

# Truro-North River 4H Club Plays Host to Manitoban Exchange Group



The Whole Crew, East welcomes West!

By Crystal Fullerton

All young people yearn for a chance to travel and experience the world and for a group of Nova Scotian 4H members, that is exactly what they got.

It started out as an idea sparked by the Canadian 4H newsletter and quickly morphed into an East West exchange trip for a group of 20 enthusiastic Canadians. 10 Nova Scotian kids were twinned up with 10 Manitoban teens for two weeks of excitement and education Maritime style! One week in Treherne Manitoba and another in Truro Nova Scotia.

The TNR club worked hard to raise funds to cover the expenses of the exchange through gift basket raffles, bagging groceries at Sobays and of course, the infamous "Flushing for 4H" Pink Toilet! While the Pink Loo took on a life of its own it also helped expose the community to 4H and by the time the Prairie kids



Experiencing the joys of "Mudsliding" in the Bay of Fundy Floor.

landed, people were prepared and welcoming.

Pick up day started out grey and forbidding as Nova Scotian Twins drove to the airport to pick up their Prairie twin. The first 2 days did end it rain but it did not dampen the spirits of the travellers. These days were filled with tours of their twins home, local businesses and a visit to watch the World Famous Tidal Bore. A special evening edition of the "Haunted Farm Tour" at Riverbreeze was a spooktacular success. Needless to say, the Manitoban visitors saw a lot of new things.

The travellers spent time getting silly for Facebook at Masstown Market, getting guided tours at the Dutchmans Cheese Farm & donning new "Bonnets" and then experiencing clam digging and mud sliding at Lighthouse Cove in Five Islands. A trip to Economy Falls helped showcase our local areas natural beauty followed by a stop at the Cobequid Interpretive Center in Economy. The revamped World War Two Observation Tower was a hit especially when guided by the exuberant Anita McLellan!

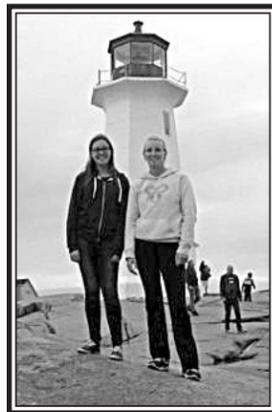
The schedule was full, as the troupe bundled up in a buses and cars to see the Citadel, Museum of the Atlantic, a shopping mall or two, Peggys Cove, Lismore Sheep farm, Tatamagouche area and then a sunny day at Rustons Beach! An afternoon spent playing "Mantracker"

resulted in many laughs while the evening was topped off with a festive evening in Truro celebrating the Blueberry Festival.

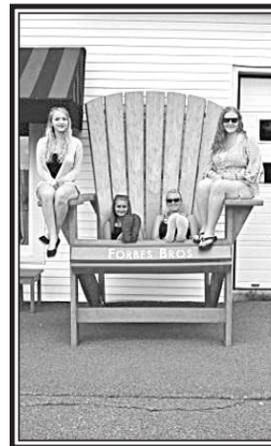
It was a tired bunch of 4H'ers who made that early Saturday morning trip to Stanfields Airport. The Facebook pages are now full of photos and the memories from the whole week will hold a special place in the minds of all who participated. It may have started out as a 4H Members event but there were plenty of Mom, Dads, brothers and sisters, and perhaps the odd grandparent involved to ensure that everyone had a fabulous time. It took a lot of raffle tickets, grocery bags and pink toilet travels to make this Exchange Trip happen. If we had the chance to do it again, we wouldn't change a thing!



Light Houses were a first for our Prairie travellers.



Jenna Latimer and Chantal Forbes (Manitoban ladies) enjoyed Peggys Cove even if it wasn't sunny!



TNR and Treherne 4H members relax in the Big Chair!



Lindsay (from Manitoba) enjoying the Cobequid Interpretive Centers tower with Danielle Williams.



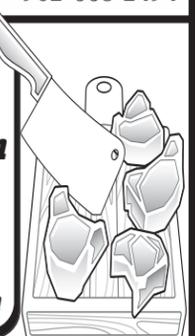
Marlene Conrad had her hands full chaperoning this eager group of tourists!



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