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# Mercury News Network



## 67th Winnipeg Rover Crew !

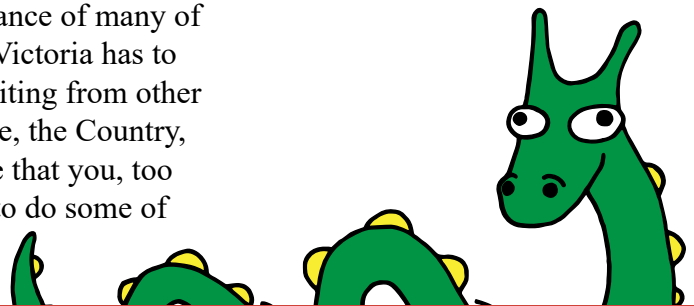
By Bruce Dagg

Five members of the 67th Winnipeg Rover Crew have travelled here to act as OOS, and are going to stick around Victoria for a few days afterwards to see some of the sights. I met Catherine and Daniel, shown above, at breakfast this morning, and learned that they are part of the Valley of the Kings subcamp staff (I forgot to ask if the other three are also on subcamp staff or are serving in some other role at the Jamboree). Although they camp down at Valley of the Kings they are still part of Excalibur Subcamp, and come down for

all of their meals and have been up to the Camelot part of Excalibur several times for some of our movies and other social activities (Yes, OOS get some time off to enjoy the Jamboree too!).

After the Jamboree they have arranged to stay for five days at an Air B & B that sounds like it is within walking distance of many of the attractions that Victoria has to offer. If you are visiting from other parts of the Province, the Country, or the World, I hope that you, too will have a chance to do some of

the things that Greater Victoria and Vancouver Island have to offer. If you don't have time this visit, please come back!





# The PJ Townsite

by Randy Maze

If you haven't been to the Townsite, you are missing out. There are lots of exciting things to do, and you don't need money for a lot of it. Over the next few days, we'll cover all of them.

## *Badge Trading*

Badge trading is one of the most popular activities at any jamboree, and PJ is no exception. I looked through the Badgers' tent, where many badge collections are displayed. Rex, a Badger from New Zealand, told me what a big job the Badgers have. Each of the 8 tables has a Badger supervising to ensure trades are fair for both sides, and that the trading rules are followed.



The most popular badges are ghost series, and this PJ, Toothless from *How to Train Your Dragon*. What impressed me the most was that there were as many adult traders as youth, but when you're trading, everyone is equal. Also, most of the tables had one or two just watching. Future traders?

If you want to try trading, a good start is to go to the Badgers' tent and spend \$10 to join the Badgers; they will give you a package of badges to start you

out. There is also trading going on in the subcamps, but these sites are unsupervised, although the rules should still be followed.

## *Rules to Keep Badge Trading Fun!*

- 1. Do not trade if you feel pressured or do not want to.**
- 2. Ask a Badger or a Scouter for help if you have a question or feel uncomfortable.**
- 3. Trade badges one for one.**
- 4. Do not put the badges you want to keep with the ones you want to trade.**
- 5. Trade for the badges you want. It's your collection!**
- 6. Keep your badges safe. Don't lose them!**
- 7. Follow the Scout Law. Complete every trade with a Scout handshake.**

# Congratulations Scouts Old and New

Executive Commissioner and CEO Andrew Price, and Grant Loyer of the Board of Governors, presented the Chief Scout Awards to Paul Bennett, Garnet Ditto, Steven Bernhardt and Noah Reid of 1st Prince George. They undertook several major projects to earn the award. Well done, Scouts

A few members of the PJ Steering Committee were also recognized with some major awards. Congratulations all for very well-deserved recognition! Chris Fletcher, PJ 2019 Technology Team Lead, and Gary Hendren, PJ 2019 Site Services Co-Team Lead, were presented with the Silver Acorn. The Silver Acorn is presented “for especially distinguished service to Scouting.” And finally Ross Benton, PJ 2019 Administration Team Lead, was presented with the Silver Wolf. The Silver Wolf is awarded “for service of the most exceptional character to Scouting, normally of national importance.”

Congratulations to all of the people reconized for theses amazing awards.



# Nessie's Lair (Obstacle Course)

By Lyndsay Dagg

On Monday night I got the chance to do the obstacle course and let me say, it is a lot harder than it looks. The station is split into 4 sections with 6 patrols per section at a time. Two of the sections are team building, one is a speed obstacle course and the fourth is a high ropes course.

The high ropes course has multiple rope nets, tightropes and wooden bridges that are suspended above ground between the trees. Everyone starts at one of the locations and does the course until they get back where they started. Everyone is constantly monitored by one of the 30 OOS on staff.

The speed course is where all the ground obstacles are. They have tires to run through and nets to crawl under. The most challenging is the wall you have to climb over. It has two paths; one with a few steps and one with nothing to help you up but a rope. I regret to admit that I was not able to get over the wall, but there were those who were successful.

All-in-all, anyone scheduled for this adventure is bound to have a great time. Don't wear your best clothes!

# Robin Hood and the Sherwood Forest

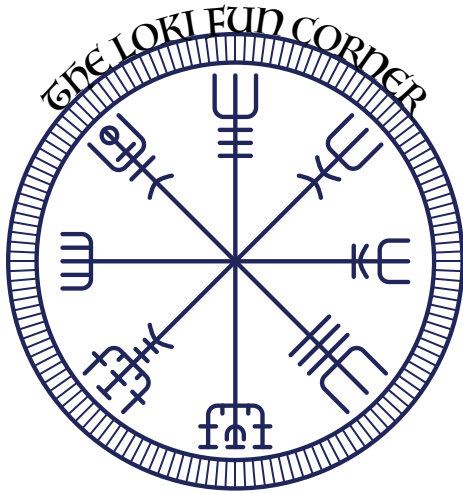
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Did you know that Sherwood Forest is an actual forest? It is in Nottinghamshire in England, but it gains most of its fame from its association with the legendary archer Robin Hood. In the stories Robin Hood and his Merry Men steal from the rich and give to the poor, all while avoiding capture by the evil Sheriff of Nottingham. In order to accomplish this, he uses his skills as a legendary archer and swordsman.

At the Sherwood Archery station, scouts can learn the basic skills in archery and see if anyone is as good an archer that Robin Hood is said to have been.





# The Loki Fun Corner

by Tyler Middleton and Jordan Hiscock

## Joke Corner

“How do Egyptians communicate at HAM Radio?”

**With norse code!**

Have you seen the movies about Greek Mythology?

**No?, well you odyssey them!**

“What do you call an Egyptian chef?”

**Gordan Ramses!**

“What are greek houses made out of?”

**Greeks and con-Crete!**

“How was copper wire invented?”

**Two Greeks were fighting over a penny!**



## ☞ Daily Horrorscopes ☜ P T B X P

♈ ARIES

FEAR NOT THE SACROSANCT. FEAR THAT WHICH WAS SACROSANCT AND NOW LIES TWISTED BEYOND RECOGNITION.

♊ GEMINI

WE ALL FOLLOW DIFFERENT PATHS, AND YET YOU STILL FEEL AS IF YOU LAG BEHIND. DO NOT COMPARE APPLES AND ORANGES.

♌ LEO

DON'T BE SOMEONE ELSE. BE SO MANY PARTS OF SO MANY DIFFERENT PEOPLE THAT IT ENDS UP BEING ORIGINAL. THAT'S HOW EVERYONE ELSE DOES IT.

♎ LIBRA

FOR EVERY CELL IN YOUR BODY THERE ARE SIX FOREIGN BACTERIAL CELLS. YOU ARE MOSTLY OTHER THINGS. WHO CARES.

♐ SAGITTARIUS

INSULTS CAN'T JUST BE GOOD. THEY GOTTA BE TIMELY. LET IT FLOW.

♒ AQUARIUS

BROWNIES TAKE A WHILE TO BAKE. ONE MUST ANTICIPATE THEIR BROWNIE BASED DESIRES AHEAD OF TIME.

♉ TAURUS

THE CROWN OF A DEAD KINGDOM IS STILL A CROWN. MEANING IS A PERSONAL THING.

♋ CANCER

NO. GETTING RIPPED WON'T SOLVE ALL YOUR PROBLEMS BUT CONSIDER HOW YOU CAN TACKLE ALL YOUR PROBLEMS WHEN YOUR RIPPED.

♍ VIRGO

FEELING CONTENT WITH ONESELF IS ONE OF LIFE'S FINAL JOYS. REST ON A BED OF LAURELS.

♏ SCORPIO

THE HARDER THE FAIL THE BETTER A STORY YOUR REVENGE BECOMES.

♑ CAPRICORN

ENLIGHTENMENT IS A QUESTION OF HOW MANY WATERSLIDES YOU HAVE BEEN DOWN.

♓ PISCES

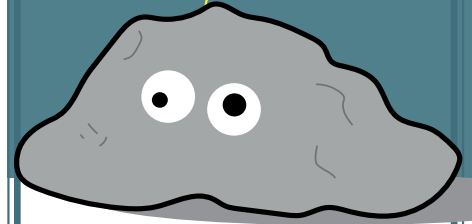
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# Daily Comic



Weather  
Rock Forecast

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The Weather rock says:

**"MAKE SURE YOUR GEAR IS AWAY FROM THE EDGE OF YOUR TENT!"**

## Fun Fact

Because of Zeus' wandering eye, and the offspring of Poseidon, Hades, god of the underworld, is uncle to half of all gods in Greek mythology.

*Tell us some fun facts or funny jokes! We might just give you a bracelet!*