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### **🇨🇦 July 13<sup>th</sup> 2011 – Head Chap Update 🇨🇦**

Hello From up Nort' Eh!

We are all doing well. It's been an exciting ride and we have the MACBDA Finals tonight! The kids got to sleep in till 10 today, followed by brunch. They will rehearse and head out to the show. The scores have been close and we'll need to perform our best tonight. Whatever the outcome, it has been an incredible experience for all!

The weather here has been cool, great for marching! The show in Edmonton was performed in the rain, but all the others have been great weather. I'm posting pictures along with many others. Watch for links on Facebook. I am Margo Smith Vande Zande if you want to friend request me. Here are some links that have been shared so far:

<https://www.facebook.com/notes/red-deer-royals-marching-show-band/showbands-live-finals-scores/10150316157604714>

<https://www.facebook.com/MarchingDotCom>

More to come.

Margo

### **🇨🇦 July 10<sup>th</sup> 2011 – Head Chap Update 🇨🇦**

Going well here. Today we did another parade, the crowds were smaller but enjoyed our band. And the band enjoyed themselves. See the video on my Facebook for evidence. Our Stampede rep that is assigned to us for parades asked if they always have this much fun in parades. We said yes, eh. Facebook friend request me if you're not already. Some people have said that when they did that, it said something about denied. I WILL NOT DENY YOU! If that happens, send me an email with your Facebook name and I'll friend request you.

Tonight the band performed in the MacMahon Stadium for prelims. This is also where finals will be held. It was good to see the place, get a feel for the set up and have a sort of "run through" in the stadium. They took 1st with Sun Prairie a close 2nd, and Calgary Stampede in 3rd. Piece of information: We had hot cocoa with snack after the show. How often do Wisconsinites drink hot cocoa on July 10th?

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The kids are doing well. If you haven't heard from, its because they are busy! They do not have access to the internet available to them. Tomorrow is a rehearsal day, then a fun night of recreation at the Stampede Grounds. Think Wisconsin State Fair on steroids. They will be supervised and safe, no worries! The Seniors will dress up and go out for their Senior Dinner with Staff. Something they look forward to from the first they hear about it as a rookie member.

More pictures to come tomorrow from tonight's show. We're watching out for all your children, they are well, no worries!

Margo

## **🇨🇦 July 8<sup>th</sup> 2011 – Video Link 🇨🇦**

Shadow Armada is on the internet today! They look great! It's the whole parade and Oregon is 00:13:40 through 00:14:40 on the timer. It works best on a regular computer and not an Ipad/Iphone.

*Cut and paste the following in your browser to see the video...*

[http://www.cbc.ca/video/#/Sports/Calgary\\_Stampede/Full\\_Shows/1240071298/ID=1540951595](http://www.cbc.ca/video/#/Sports/Calgary_Stampede/Full_Shows/1240071298/ID=1540951595)

Doug Adler  
(Nick's dad)

## **🇨🇦 July 8<sup>th</sup> 2011 – Head Chap Update 🇨🇦**

Hello to All of you Stateside!

We are all here, all well and we had our first parade! The parade went through beautiful downtown Calgary with an audience of 300,000, including William and Kate. The kids performed beautifully and the crowd was very appreciative.

Our headquarters while here is Calgary Christian School. We are all in our "hotel" gym, comfy and cozy. We have access to the kitchen, the internet, a practice field and everything we could possibly need.

Our bus trip was long, but we had beautiful scenery to admire and the kids were great! A Harry Potter marathon on one bus, games and movies on others and lots of Band Family bonding time, that's always a good thing! We had spotty internet coverage while on the bus due to the lack of wi fi signal across the states, and power outages because every person was trying to plug something in and we would blow the breaker. Lack of "technology toys" provided time for kids to bond with travel games you may remember from your own traveling days! We had one minor issue with a belt on one

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bus. The bus drivers are wonderful, in contact by radio at all times and they fixed it and we were back on the road in less than an hour. You know how it is, you go on a family vacation, have a little car trouble, fix it and go on? That's the story of this Band Family Vacation.

So, the first parade is under our belts. The kids are rehearsing, a little rusty after no rehearsal time for 3 days! Eeeeks. Tomorrow is a parade in the AM and a show in the PM. We will be ready to represent Wisconsin! The weather is perfect, sunny, a breeze, no humidity and maybe 70 degrees. The mosquitoes are fierce in the evening, but we've got plenty of bug spray! We'll take 'em.

I'll update as often as I am able and I will be posting pictures on my Facebook. Friend request me if you'd like to see.

Till next time, eh.

Margo

### **🇨🇦 July 5<sup>th</sup> 2011 – Minocqua Photos 🇨🇦**

For those of you not with us yesterday on the "parade marathon", thought you'd like to see some photos. This is the final parade in Minocqua (and hanging out after) - they were awesome!

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/64893239@N06/sets/72157627127321798/>

Thanks - Harriet