

Noreen Khimji — Pathfinder

For Noreen, Guiding is truly a family affair. Her grandmother was a commissioner in Kenya, while her mom and aunt were active Members, too. So, it was only natural that she would join Sparks when she was six-years-old.

“What attracted me to GGC was hearing stories from my family about all the cool things that they got to do in Guiding,” says Noreen. “Going camping and learning life skills has been what has kept me interested. I liked the opportunity to earn badges such as first aid, cooking and music.”

Of course, when Noreen joined, she probably never imagined that Guiding would take her across the equator as a teen on a once-in-a-lifetime trip. While in Pathfinders, Noreen traveled with two other girls to Ecuador for two-weeks as part of a school building project.

“The experience of meeting everyone who was on the trip was awesome,” Noreen says. “If I could describe Ecuador and its people in one word, I would say vibrant. Wherever you went, there were people having fun and you’d hear music playing in the streets.”

In addition to her Pathfinder activities, Noreen also enjoys playing music, participating in numerous sports, volunteering at a seniors’ residence and just hanging out with her friends. Last year, she was also selected to participate in the prestigious Page program at Ontario’s Legislative Assembly.

“I probably wouldn’t be so adventurous if it wasn’t for Guiding. We talk about things that matter to girls our age and things that relate to our life. Girl Guides isn’t just a bunch of girls who spend all their time selling cookies. We do much more and, all in all, it’s so much fun!”



matter what we do, we always have fun and make each other laugh.

Jennifer, Guide