



2018 Provincial Girl Events



Let's Go Camping!



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Agenda

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Welcome!

Many thanks to everyone who has logged on to the webinar.

We appreciate all of you for coming for more information, and would appreciate all comments on how to get information to girls, Guiders, and parents more effectively in the future. Please send any and all feedback to

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Who Are We?!

The BC Camping Committee
supporting and promoting camping in British Columbia.

Joy Andersen, Kootenay Area - BC Camping Adviser

Annalisa Adam, Lions Area

Jeannie Crivea, Pacific Shores Area

Erin DeBruin, West Coast Area



What is a Provincial Girl Event?

- There are many different kinds!
 - Individual Events
 - ROAM, Pathfinder Paddles, Mt Assiniboine
 - Patrol Events
 - Guide Jubilee, Mix it up, Trex Rendezvous
 - Provincially-Sponsored Interprovincial Camps
 - SOAR
 - Yukon 101
- The Provincial International and Program Committees also put on Events for girls, but Camping may not be the focus of these
 - International Trips
 - Ranger Revolution, Pathfinder Summit, GUEST, etc.



Pathfinder Paddles 2018 Event Details

When:

July 14 - 21, 2018

Who:

8 girls born between 2003 and 2006. (First to third year Pathfinders or early-Trex)

Cost: \$400



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What:

Eight amazing days that will provide eight lucky girls from across the province an opportunity to explore Murtle Lake in Wells Gray Provincial Park, the largest motor-free lake in North America, to develop canoeing skills and to experience adventure camping in a majestic outdoor location.



LEADERS:

Trip Lead: Tammy Tromba

A volunteer leader for many years, I am a Pathfinder and Ranger Guider and recently completed my term as the West Coast Area Camping Adviser. I have also volunteered on the BC Camping Committee where I created the BC Girl Guides' geocaching and hiking challenges. As a young girl, I took canoeing trips with my parents in Algonquin Provincial Park and have enjoyed canoeing ever since. I have RCABC Lakewater Tandem and Solo and Canoe Tripping Paddler certifications.



I enjoy sharing my passion for the outdoors with young adults by getting them out camping, teaching them life skills and mentoring them to gain confidence, independence and an appreciation for our natural environment. Two summers ago, I was the trip lead on a six-day canoeing expedition on Murtle



Lake with my husband's Scout troop and I look forward to returning to awe-inspiring Murtle Lake next summer with Pathfinder Paddles 2018.



Trip Assist: Jane Lizotte

I am a third generation Salt Spring Islander who has always loved being in and around the water, whether swimming, fishing or paddling. I have RCABC Lakewater Basic and Canoe Tripping Paddler certifications and have been on two Girl Guide multi-day canoeing expeditions over the last two years. As someone who has been a lifeguard for most of my life and who has worked as a First Aid Instructor, safety is always at the forefront of my mind.



My big push these days is to get girls excited about the outdoors and to get girls outside *doing* instead of inside *sitting*. I'm looking very forward to an amazing adventure on beautiful Murtle Lake with the girls and my friend, co-Guider, Tammy Tromba, who I met last summer on our Main Lakes canoeing expedition.



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A lava-dammed, mountain-rimmed lake, Murtle Lake has almost 100km of shoreline to explore with sandy beaches and fabulous mountain views. Murtle Lake is one of the few remaining giant wilderness lakes with no road access. Murtle Lake looks like a reversed letter 'L' with two arms. We will paddle, explore and camp in Murtle Lake's West Arm.



The West Arm, which attracts the most visitors, is approximately 12 km long, has shallower waters (extending more than 50m offshore in many places), extensive white sandy beaches, many coves and three islands.



Experience the serenity of backcountry wilderness camping. Spectacular scenery, lots of wildlife - the call of a loon echoing across the water, ospreys soaring overhead, splashing trout - and the wind blowing through the trees.



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Prerequisites:

- ☒ Five consecutive or non-consecutive nights tenting with Girl Guides of Canada
- ☒ Ability to adapt and work co-operatively
- ☒ Ability to cope with daily adventure camp activities (no trace camping, backcountry cooking)
- ☒ Completed swim or boat test record in iMIS

Some experience with canoeing, and can demonstrate the following canoeing skills:

- ☒ *Be able to paddle the forward and backward strokes and stop a canoe*
- ☒ *Perform canoe rescue procedures including a t-rescue / canoe over canoe rescue*



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Pre-trip

Once selections are complete the group will participate in pre-trip communication through email and group video conferencing so that we can get to know each other, do some soft skills instruction, trip planning and group Safe Guide paperwork.

Day 1

All participants, girls and Guiders, will arrive in Kamloops and head north past Clearwater to Blue River Campground for the night where everyone will get to know each other, work on food prep and packing.



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Day 2

It will be an early start to depart for the hour long drive to Murtle Lake where we will unload gear and load carts for the only portage on the lake to get into Murtle Lagoon. It is a 2-1/2 km portage from the parking lot to the lagoon. Our canoes will be waiting for us at the other end. Once at Murtle Lagoon, we will load the canoes and head out onto the lake. An easy paddle will take us to our first campsite.



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Days 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7

Paddle, explore and camp in Murtle Lake's west arm.





Activities will include: geocaching on Fairyslipper Island, a 5km hike to beautiful 14m high McDougall Falls from Diamond Lagoon, and swimming with our PFD's on in the shallow warm water of the beautiful white sandy beaches, games and much more.



Possible campsites include Murtle Lagoon, Sandy Point, Author Tropicana, Kostal, Leo Island. Our evening meals will be internationally themed.



Campsites have tent pads, outhouses, fire rings, bearproof food caches and firewood. The lake is patrolled by two park rangers (the only power boat permitted on the lake).



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We will plan a route and an alternative route, but ultimately, paddling distances will be determined by the weather and the ability, energy and desire of the entire group.



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Whatever the destination, we are sure to be wowed by the incredible beauty of the stunning Murtle Lake...



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We will camp in some beautiful locations and see many amazing sunsets over the lake...



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We know for sure that we will return from our exciting adventure with lifelong memories, new skills, new friends and great stories...



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Day 8

Drive to Kamloops International Airport

Don't miss the adventure of a lifetime!

We hope to see you on the water!

~ Tammy Tromba & Jane Lizotte



How to Apply - What You Need

- **Girls**

- Camp Information Sheet (Check List & Permission)
- Girl Application Form
- Code of Conduct (signed by the girl)
- Health Form (H1)
- Camp Record Form
- Guiding & Non-Guiding Reference

Event Application Guidelines (PDF) June 2014

Girl Guiding Reference Forms (Word) January 2016

Girl Non-Guiding Reference Forms (Word) January 2016

Girl Provincial / Inter-provincial camp application (Word) October 2017



What to do Next

1. Find your references (ask them early!)
 - ☒ One reference who you know from Guiding
 - ☒ One reference who you know from outside of Guiding
 - ☒ Neither of your references should be family members
2. Complete your forms (previous slide)
 1. Send your application, and ensure that your references are sent to Guide House (hard copies) by **Jan 10, 2018**

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Other Important Notes

1. Late applications will not be considered
 - Applications and/or references **date stamped** by January 10, 2018 will be considered on time.
 - You can drop applications off in person at Guide House by sliding them through the mail slot.

2. Applicants will be contacted via the email address on their application form (make sure it's an address that you will check!)

1. We will contact all applicants in late January with one of three outcomes:
 - You have been selected
 - You have been selected as an alternate
 - You have not been selected this time



Questions?



Q&A session

- Do you plan to move camp every night
 - A: It will depend on the group, will have at least one place where we will stay more than one night
- Are there lots of mosquitos?
 - A: Not many the last time
- Are you responsible for your own ticket to Kamloops?
 - A: The travel from your home airport is included in the event fee
- How many girls will be in canoes?
 - 2 girls per canoe is standard, will switch up partners over the trip



Q&A Session

- Will there be canoe trainings offered in every area?
 - A: There will not be specific trainings offered in the area, but if girls are selected then we will assist girls to connect with local resources to receive the appropriate training
- What communication methods/emergency plans are in place for this trip?
 - The trip will have the Provincial InReach device during the trip which allows for 2 way communication via SMS 24/7 & there are rangers stationed in the park. They have a motorized boat & communication for emergency purposes



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Or do some research at:

BC Parks website http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/wg_murt/

