

Educating and Inspiring the Outdoor Family

Junior Forest Warden National Camp 2008
Pigeon Lake Provincial Park, Albert

Friday, July 18

Former Warden rides the wave

The following is an inspirational story for all wardens. It's a tale of a JFW graduate and her travels.

Our daughter Eily Sweeney is showing great courage this summer, following a dream. She was in JFW for 13 years, starting when she was 3 years old, learning how to care for our forests and natural environment as well as enjoying adventures in the outdoors; it was so much fun for our whole family!

Now at 22 Eily is attending Mt Royal College, exploring courses in Environmental Design. Wondering what to do for this summer she had an idea to do something that made a difference, something relevant to her environmental interests. So she created her own challenge. Eily planned an extensive bicycle trip from Calgary to Vancouver. This trip was to be dedicated to the environmental and social sustainability, that is, to finding out how other communities live together while caring for one another in a way that does not harm our earth. She will be visiting at least 14 communities on her 2,000 kilometre trip. A whole long way to ride!

Eily left June 21, 2008, is presently in the Nelson area and hopes to be back later in August. So far she has remarked how beautiful the ride has been through the Rockies and has found such warm welcomes from folks in communities such as Jaffray and Crawford Bay. Eily tells us that she senses the unrest of the youth and feels their need to find a way to help out the world.

You can check out this energetic, talented and courageous future leader who has her roots and values from her rich experiences in JFW at www.ridethewavecanada.com.

Thanks a lot,
Marjorie Stakenas (her mom)
I miss her so!