



WEEK OF APRIL 19, 2010

Shawnigan Parent News



Photo: Our Debate Team at the Victoria Courthouse. For more photos and stories, go to <http://www.shawnigan.ca/now>

Summer Rugby Camps – July 4 - 9, 2010

Two more summer camps have been added to the roster at Shawnigan this year. Along with the squash camp, we will also offer two rugby camps.

One of the rugby camps is a coaching clinic, led by Scott Johnson and Jon Humphries, with two full sessions a day, followed by evening presentations and socials that will provide plenty of opportunity for "behind the scenes" dialogue, making this experience truly unique. The fee for this camp is \$799.00.

Coinciding with this coaching clinic will be a residential program for experienced boys from grades 9 - 11. Led by Canadian U20 Head Coach, Tim Murdy and Jim Delaney, the current U17 Head Coach, the camp will focus on skill development and fun over the 6 days, using the expertise of Scott Johnson, Jon Humphries and the other coaches on site to give the participants a once in a lifetime opportunity for inspiration and rapid improvement in a world class setting. A maximum of 50 boys and 20 coaches will ensure top quality instruction and camaraderie from every angle.

Both camps include accommodation, meals, snacks, professional instruction, full supervision, transportation to and from the Victoria ferry or airport (within a certain time frame) and full use of School facilities. The fee for this student camp is \$699.00.

Read more about the camps: www.shawnigan.ca/external

My Exchange Experience – Abby B. '12

Abby B., a grade 10 student in Strathcona House, recently got back from a six-week exchange to St. Margaret's Anglican Girls' School in Brisbane, Australia. Abby was anxious about meeting her host family, but after a long flight with a couple of connections, she was relieved to meet the friendly Bowyer family. "They were really nice and very sport-minded, as is my own family, so I fit in well. Maddy, my host, has an older sister and younger brother who are both athletes. The family introduced me to netball. It is very different than basketball which is what I am used to."

The Bowyer family lives on an acreage about an hour's drive from the school. "Their place was so nice that the drive to and from school was well worth it. We often grocery shopped on the way home and then made dinner when we arrived. Yes, I did some cooking, too. After dinner, we did homework and we all watched 'NCIS: Naval Criminal Investigative Service' together."

Abby's exchange family also treated her to trips to Movie World and Sea World and took her to Kings Beach where Abby was amazed by the white sand, blue water and big waves. "They even had lifeguards on the beach—not something I am used to seeing!"

The girls at St. Margaret's were friendly. "They all called me, Canada! 'Hey, Canada!' They were inclusive from the start. They had a welcoming assembly for me with the grade tens and all asked me questions about myself and my experiences. When I was leaving, they gave me a great barbecue and we played cricket. I was also introduced to Golden Gaytime ice-cream bars. I am not sure I can live without them now!"

Abby did well at the school, taking English, History, Science, Drama, French and Business. She kept up with her Shawnigan Math classes in her own time. "The teachers tried to incorporate Canadian facts and figures into their lessons when I was present."

The dress code in classes was a far cry from Shawnigan's classroom dress, though. "They were very strict with uniform. We had to wear our hair in a ponytail with a blue ribbon and could not wear jewellery. We wore a white blouse with a shoelace tied at the

Upcoming Events:

- April 24-25** Leave Weekend
- April 28** Shawnigan Parents' Association Speaker Series - Pamela Richardson (7pm, Studio Theatre)
- April 28-30** Jazz Band at West Coast Jazz Fest. in Nanaimo
- May 8** Scholarship Day (for external applicants)
- May 7-8** Shawnigan Lake School Regatta
- June 5-6** Leave Weekend

For more **travel information** and a link to **next year's calendar** go to: www.shawnigan.ca/now/travel-information

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collar with a badge and a long navy blue skirt with brown shoes and beige socks. I was glad to be at an all-girls' school when I was wearing that uniform!"

During her last week in Australia, Abby and her host, Maddy, spent a special week in Sydney. "We went boogie boarding at Bondi Beach, visited Harbour Bridge, attended the Opera and went shark diving at the Manly Aquarium."

For her tremendous exchange experience, Abby thanks especially the Bowyer family and Mrs. Chadwick, Director of Exchange at St. Margaret's, as well as the great group of girls that she spent much of her time with.

Maddy is currently enjoying her exchange from St. Margaret's to Shawnigan.

Shawnigan Admissions Travel

Shawnigan's Admissions Department will be visiting **San Francisco, CA and area on April 28th to May 4th, and Toronto, ON on May 12-17th** to host an information session and interview interested future students and their families. Parents and students with an interest in the School are encouraged to join us for an opportunity to learn how their child might benefit from a Shawnigan education.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact the Admissions Office, 250 743-6285 or email Shannon Peck, Admissions Coordinator at: speck@shawnigan.ca

Leave Weekend Reminder

Just a reminder that students going on Leave this weekend by School transport, will be taking the 5:00pm sailings to the mainland on Saturday and must return on the 7:00pm sailings back to the School on Sunday.

Heartfelt Thanks – Gary Dukelow

Shawnigan students volunteered in droves for the Cowichan District Hospital fundraiser last weekend. Crews moved tables and set up Marion Hall, directed parking, greeted guests, served appetizers and dinners, worked as photographers and gift table hosts as well as the all-important clean up crew. I am continuing to get compliments about the incredible performance of the 150 students who went beyond the call of duty to make this year's Hospital Gala night the most successful ever. Words can't describe how proud I am of all of these amazing Shawnigan students.