

# THE SHIRE NEWS



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## CAMP NOTICES

Don't miss the excitement!  
There are less than 160 days  
until PJ 2011!

Check out the Handbook  
posted on the PJ website to  
answer all of your PJ questions!

## YOU'RE IN BEACHCOMBERS COUNTRY!

By Merry

If you end up touring the pretty little town of Gibsons while at PJ this year, and you wonder why your leaders want their pictures taken in front of an old restaurant called "Molly's Reach", well, it's because you're in Beachcombers country! Let me explain. "The Beachcombers" was a very popular Canadian TV show – in its early years more people watched it than "Hockey Night in Canada". I heard of a family that said that every Sunday night required the three B's; after "The Wonderful World of Disney", there was "the Beachcombers", bath and then bed! The show ran from 1972 – 1990 and all 387 episodes were filmed on location in Gibsons and the surrounding inlets and beaches of the Sunshine Coast.

The story might seem odd – it was about a couple of rival log salvagers. In those days you could get a licence, take your boat out, find logs lost from log booms, and tow them back to the logging company for profit. Sounds a little dull? Well, the characters and the action weren't. There was Nick Adonidas, a Greek Canadian who was prone to getting over excited, but his First Nations partner, Jesse Jim, kept him under control. Their arch-rival was Relic, a scruffy, unscrupulous type that would do anything to beat Nick. Some other characters were the goofy RCMP Constable John Constable, and Molly, who ran the local coffee shop and acted as a mother figure for all (including nasty Relic).

Nick's boat, the Persephone, and Relic's un-named black boat, looked crude, but were really fast jet boats that did a lot of stunts. And the locations were beautiful – people from over sixty countries worldwide watched the show and were able to see the coast, mountains and villages of BC, as well as First Nation culture.

So go down near the dock at Gibsons Landing and check out Molly's Reach; the Persephone rests nearby. There is also a Beachcombers exhibit in the Sunshine Coast Museum, walking distance away . . .

Now if you are in Vancouver and hear of a band called "Relic's Jetboat", or in Alberta and hear one called "Molly's Reach", you can say, "I know what they are named after! I was there, in Beachcomber country!"

## MEET THE STAFF

By Shadowfax

Chris Shantz, Co-Sub-Camp Chief - Gondor Sub Camp

We had the privilege of talking to Chris Shantz, Co-Sub-Camp Chief of Gondor Sub-Camp. By day he works for the school district, but by evening, weekend and night he is a neckerchief wearing crusader for having fun, working hard and helping family and friends.

**Q. Chris, describe your Scouting History.**

I have been an adult member for 25 years and was a youth member for 8 years. I started in Camrose, Alberta as a Cub Scout, moved over to Air Cadets, came back to Scouting as a Venturer and finally a Rover. I have had many duties along the way: Cub Scout leader, Scout leader, Venturer advisor, Group Commissioner, Area Commissioner and Deputy Council Commissioner Program.

**Q. What made you decide to volunteer as a Sub-camp chief?**

Sub camp chief – moment of insanity. We wanted to do an Alberta Jamboree, and we thought that being involved with PJ as a sub-camp chief would be an ideal training ground for AJ (Alberta Jamboree) and as a training ground for CJ13. Learning from an established team to help build a team for AJ and CJ will only make these events better.

**Q. Have you ever been to a jamboree before?**

I have been to 10 jamborees in total. I never went to a jamboree as a youth participant, but I have gone to 6 jamborees as an offer of service including some CJ's and I have taken youth to another 4.

**Q. What was the most memorable or rewarding experience of your jamboree life?**

The enthusiasm of participants is my most memorable experience. At CJ 93, there were youth from Newfoundland/Labrador who were fishing for people outside the canteen – I will always remember how much fun they were having.

**Q. When did you start working on the sub-camp project?**

We started work in October, 2009. We have spent a long time planning what the sub-camp will look like and what we are going to do. We have also visited the site.

**Q. When will you be arriving at the site and when will you be leaving?**

We will arrive at the site July 3, 2011 and leave as soon as I regain my sanity, likely July 17, 2011.

**Q. How many people will there be on your team and what will you all do each day?**

Our team will have about 15 people including 5 youth. We lounge around and eat bon-bons! Seriously, we do our best to help everyone have a great jamboree.

**Q. Do you have any advice for Scouters coming to PJ?**

Wow, yes:

- expect things not to go as planned
- be flexible, things are going to change
- do not try anything new at camp – no new menu, have a duty roster, make sure all your youth have some experience, try out your equipment before you get there
- get your rest before and after camp
- be prepared to walk

**Q. Do you have any advice for Scouts coming to PJ?**

For the Scouts:

- pace yourself, do not try to everything in the first two days. You will get tired and cranky by day three and then it will fun for no one,
- be prepared and get your rest
- keep everything together, keep your stuff with you

**Q. Do you have anything else you would like to tell the participants?**

- I like to eat chocolate
- I like to eat chocolate
- Make do
- Have a positive attitude

I was going to bring Chris some Tim Horton's coffee, but looks like a trip to Purdy's might be a better bet. I am looking forward to seeing Chris and his team in July – see you all there too!

## FEATURED ACTIVITIES

### Frodo's Quest (Obstacle Course)

If you haven't figured out why Frodo is carrying the Ring into the most dangerous part in Middle Earth you haven't been paying attention! Help Frodo to carry the Ring to the heart of Mt. Doom by getting him over, under, around and through the obstacles of Mordor. Don't let him lose the Ring!



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### Scale the Black Tower (Climbing Wall)

In the darkest depths of Mordor, the all-seeing Eye of Sauron sits watchful in the Black Tower of Barad-dur. It would be a great victory for the Free People of Middle Earth to blind this great eye and distract Sauron from Frodo and Sam, but the ascent will not be an easy one! Strap on a harness and challenge a variety of climbing/rapelling walls under the watchful care of our trained belayers.

## WEATHER FORECAST

Be prepared for a wide variety of weather during the Jamboree. Be Prepared! Expect wind and rain. Bring rain gear, and test it in advance! Also expect sunshine – bring sunscreen and a hat that protects ears and the back of the neck.



## GETTING READY

In the months leading up to PJ we will be featuring groups from around BC who are attending PJ. We'll be talking to them about their preparations for attending PJ.

We will also be posting videos of these groups on the Newspaper section of the PJ website. Check them out!

## RIDDLE

Every month we will be posting a riddle to test your skills. Can you figure it out?

*What has roots as nobody sees,  
Is taller than trees,  
Up, up it goes  
And yet never grows?*

### Last Month's Riddle Answer

Wait until next month's issue to see the answer!

## FUN FACT

The inspiration for Bilbo and Frodo Baggins' home of "Bag End" came from J.R.R. Tolkien's Aunt's farm of the same name.

## PICTURES



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## DEAR BILBO

**Dear Bilbo,**  
**What should I pack to go to PJ?**

You've all been to camp. PJ is something a little different - a large group of youth from different Troops camping together. Here are some things you may not have thought of to bring.

- Deodorant (you might be in a tent by yourself if you forget this)
- Earplugs (incase your tent mate snores, or something is being loud in the forest)
- Extra Pillow (incase your tent mate rolls in their sleep)
- A Cash Float for the unfortunate souls that forgot bug spray or sunscreen (and extra to sell of course)
- Air Freshener (scentless for Yogi Bear of course)
- Bacon Bits (for bribes (OOS love them!) DO NOT store in tent)
- Zip Strips for your fellow Scouts that feel the need to get up at 5 in the morning and sing
- Video camera to film peoples service dances (P.S. there is no service anywhere)
- Glow in the Dark Toilet Paper... So you can find it in the middle of the night (don't you wish that existed?)

Now that you have the bare basics, lets get started on the extras like a sleeping bag. Toothbrush anyone?

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