

Northern Interior Cruising Committee Scholarship

Tim Giesbrecht

Registrar/Acting Treasurer

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Dear Tim,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for receiving this scholarship. This money will go directly towards helping me finish my second year of the Natural Resource and Forest Technology program at the College of New Caledonia. I plan to complete my CNC diploma program to achieve my Registered Forestry Technologist designation. My long-term goal is to become a Registered Professional Forester, a dream that has been many years in the making. The reason I got into forestry is because I care deeply about our forests. I love working and playing in them and I want future generations to continue to have that opportunity as well. British Columbia is the most beautiful place on the planet because of its diverse forests, and I believe with the proper management we can find the balance between maintaining jobs in the forestry sector and preserving the natural beauty of the province we all call home.

I am currently employed as a forestry summer student in 100 Mile House at West Fraser where I am working in the operations department. I have already GPS'd roads, made sure cut blocks were properly rehabbed after harvest, expanded my understanding of the harvesting process, and had the opportunity to see incredibly beautiful parts of the land many do not get the chance to see. I must admit that it is hard work, but I am loving it even more than I thought I would. It is simultaneously challenging and rewarding, and the people I work with are passionate and friendly.

I hope to take the knowledge I learn this summer and from my continuing education to find work in my hometown of Prince George, a city deeply steeped in forestry. Thanks to your amazing donation I feel I am closer than ever to achieving my goal. I am incredibly thankful and proud to be the recipient of this award.

Sincerely,

Warren VandenHoek