

*"Life is either a great adventure or nothing. - [Helen Keller](#)" an article about our favourite Moose Girl Guide*

It's hard always being the new mammal in school. Moosey went to more elementary schools than any other Moose she knew. Now in grade nine, she has already had to memorize four different locker combinations.

It was because of her moms job (professional hockey coach and before that player), Moosey and her family moved a lot. "My mom always says that although moving might not be fun, it's an adventure," says Moosey. But it took awhile for Moosey to see things that way. She struggled to make friends every time she moved; she always anticipated the next potential move her family would have to make, so she never joined a school sports team, play or choir.

From Vancouver to Flin Flon, Whitehorse to Michigan with stops in Germany, Sweden and Charlottetown, before currently living in Guelph, Moosey had lived in many places, but was never part of the community. Then one day, at a game her mother was coaching, things changed. That night, it was Girl Guide Night. Hundreds of girls filled the arena. Moosey noticed the rainbow of colours, the youngest girls wearing pink, and the older girls in blue. She watched as they all sang and danced, cheered for the game, cheered for each other. She stood to the side, no longer watching the action on the ice, when fate stepped in to offer her the adventure her mother had always talked about.

"Three girls my age came over and asked me if I wanted to sit with them and their Guide group. Usually I have to approach new friends, and am too shy to do that. So I said yes and spent the rest of the game with their group. At the end of the game I introduced my new friends to my mom when their leader asked if I would like to join their unit. That was two years ago," explains Moosey. "I haven't looked back!"

Moosey is now telling her story because she has been picked to be the official mascot of Guiding Mosaic 2010, an international camp to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Girl Guides of Canada.

"Since joining, I have learned so many new things, I have made so many friends, and I know that when we need to move again, there will be a Girl Guide unit wherever we move, that I can join!"

Through her experience in Guides and now Pathfinders, Moosey's mom has seen a difference in her. From joining the school field hockey team, to being the first to volunteer to rock climb at Pathfinders, Moosey is no longer sitting on the sidelines waiting for adventure, she is making adventure happen in her life.

So what great adventure is she most looking forward to at GM2010? "I'm looking forward to 100 of them," she said, "I'm looking forward to making 100 new friends, to having 100 great experiences, and to make 100 great memories with old and new friends from around the world!"