



This Summer I went to Nova Scotia in Canada for the celebration of 100 years of guiding in Canada.

We arrived in Halifax in Canada and stayed in a youth hostel in Halifax for the first two nights so we could do some sightseeing around the area before we went to the camp. Felicity was very nervous for the flight as it was her first ever flight, so she chewed lots of sweets at the wrong time... The flight was very bumpy and no one got any sleep because they were all too busy watching films, apart from me and Chia because we seemed to fall asleep everywhere!

On our first day of staying at the youth hostel we went down to the sea front and went into a few shops, I bought some very interesting souvenirs including a Canadian flag rain poncho which was too big for me and also a Canadian umbrella hat which everyone laughed at but was very useful when it was raining!



Later that day we went on a whale watching tour boat right out to sea it was very choppy and lots of people on the boat felt sea sick including me who threw up over the side of the boat, I think I was the only one who was actually sick though... The tour was very good even though we didn't see any whales we did see a seal! We all got to hold a lobster though.

We also went to Pier 21 immigration museum which was really interesting because it was all about the history of Halifax harbour; we had dinner in a restaurant that night, we would be moving to the main campsite the next day!



The next day was Lesley's 50th birthday so in the dining area in the youth hostel we had some balloons and sung happy birthday to her. We got to go to Citadel Hill which was a Scottish fort and we had a tour around and watched and heard the canon being blown which was very loud!



We then left the youth hostel in Halifax and got mini buses to the actual camp, when we got there we were given tents to put up, the tents were 4 man tents so I shared with, Chia, Felicity and Sophie. The tents were different to the ones we were used to so it took us ages to put them up and in the end some Canadian girls had to come and help us because we couldn't work it out! We found our way around the camp and found our way to dinner, everything was provided for us including plates and cutlery so we didn't have to do any washing up! The meals were very nice, there was so much to eat, I ate so much in Canada I was always going up for seconds and thirds! That evening we had the opening ceremony where a drumming band called squid played who were very good! Plus a man playing the bagpipes he was also very good!



Our day would usually consist of waking up around 7 am, going to breakfast which was amazing! Bagels, muffins and at every meal they had juice cartons which were ridiculously small so people kept on going up for 3rds and 4ths of juice cartons, so towards the end of the week everyone would just take about 5 to start with. After breakfast we had activities which included, crafts, walks, games, swimming and canoeing.



One of the activities that we did was swimming in the lake on the camp site, which was really good but the water was always so cold! They told us that there were leeches in the lake but they put in salt blocks into the water so you wouldn't get a leech, Felicity got the first leech on the camp which I spotted on her foot!

A couple of days later we went down to the water front everyone was really scared to go swimming because of the leeches but everyone went in so many people got leeches that day!

I had a brilliant time in Canada being part of a big guiding experience and hope that one day I will be able to do something like this again!

