

GM 2016 Award to Scouts Canada

On behalf of Girl Guides of Canada – Guides du Canada, and the Senior Leadership Team of Guiding Mosaic 2016, we would like to present this award in appreciation of the support received from Scouts Canada towards Guiding Mosaic 2016. Scouting and Guiding have enjoyed a long and beneficial relationship over the past 100 years, which was evident during Guiding Mosaic 2016.



In July 2016, over 2700 girls and women from across Canada and 11 countries met at Camp Woods in Sylvan Lake to spend 9 days together sharing in new experiences and making lifelong friendships. Although the weather was not ideal, the event was a resounding success.

The planning of this event started in early 2013 and the full leadership team was in place by late 2014. Events of this magnitude are not created in solitude and I'd like to highlight some of the efforts made by Scouts Canada that supported Guiding Mosaic 2016. Scouting was certainly part of our Guiding team.

Camp Woods was a wonderful venue for our event. From the lake access for our swimming and boating programs to the shady treed locations for pitching tents, Camp Woods allowed the participants to enjoy many aspects of Alberta all in one location. As Senior Team Lead for Program, I cannot begin to show my appreciation for all of the resources that Scouting Camp Organization and Camp Woods put at our disposal for the enjoyment of all – from the watertoys, canoes and kayaks to the access to their Obstacle course and all of the buildings with their amenities.

And of course, the biggest resource of all – Human resources. In the years and months and days before opening day, the support and advice we received from Wayne and Camp Woods was valuable. Prairie Council were happy to provide us resources to help prepare the site. These Scouters and their colleagues provided us with insights from their recent Jamboree, which was taken into consideration in our planning. Wayne provided us with contacts to local tradespeople, who were instrumental in the camp build and throughout camp. With the less than stellar 'weather' we had during the entire camp, it was essential to have supportive partners to help with dredging, obtaining mulch, and pulling out semi trailers from the thick mud! The resolve and attitude of our teams when faced by rain, and more rain daily, throughout the entire Mudsauic camp was apparent and embodied the spirit of Guiding and Scouting. Also, many thanks to the local Scouts who moved 200 picnic tables to the dining shelter.

Our team would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people:

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Doug Smith
Fiona Nicholson
Greg Kite

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Scouts Canada and Prairie Council have been a truly great partner and supporter and were instrumental in the success of our camp. We hope that we are able to work together again at a future event.