, chickens, and a variety of imaginative original creations.



Friendships were spun as campers from all corners of Ontario and across Canada encouraged one another in bringing their visions to life. Each wool sculpture was more than a felted creation; it was a story, a shared connection, and a reflection of its creator.

As the wool transformed beneath their hands, each camper's confidence grew. They poked, shaped, and sculpted fibres, learning new skills and challenging themselves to see their visions through to completion.



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Guider Lisa from Needle Felting for staying extra time after her session to help campers finish their creations!

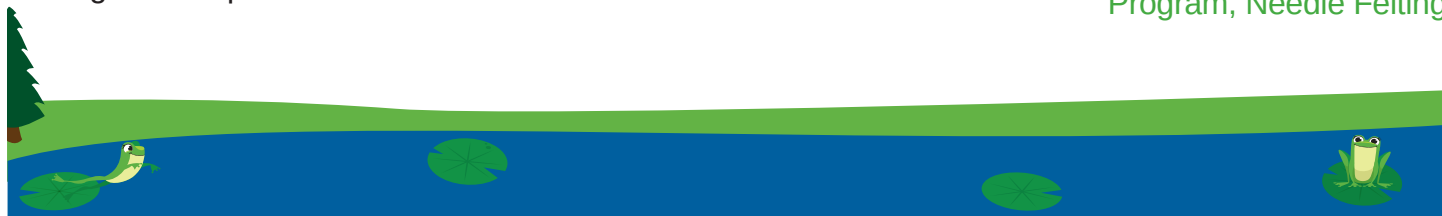
To: Guider Lisa

From: Dani & Flower



Together, we created more than fibre art; we felted a community. We hope that campers keep needle felting and that they stitch the Guiding magic of LEAP into all their future creations!

**Lisa Code
Program, Needle Felting**



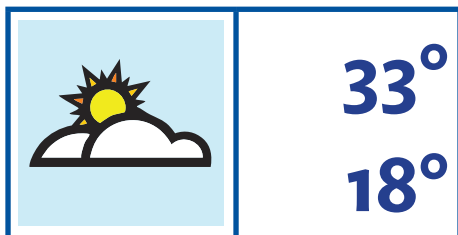
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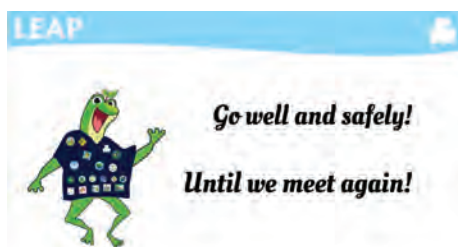
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Onward to the next LEAP!

As I am sitting here in the midst of unpacking and sorting all the 'stuff' that came back from LEAP, I am struck by the melancholy of yet another ending.

At the end of Mudsaid, the shadows of youth followed me on empty boardwalks, hastily put up overnight to combat a morass of squelchiness.

At the end of LEAP 2019, jumbled emotions and tears followed us home to end in a happy wedding for some of the OG Boat Crew.

This one? I brought back echoes of splashy laughter from youth who discovered that 'practising to self-rescue' on a paddleboard was the best fun ever on hot sunny days!

Am I sad at endings? Nah, endings are merely the start of different beginnings. Onward to the next LEAP...

Wendy Dawson
Boating Sub Hub



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

the lifeguards, for keeping us safe! Also, to Cookie and Skittles for working it out so everyone could paddle board!

**To: Lifeguards, Cookie,
& Skittles**

From: Sophie & Guider Kelly

Green Team

It's been so great to come back to Ontario for my second LEAP camp! I came out with the BC patrol and am working with the Green Team as part of Logistics! You may have seen me as you leave the dining tent, as I am helping with trash and recycling.

Michelle
Green Team



Karaoke

I had the pleasure of being the *Karaoke DJ* this week in the “dungeon!” Campers were enthusiastic performers and audience members all week long. They encouraged each other greatly and there was always room for one more on the stage or the day party happening in the audience. Here are some karaoke stats from the week!

There were 178 performances of 88 different songs!

The top three songs sang were:

1. You Belong With Me with 12 performances
2. Sk8ter Boi with 10 performances
3. Mamma Mia with nine performances

The top three artists were:

1. Katy Perry, sang 25 times
2. Taylor Swift, sang 19 times
3. ABBA, sang 17 times

Most popular song by day:

- Monday – **Mamma Mia**
- Tuesday – tie between **Firework** and **Mamma Mia**
- Wednesday – tie between **Firework** and **Party in the USA**
- Thursday – **You Belong With Me**
- Friday – **Sk8ter Boi**

Thanks for the great week!

Letitia
Programs, Karaoke



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

all the attendees of the last session of Karaoke Thursday! 15 youth and three Guiders rocked it on stage together! Special mention to Guider Tulip and Crew member Isabella, who brought the energy!

To: Guider Tulip, Isabella From: Trish C. & Karaoke Participants

MarComm Team had a blast at LEAP

Hard to believe that LEAP 2025 has come and gone, but it was such a wonderful experience for both youth and adults! The Marketing & Communications Team (MarComm) embraced the camp experiences. Our primary role was to capture the camp experience, which is exactly what we did! We brought cameras to visit the different Program areas, walked around camp with photo props to get some fun photos and enjoyed attending the many special events. It was a busy week of working hard to make sure all the right photos were captured, social media had plenty of content and prepping the slide shows each day! Thank you to those who kept us busy by sharing some Leap Out Loud shout-outs, we quite enjoyed reading all the wonderful mentions of camp crew and patrols!

The team was also sure to participate in some of the great camp ambiance such as trading crests and swaps, going for a swim in Lake Rosseau, and trying out some axe throwing! Our motto was ‘everyone gets to be a kid at camp’ regardless of age.

Attending as Crew can be just as fun as attending as a youth patrol member. The connections we made with new and existing friends was priceless. We embraced the sisterhood of the Guiding experience! We hope everyone had as great a time at camp as we did!

You can see many of the great camp highlights on our Instagram page: [@leapon_ggc](https://www.instagram.com/leapon_ggc).



Angela Scott
MarComm Hub



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

every single volunteer, crew and Guider for the immense amount of work and time they are dedicating to make this week amazing!

To: Everyone!

From: Shannon J

My time at LEAP!

LEAP is a fun, beautiful camp that brings people together. I love the swapping beause, not only do you build a collection of SWAPS, you also meet new people. Nobody here cares about how you look. They care about who you are. Everyone has something to give, whether it's kindness or crests, they're a community like no other!

The activities build skills and friendships, and it's fun. We made Boba tea, played with robots and ate junk food, but anyway, LEAP isn't boring! It's fun and a community!

Annabelle
55th ON LEAP, Lily Pond



Reflections of Guiding

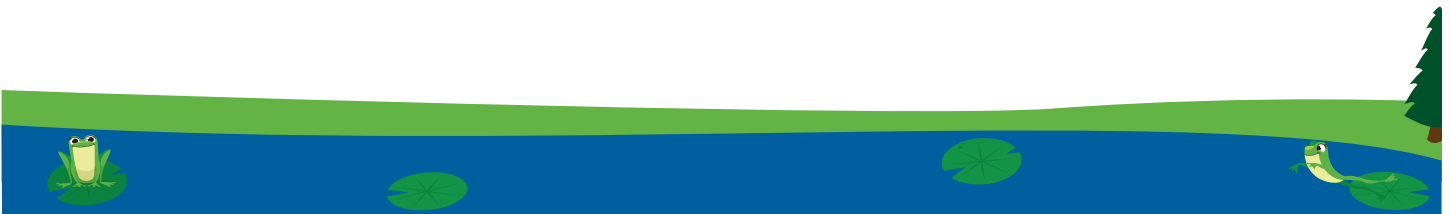
As I sit here and reflect on our week at camp, I realize how many opportunities Girl Guides has to offer. Every time I come home from an amazing camp like LEAP was I realize how many experiences I have had at such a young age that so many people have not been able to experience. Everyone in my life is constantly amazed at the skills I have and the stories I bring back. Every camp I go to allows me to build more friendships across the country and across the world. It is amazing to know that I don't need to be anxious about going to camps of 1,200 people because at the end of the day we all have at least one thing in common.



The more I go through Guiding as an adult, the more I appreciate everyone that has spent so many hours and sacrifices to allow me and everyone else in Guiding the opportunity to do all activities big or small. It's the little memories from my Guiding years that I have been able to

use to help make sure more young people have the opportunity to grow and continue in the sisterhood of Guiding. I had the opportunity to work with another amazing team of hard working people through LEAP and I can't wait until the next big camp. See you next time!

Chantel Robins
MarComm Team





LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Desiree, Sue, Wendy & Nancy (Owen Sound) for taking my daughter in after only meeting her for a short time, and helping to create and foster an environment where she thrived! Living over an hour away from the rest of the Patrol, we had not made it to many in-person meetings before camp. They helped the whole patrol to welcome her, and sent the sweetest updates along the way.

To: 71st & 75th ON LEAP From: Tara M. (Owen Sound)

Capturing memories

LEAP 2025 was a once in a lifetime opportunity! I had never been to such a large camp before, and I didn't know what to expect going into it, but where there are literally hundreds people, there are also hundred of friends to be made! And I sure made some extraordinary friends!

My name is Teagan—you may have seen me around with my new bestie, Sarah. The whole camp we were known as Teagan and Sarah (almost like the music duo)! The best part is that we only met face-to-face on the first day of camp, and instantly



became best friends! We were part of the Marketing and Communications team (MarComm). Our team wore little sprouts on our heads to stand out in the crowd (thank you, Harmony!), as there were only nine of us. Small but mighty, we managed to take thousands of photos and videos to capture the

memories being made over the week. It wasn't only about the digital stills and clips though—

when Sarah and I got out into the crowds of excited youth, we swapped and traded to our hearts' content. Eventually our sprouts blended into the sea of decked out ball caps and bucket hats filled with SWAPS (*Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere*)*. These hat crafts were representative of the new friendships being made, and what a sight to behold!! A lovely compilation of Girl Guides shaking their heads to demonstrate the sounds that their new treasures made was created, and I think it represents our organization well. Friends meeting friends, and making memories. That's what we're all about!

As a Crew Member, I got to experience the side of capturing the fun, while having fun. Our team would walk into a Program session, snap some shots of the activities, and ask questions (even sometimes participate!) in what was happening. It was amazing to be able to experience both sides! Getting to talk to all of these new friends might've been my favourite part. I met Guides and Guiders from coast to coast! After all of our hard work, having fun on those hot days, we have memories to share, visually and through story, and I hope to be telling them for a long time to come! I can't wait for everyone to come together again at the next camp!

**Teagan Lawson
MarComm Team**



*Note: SWAPs are also
Share With All People!



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Angela, the MarComm Hub! Thank you for putting up with our shenanigans, trusting us to get our job done, and for giving us creative liberty to make the magic happen! See you at the next camp!

**To: Angela,
MarComm Hub From: Your
MarComm Team**

Capturing LEAP through the viewfinder

LEAP 2025 was an experience that I will never forget! As a member of the Marketing and Communications team, I had the unique experience to capture all the special moments that happened each day. It was such a special experience to be able to capture the smiles and excitement of youth from across the country.

I never attended a large Girl Guide event as a youth, but the amazing Sub Hub and Hub leaders ran LEAP in a way that even Crew Members felt like they were youth again participating in the fun.

This allowed myself and my new bestie, Teagan, to create content that not only showed LEAP, but allowed others outside of LEAP to feel the excitement and joy of each day. Each day the goal was to capture content that the youth could look back on to remember their week at LEAP, providing content they could show their friends and family when they get home. Teagan and I wanted to create something that showcased *everything*, something that would bring participants back to Rosseau Lake College and the memories they made at LEAP. Each day, we captured videos around camp of “camp life” and the special moments of LEAP 2025. We collected over forty minutes of content and edited it down to six and a half minutes. After many hours of editing we felt confident that we had created something



that would connect youth back to their time at LEAP. Creating the video was one of the best and most fun projects we have ever worked on. The video is on the [LEAP socials](#) and I recommend you watch it to bring yourself back to that amazing week none of us will ever forget!

Thank you to all the amazing youth, Patrol Guiders and Crew members who traded SWAPS and crests with me. Before coming to LEAP, I made over 250 little cameras SWAPS to trade, and it was worth every second of my time as I got to learn so much about the participants of youth and where they had traveled from while trading. SWAPS is one of my favorite things we do at Girl Guides because of all the amazing stories and connections it opens up.

Being a LEAP rookie, I did not know about crest trading, but with the help of my amazing team members, Angela and Danielle, I was able to trade and became trading obsessed. By the end of the week I had brought home 60 different crests

from many youth, guiders and crew. It was one of my favourite parts of LEAP as I got to talk to others about their experiences and stories at LEAP and their units at home.

Sarah Hergel
MarComm Team



Dear LEAPers – what a week!

You spent your time in Program trying new things, pushing out of your comfort zones, learning, making new friends, focusing and laughing. The Program Crew loved meeting all of you and the enthusiasm that you brought to camp.

Take a look at how many of you attended each of the sessions:

PROGRAM SESSION	NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING CAMPERS
A Forecast of Cold and Snow	247
Active Recreation	770
Art in the Wild	125
Astronomy in Action	524
Be Prepared!	294
Boating Fun!	770
Bubble Tea: Shake, Sip, and Enjoy!	247
Bug Safari	282
Camp Breakout!	416
Camp Radio: Your Voice, Your Station!	89
Catch Me If You Can!	515
Cell Explorers: Investigating Cell Structure and Function	338
Create Your Own Adorable Wool Sculptures!	131
Cultivating Connections	234
Design, Carve, Print - Make Your Own Custom Bag!	99
Drumming	312
First Robotics	426
Graffiti & Mural Art: Make Your Mark!	107
Groundwater Investigations	258
Guiding Era Friendship Bracelets	486
Hug a Horse / Aspyr Valley Wildlife	115
Island Cruise Adventure	375
Karaoke	302
Let's Make a Game	375
Nailed It!	554
Papermaking and Blackout Poetry	395
Puppy Yoga & Nature Exploration	126
Ready, Set, Drone!	519
Tree Top Trekking	770
Try a Trip	29
Turn Trash into Treasure!	97
Waterpark and Swimming	770



Laura Copeman
Programs Hub





 LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

the Wellness Team for being there and taking care of us all!

To: Wellness Team

From: Helena

 LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

the staff in the allergy line for their kindness and compassion this week.

To: Allergy Line Staff

From: Anik

 LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Guider Brandy and Guider Diane for getting us to camp, and making sure that we all have a great time!

**To: Guider Brandy &
Guider Diane**

**From: 95th ON
LEAP**

 LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Kate & Ann-Marie from the 22nd ON LEAP for making the trip amazing for the girls and ensuring K has an extra special birthday at LEAP.

**To: Kate &
Ann-Marie**

**From: 22nd
ON LEAP**

 LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Security Team for keeping our camp safe!

To: Security

From: Anonymous

 LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

all the Guiders and volunteers who helped make this week an amazing experience for everyone. Many lifelong friends and memories were made this week. Thank you!

**To: Guiders &
Volunteers**

From: Jennifer W.

 LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Laurie & Alice for everything they've done to make this an incredible experience for the girls!

To: 64th ON LEAP

From: Shannon

 LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Geneviève B. (Rainspark) – you were so welcoming, always had a smile on your face and were constantly trying to find ways to make the experience better for everyone. From homemade SWAPs to cold water misting. you always took extra time to make a difference.

To: Geneviève B.

From: Tara M.

 LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Lea P. Saldafrashko for being the best patrol mascot and stuffie friend at LEAP!

**To: Lea P.
Saldafrashko**

**From: 55th ON
LEAP**

 LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

the 2nd ON LEAP 2025 Patrol for bringing Kenenergy.

To: 2nd ON LEAP

**From: Annabelle
& Louise**

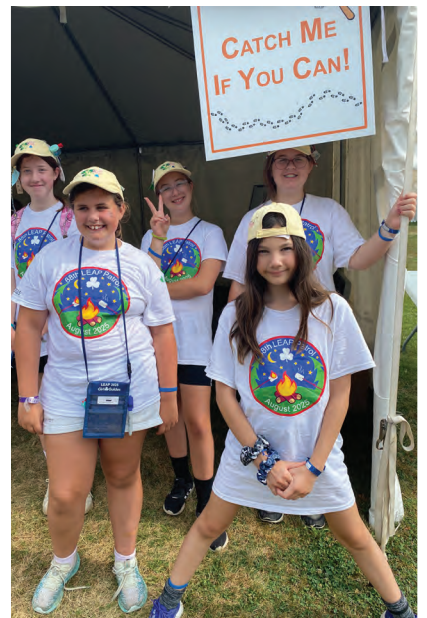
 LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Helena in Out-Trips for rocking the art out at Arrowhead Park!

To: Helena, Out-Trips

**From: Out Trip
Friends**







LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Ladybug from 23rd ON LEAP for taking such good care of campers and leaders!

To: Ladybug

**From: Erin &
Marybeth**



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Lori and Tina (50th ON LEAP) for all your hard work and big hearts!

**To: Lori & Tina
50th ON LEAP**

**From: Appreciative
Parent**



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Tara from Wellness. She comforted Cara, and taught her how to take a pill for the first time with the duck swallow!

**To: Tara,
Wellness**

**From: Cara
80th ON LEAP**



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Geneviève B. for ALWAYS having a smile on her face, a mister in her hand, and a SWAP in her bag!

To: Geneviève B.

**From: 12th ON
LEAP**



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

everyone volunteering with Food Services, and the catering company! They had hiccups, but they have rolled with everything thrown their way. I can see how hard they're working!

**To: Food Services From: Guider Krista
& Catering**



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Jillian and Rosanna for greeting everyone with big smiles and a friendly hello while handing out food containers and labels in the allergy line, in full sun at every meal.

**To: Jillian &
Rosanna**

**From: Annik
(Guider Flower)**



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Rachel and Christie from Guelph for taking such amazing care of their patrol.

**To: Rachel &
Christie**

From: A Parent



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Kacey & Sarah for keeping the 1st ON LEAP parents up to date with pics!

To: Kacey & Sarah

**From: Parents
1st ON LEAP**



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Barb P. – thanks for being SO supportive, encouraging, and meeting us with a smile every evening!

To: Barb P.

**From: The
Out-Trips
Crew**



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Laurian & Kelly of the 55th ON LEAP Patrol for making the LEAP experience possible for our Guides.

To: Laurian & Kelly

**From: Parents
55th ON LEAP**



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

the Wellness Team, and Skadi & Jewel (72nd ON LEAP Patrol) for taking care of Zoe today. Appreciate them tremendously.

**To: Wellness, Skadi,
Jewel, 72nd ON LEAP**

From: Agnieszka M.



LEAP OUT LOUD Shout Out to...

Guiders Paula and Victoria for being such amazing Guiders, and making our LEAP experience so special!

**To: Guiders Paula
& Victoria**

**From: 93rd
ON LEAP**



