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And the winner is...

And the winner is ... Jennifer Callioux! Jennifer is a local resident and owner of her own Photo Studio in Langford, West Coast Wonders, calliophotography.com Jennifer captured her little guy and his friend enjoying Goldstream. Judges of the contest based their decision on color and composition and if the photo captured an essence of Goldstream Provincial Park. "It's a very classic picture of two kids enjoying themselves, getting out and enjoying nature" Staff remarked.

This was the first year for the photo contest which ran for over 6 months. RLC Park Services was pleased to have received over 100 entries and will be sure to run the contest next year. If you would like

more information regarding the contest please contact the Goldstream Nature House at 250-478-9414.



"Summer programming had us a blast!... La la

Written by the Goldstream Staff

"Summer programming has us a blast and summer programming happened so fast!" 

From "Tick talks" and "Oceans Dead or Alive" to "Crab catastrophes" and letting our 'Senses be our guide', RLC Park Naturalists were delving into the Nature of the Parks this summer at Goldstream, Rath Trevor and Miracle Beach Provincial Parks. Using knowledge, creativity, and a whole lot of energy, staff created summer programs for Park Visitors to enjoy throughout July and August.

Highlights were the afternoon Jerry's Ranger programs for kids with a focus on conservation and nature ethics and the evening amphitheatre productions for adults and kids alike.

Guest speakers were also a hit with Visitors when they came in to share their expertise and knowledge for an evening. A big thank you to Horne Lake Caves, Langford Fire Department, The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, North Island Wildlife Recovery Centre, Comox Valley Search and Rescue, Oceanside RCMP, Mid Island Coastal Fire Centre and the many others who came to support the education in the Parks.

"It was a great summer and our attendance numbers were high, which shows us how valuable these programs are to our Park Visitors" muses Tracey Bleackley RLC Park Naturalist. "It confirms for us that our efforts to keep these programs available and our Nature Houses open in our Parks are worthwhile".

Coming Soon...

'Gyotaku'- (gyo-fish taku-rubbing)

Our famous fish printing will be here before we know it!

As you stroll down the trail toward the Goldstream Nature House on a Saturday or Sunday in November, you will likely see a parade of large pieces of paper covered with brightly coloured "salmon prints" being carried carefully back to the parking lot. A long-standing annual tradition, Park Visitors have tried their hand at the Japanese art of Gyotaku, using tempera paint and a spawned out salmon, for many years. "The idea sounds a bit icky" laughs Bre Robinson, RLC Park Naturalist, "but the prints are beautiful and most people are excited to be able to try it".

This tradition has created very special memories for residents and visitors who visit Goldstream to view the amazing natural phenomenon of spawning salmon.

Have you made a salmon print before? Tell us about it or share a photo from the experience.

Did you Know: We offer **sleepover programs** for groups and in our "Sleeping with the Salmon" program you don't just create a salmon print, you create a salmon print on a pillowcase with fabric paint to make the memory last even longer!

When was the last time you snuggled into bed with a salmon? Ask us about more details!



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(eye wonder why...?)



I wonder why spiders spin so many webs in the Fall... it is because this is the time of the year that spiders mate and females build many webs in hopes of attracting a mate!

I wonder why the leaves fall off the trees at this time of year... it is because the days are getting shorter with less and less sunlight for the leaves to produce food. The green disappears (which is the best color to absorb food from the sun - called photosynthesis) to yellow's, oranges and browns. As it gets cooler the water and food from the tree are cut off from the leaves and eventually the leaves fall to the ground.

Goldstream Park Trivia

1. How long ago was the Goldstream Provincial Park 'Quiet Zone' established?
2. What do you call a male salmon who can't find a mate and undergoes a certain change?
3. What do we refer to as the 'gold' in our river?
4. Who likes to 'dip' into the river to find salmon eggs?
5. How many Bald Eagles have been spotted in the estuary after the salmon run?
6. Can salmon smell?

Answers are hidden somewhere in the newsletter!



STAY TUNED... for our amazing and fabulous Fall Goldstream Silent Goods Auction!

Upcoming Event

Sunday Oct 14th, 2012

Register online at www.raceonline.ca or
at The Goldstream Nature House or at
Westshore Frontrunners



Goldstream Salmon Run 5km

THE SALMON RUN, WHY SHOULDN'T YOU!

5k Race & Family Fun Run

at the Goldstream Provincial Park Campground

"A surprisingly challenging local 5k!"

Now, more than ever, the Goldstream Nature House needs your support to keep educating children in the Park...

Proceeds from this event support environmental education programs at the park and help to keep the Goldstream Nature House open.

Every year this race brings a healthy dose of competition and fun to those who participate!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 250-478-9414 or email goldstream@naturehouse.ca

How can
YOU
help?

1. Visit the Goldstream
Nature House, make a
donation or purchase;

2. Contact us to make a
donation via phone at
250-478-9414 or email

3. Become a
Goldstream Chum

3. Salmon

Are you a Chum?

Not only is a Chum one of the species of Pacific Salmon; it also could be YOU!

The annual Chum Salmon run at Goldstream Provincial Park is a natural wonder that every child in our community should have the chance to experience.

There is an opportunity for **YOU** to make this happen by becoming a **Chum** in our **Goldstream Chums** sponsorship program. RLC Park Services has partnered with Habitat Acquisition Trust (HAT) for the last 10 years to offer the Goldstream Chums program; a way for local businesses and individuals to lend financial support to offset costs for school children wishing to attend the Goldstream Salmon Run programs.

"Each year, we work very hard to gain community awareness and support for the funding of the Nature House and the programs that are provided here" says Allison Roberts RLC Park Services.

Over the past decade the **Goldstream Chums** initiative has made it possible for more than 50,000 local school children to experience the salmon run first hand.

"There are many types and levels of sponsorship. For some it is a monetary donation and for others, "in-kind" services have been offered" encourages Roberts.

A tax receipt is issued for monetary donations and depending on the level of support offered an array of additional promotional benefits are provided.

If YOU are interested in helping more children see the salmon this year please contact us: 250-478-9414 or by email, goldstream@naturehouse.ca.

THANK YOU! BC HYDRO

for 10 years of commitment in our
Legacy Group



RLC Park Services, Habitat Acquisition Trust, Goldstream Park Volunteers, Students and Teachers, and Park Visitors taking part in the Goldstream Salmon Run Programs send out a huge THANK YOU for your ongoing commitment to the **"GOLDSTREAM CHUMS SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM"**

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