

"I like doing one-on-one work with the girls. It's helping me prepare for what I want to do with my career. I like knowing that in some way I've helped them learn something that they will carry on for the rest of their lives."

Green wants to be a primary school teacher. She hopes to enrol in the four-year concurrent education program at Brock University in St. Catharines after she graduates next June.

The daughter of Chris and Laird Green of just outside Wallbridge acknowledged Guiding didn't peak her interest until she was 10 — even though her mom was a former Guide and now leader.

She's more than made up for her late start in the popular movement.

Green completed three years of Guiding in two years and then moved on to Pathfinders (ages 12 to 15) and eventually the Cadet program (ages 16 to 18).

She was the only girl in the Cadet program for two years before completing it last December.

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tions and program work came to her from the Toronto head office of the Girl Guides of Canada and she had to complete it and send it back to Toronto for approval.

"That was a weird experience because I was so used to being in a unit with other girls my age," she said.

As a Cadet, Green had to perform a lot of community service work, spend three months in each Guiding division (Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders) helping out leaders, carry out personal fitness training and follow a healthy lifestyle plan, study the detailed history of how and where Guiding started and where it currently stands and learn issues involving the environment, endangered species and Third World countries.

If that wasn't enough, Green also worked on acquiring the prestigious Commonwealth Award and Chief Commissioners Gold Award.

"They weren't easy to get because they involved a lot of extra work beyond what I had to do in the regular Cadet program. But I'm extremely honoured to receive both these awards," said Green.

Besides her leader's role nowadays, Green plans on continuing her volunteer work with Quinte West — everything from the popular Christmas Tot Shoppe program to March Break activity programs.

And Green's advice to young girls?

"I encourage them to give Guiding a shot because it's a lot of fun and you become a much better person for it."