

Hi. My name is Molly and I am 15 years old. I am interested in Techsploration because I think it's a great opportunity to hear about different careers and which ones would interest me most.

I have done a lot of volunteer work in my life, including cleaning up garbage around our community many times with my Guiding group. I have mentored younger girls in the Guiding program. I have also organized a couple of Guiding camps, including designing and implementing programs and activities.

Currently my Guiding group and I are planning World Thinking Day, which is a big annual Guiding event held in the spring. Last year our group went to Feed Nova Scotia at 213 Bedford Highway to help them sort food and other supplies such as diapers, feminine hygiene products and toiletries and I remembered how lucky I am for all the advantages I have because not everyone is so fortunate.

I also volunteered in my community for two summers as a junior coach in a youth soccer program. At a local annual festival I helped set up, prepare and serve food. I also ran the children's games at the carnival during this event. I've helped out with activities and crafts at a local children's Christmas event. I've assisted the church minister with various tasks at one of her churches.

I enjoy bike riding, hiking, self defence classes like tai jitsu, band and jazz band. I love working with and helping kids and animals, being outdoors, and working to better the environment. While in 2 Bays 4H Club I was in a program called "The Great Outdoors" and it taught me many survival skills and techniques like how to properly build a fire, cook food over a small fire using a coffee can stove, how to build shelter to protect yourself against the weather, etc.

When I'm older, I want to be in the Coast Guard because I like being on the water and I think it could be a bit dangerous at times (bad weather, storms, rough water), but it can also be very adventurous.

My teacher feels I have an aptitude for math and the sciences, and I enjoy working with technology. I enjoy meeting new people and sharing thoughts, ideas and opinions. I have had the opportunity to do this through the Girl Guides program, 4H Club, and school events and trips, and I look forward to more experiences.

I'm also looking forward to meeting women in different careers so that I can learn about their experiences, and what they like and dislike about their jobs so that I can develop realistic expectations of their careers and get a feel for what jobs would best suit me. It's important that I discover not only what I want to do, but also what I don't want to do with my future. I think it's encouraging to see so many women in careers which haven't always been open to them in the past.

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