



# Coho "Fish Tales"



## Lunar Eclipse!

On Sunday, September 27th, 2015, an event took place that will not occur for another 18 years and many Coho Scouting members were at the Colony Farms Regional Park to enjoy the spectacle!

Thanks to Metro Vancouver Regional Parks and the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, the youth, Scouters and parents had a great view of the "Supermoon". There were tents set up for watching a slide show on the Eclipse, how an Eclipse occurs and a tent to build an Eclipse craft.

There was a walk way with many interesting stops and a few games set up for fun.

One of the most interesting items there, according to a few of the approx. 100 people in attendance, were the four large telescopes. Through these devices, you could get a close up view of the Super moon as it rose into the sky.

A great event & a fabulous evening in which to view the spectacle!



## Camp Cookeree

The 2015 Camp Cookeree is fast approaching on the weekend of Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>

In order to facilitate planning, please register your Troop prior to **NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>** if you are planning on attending.

Camp Cookeree focuses on a creative approach to cooking in a standing camp. In addition to Saturday night's dinner, there is the offsite day hike combined with the One-Burner Stove "Make Me a Nutritious Lunch" non-competitive cooking event.

Challenge yourselves and those around you. The entire weekend will be devoted to the fine art of camp cooking. The worst that can happen is that you burn your supper. The best is that you will have challenged yourselves and learned a new way of doing something that can quite often be dull and routine.

Scouters **may not** aid in the preparation of Saturday night's meal.

**For more information & to register, contact:**

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Your Group Commissioner also has the information.

**What do you call a baby potato?**

**A small fry!**



**UP-COMING IMPORTANT STUFF:**

- **WB 1 Practical Training:** Oct. 31st @ Ponder Park, Langley, BC.
  - **FOCUS / FAST / FLEX:** Nov. 6th-8th @ Camp Whonnock - Youth Training for Cubs, Scouts & Venturers
  - **Remembrance Day Presentation:** Monday, Nov. 9th @ Cedar Drive School, 3150 Cedar Drive, PoCo. 6:30pm Contact: Mark Robertson @ mark.robertson@telus.net
  - **Camp Cookeree:** Nov. 13th-15th @ Othello Tunnels Campground, Hope BC. Contact: [brianklassen@telus.net](mailto:brianklassen@telus.net)
  - **Food Safe:** Nov. 14th @ Camp McLean - Learn the safe handling of food.
  - **Trainer 1:** Nov.13th-15th @ Camp McLean. Learn how to train Scouters and youth.
  - **Standard First Aid:** Nov. 21st - 22nd @ Blue Mountain Park Scout Hall - First aid training for Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Scouters
  - **Beaver Optimus Pancake Breakfast with Santa:** Dec. 5th @ Como Lake United Church, 535 Marmont St. Coquitlam
  - **Area Winter Camp:** Jan. 22nd-24th, 2016 @ Manning Park.
  - **Area Might Hike:** Jan. 30th, 2016 @ Mundy Park
  - **Beaver Bowling:** Feb. 7th, 2016, For Information Contact: Lynn Holden @ [cohotraining@yahoo.ca](mailto:cohotraining@yahoo.ca)
  - **Area Kub Kar Rally:** March 5th, 2016 @ the LDS Church, Robinson St., Coq.
- For info on or to register for these courses, contact Amanda @ [asulymka@shaw.ca](mailto:asulymka@shaw.ca)**

**IN FLANDERS FIELDS**

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
 Between the crosses, row on row,  
 That mark our place; and in the sky  
 The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
 Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
 We are the Dead. Short days ago  
 We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
 Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
 In Flanders fields.  
 Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
 To you from failing hands we throw  
 The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
 If ye break faith with us who die  
 We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
 In Flanders fields.

—Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae



**Less We Forget**

# JACK O LANTERNS

The Irish brought the tradition of carving pumpkins into Jack O'Lanterns to America. But, the original Jack O'Lantern was not a pumpkin. Pumpkins did not exist in Ireland. Ancient Celtic cultures in Ireland carved turnips on All Hallow's Eve, and placed an ember in them, to ward off evil spirits.

## The Tale of Stingy Jack and the Jack O' Lantern

Jack O'Lantern legend goes back hundreds of years in Irish History. Many of the stories, center round Stingy Jack. Here's the most popular story:

Stingy Jack was a miserable, old drunk who took pleasure in playing tricks on just about everyone: family, friends, his mother and even the Devil himself. One day, he tricked the Devil into climbing up an apple tree. After the Devil climbed up the tree, Stingy Jack hurriedly placed crosses around the trunk of the tree. Unable to touch a cross, the Devil was stuck in the tree. Stingy Jack made the Devil promise him not to take his soul when he died. Once the devil promised not to take his soul, Stingy Jack removed the crosses, and the Devil climbed down out of the apple tree.

Many years later, Jack died, he went to the pearly gates of Heaven and was told by Saint Peter that he was mean and cruel, and had led a miserable, worthless life on earth. Stingy Jack was not allowed to enter heaven. He then went down to Hell and the Devil. The Devil kept his promise and would not allow him to enter Hell. Now Jack was scared . He had nowhere to go, but to wander about forever in the dark Netherworld between heaven and hell. He asked the Devil how he could leave, as there was no light. The Devil tossed him an ember from the flames of Hell, to help Stingy Jack light his way. Jack had a Turnip with him. It was one of his favourite foods, and he always carried one with him. Jack hollowed out the Turnip, and placed the ember the Devil had given him, inside the turnip. From that day onward, Stingy Jack roamed the earth without a resting place, lighting his way as he went with his "Jack O'Lantern".

On all Hallow's eve, the Irish hollowed out Turnips, rutabagas, gourds, potatoes and beets. They placed a light in them to ward off evil spirits and keep Stingy Jack away.

These were the original Jack O'Lanterns. In the 1800's a couple of waves of Irish immigrants came to America. The Irish immigrants quickly discovered that Pumpkins were bigger and easier to carve out. So they used pumpkins for Jack O'Lanterns.

From "The Pumpkin Nook"



### *The Recipe Corner:*

In this Issue of Fish Tales, we have a recipe that is great for any campfire! If you have a favourite Group recipe that you'd like to share, please e-mail it to [perry.greg1@gmail.com](mailto:perry.greg1@gmail.com)

### Campfire Roasted Apples:

This is an easy and yummy dessert with just 4 ingredients:

- Apples,
  - Cinnamon,
  - Sugar
  - Butter.
- Core and slice your apples so that they can still fold up to the apple shape.
  - Transfer the apple to the foil and use the foil to help keep the apple shape. Sprinkle sugar and cinnamon on all the apple slices and then add about 1 TBSP of cut butter slices into the center of the apple. (You can even put in some chocolate for some extra fun!)
  - Wrap the foil around the apple so it forms a secure package and then add the apples to the coals, turning sides about every 5 minutes.
  - Roll it out of the fire and let it cool for a couple minutes before opening, then dig in and enjoy!



Knock Knock!  
Who's there?  
Ice cream.  
Ice cream who?  
Ice cream every time I see a ghost!

What did the ghost say to his wife?  
"You look so *BOO*tiful."

Why did the Witches team lose the baseball game?  
*Because their bats flew away!*

Why can't you tell a skeleton a secret?  
*Because it goes in one ear and out the other.*

**NOW THAT WAS  
SCARY FUNNY!**



## Pacific Scout Jamboree 2015



During the second week of July, just over 3,000 Scouts, Scouters, Venturers, Rovers and other service personnel joined together at Camp Barnard in Sooke BC for the 11th Pacific Scout Jamboree 2015.

Participants and Offer of Service (OSS) personnel came from all over Canada, as well as some from the USA, England, New Zealand, Mexico and a couple other Countries.

The Scouts participated in a wide range of fabulous program activities, eat great food (that they cooked themselves), traded many badges, played games, met new friends and generally had a blast!!

The program for the events at and around Southern Vancouver Island and Greater Victoria will involve on-site challenging programs promoting individual challenges and team work and off-site adventures.

Some of the Program included:

- Sail the Salish Seas
- Kayak the Gorge waterway
- Challenge the Mud pit, build rockets
- Enter into the Art of Dragon Boat racing
- Are you tough enough to be a Scout....Canoe Wars!
- Tour de Rock....on Mountain Bikes
- Overnight Journey on the *Juan De Fuca Trail* and Leave No Trace
- Discover the History of the First Nations & Pioneers of the Salish Seas
- Begin exploration undersea and learn to Scuba Dive
- Take the "Spirit Quest" to the Sacred Mountain

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- Overnight Survivor Camp....in the beginning
- Be a lumberjack...  
experience a Logger skills demonstration and become one...try your feet at log rolling
- Discover the Capital City of BC, Victoria - Stroll down cobblestone streets, explore the Inner Harbour, eat in celebrated restaurants, or take in the many attractions
- Explore the little town of Sooke, which offers small town hospitality and spectacular scenery, with a rich history and numerous recreational opportunities
- A day at the beach to explore and attempt SUP Boarding
- A multilevel Obstacle course to challenge even the toughest Scout!

And that’s just some of the fun things that the Scouts participated in!

From the feed back that has been heard from many of the youth and Scouters who attended, it was one of the best Jamborees in a while. Thanks to all who participated in any way to make the 2015 Jamboree a wonderful experience for all.

A special shout out goes to Scouter Graham Ballantyne of the 12th New Westminster Scout Troop. Scouter Graham was the Assistant Deputy Camp Chief for Program. Under his guidance and that of the DCC Program, the participants had a great time.

The next PJ will be in 2019 and will also be held at Camp Barnard.



## Discover Nature in the Tri-Cities

The Burke Mountain Naturalists have created a great illustrated booklet of eight popular nature sites within the Tri-Cities. They provided a number of these booklets to the Area and they were given out at the September Area meeting. Below is the information about the booklet from their website. You can also download a copy of it from the website. [www.bmn.bc.ca](http://www.bmn.bc.ca)

It's a great booklet for all Scouting sections. So, get out and enjoy these areas!

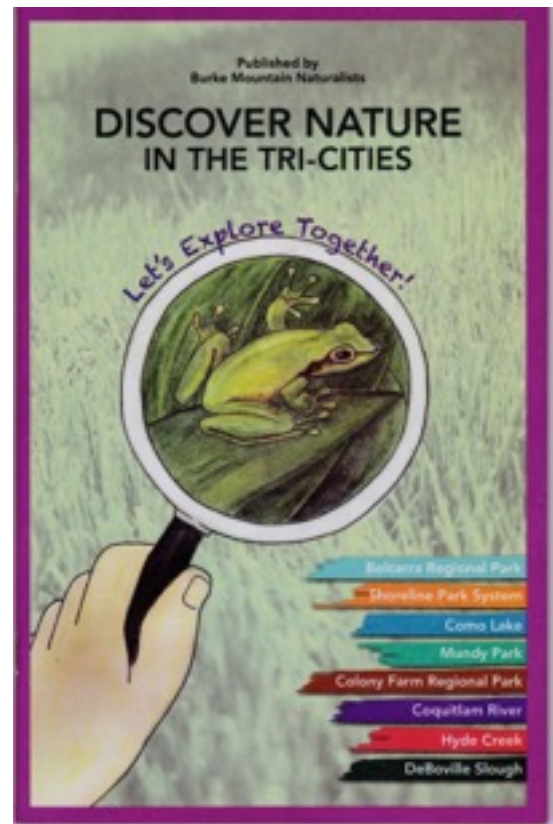
*“Exploring the outdoors is a fun way to learn about our natural environment and where we live. The Burke Mountain Naturalists created this illustrated, colour booklet to introduce children and families to the habitat, flora, and fauna of eight popular nature sites in the Tri-Cities. Each site in the booklet includes a description about the habitat, plants and wildlife that can be commonly found there, along with coloured illustrations and a map of where to explore.*

*Each site offers something different to explore. At Belcarra Park you can learn about the variety of life found where the ocean meets the land. Along the Shoreline Trail you can observe many waterfowl that make the salt-water inlet their home. In Mundy Park you can walk through mature forest with two small lakes. At Como Lake you will see many creatures that are attracted by the small fish in the lake and the wetlands. Along the Coquitlam River and Hyde Creek waterways, you will find riparian habitat and salmon spawning in the fall – Hyde Creek also has a fish hatchery. At Colony Farm and DeBoville Slough you will find diked areas each with very different habitats – Colony Farm has tall grass meadows and ponds, and DeBoville Slough is a freshwater tidal wetland.*

*An Overview Map included in the booklet shows the location of the eight sites in the Tri-Cities area. Additionally, the booklet includes a Glossary, How to Explore tips, and a seasonal Nature Checklist.*

*The booklet is free. You are welcome to give a small donation towards the cost of producing the booklet. There are a limited number of the booklets available, therefore, we reserve the right to limit the quantity”.*

**If you would like a printed colour copy of the *Discover Nature in the Tri-Cities* booklet, please send your request via email to “BurkeMtnNats@gmail.com”**



# Coho Area Meeting

**The October Coho Area Meeting is scheduled for THURSDAY, October 22nd, 2015 at 7:30pm, at the Blue Mountain Park Scout Hall.**

If you come in costume, you may just win a

**fabulous PRIZE!**

