

Galiano Kids Campout! A Huge Success.

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The first ever Galinao Kids Campout held at the Galiano Learning Centre was a huge success! The Galiano Conservancy Association invited kids between the ages of 9 and 12 that live locally (either full time or part time) and their friends to join us for 3 days and 2 nights of camping. On August 26th, seven kids turned up with backpacks and gear and an attitude set for fun.

We spent the first day setting up tent town and getting to know the lay of the land with a huge property wide scavenger hunt. The kids worked hard to find the final treasure – the fixins for SMORES – and to find a way to prepare their delicious treats on the barbeque. As dark drew near, the kids climbed into their tents to revel in the cozy cocoons that they had created. Laughter was heard well into the night echoing under a magnificent sky full of stars.

The second day was met with a light breakfast and some fun minute-long games and challenges. The day was hot, hot and more hot, so we decided to have a water battle. In the end, we all won because we managed to cool off by having fun. In the afternoon an intrepid group of adventures set off on a great sheep hunt which resulted in finding ample evidence of feral sheep occupation and one fuzzy photograph of what some claim to be a sheep in a tree! Dinner was on the horizon, so the kids tramped off to the Learning Centre greenhouse to harvest vegetables for a yummy tomato spaghetti sauce. The rest of the day was spent preparing for Circus Night. This was taken quite seriously as costumes and props were compiled and acts were rehearsed. By dusk, the circus was open for business. There were many acts from stand up comedy and skits to dance routines to hula hooping and cartwheeling. It was truly a spectacle and purely professional. We wrapped up our evening with some hot apple cider, chips and card playing.

The third and final day mainly focused on taking down camp and saying our farewells to new and old friends. After a round of sharing hopes and dreams for next year's camp, we decided that it should be an annual event! There's always a critic, and this year, the biggest complaint to be heard was: why are we leaving so soon – next year it should be longer! A heart swelling request.

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