

Grande Prairie Starts GoGo's Group

This month the Grande Prairie office kicked off their first GoGo's group meeting on Saturday July 7th at Muskoseepi Park. It was a very relaxed and fun event with delicious food prepared by the members and the Grande Prairie NABIS Staff. Our next outing is set for the evening of Friday July 20th and the group will be venturing out to enjoy the Street Performers Festival. This annual festival is held all weekend long in our downtown core and should be very entertaining.

The Grande Prairie NABIS Staff would also like to send out a big Thank You to the Grande Prairie chapter of the **Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (CSSE)**. During a safety presentation hosted by CSSE on June 1st, the group kindly donated the proceeds of a 50/50 draw to the Grande Prairie NABIS office. So far the NABIS staff has used this money to fund the **Getting Out Group Opportunities** club for survivors of brain injury and their friends and family.

You are Invited to
Grande Prairie's
GOGO'S



Getting Out
Group Opportunities

GP Summer Assistant Kristy Guenther

I would like to start off by saying thank you to NABIS for the opportunity to work here this summer; all of the staff at NABIS has been very friendly and supportive.

I am an undergraduate at the University of Alberta in the third year of my B.A. in English with a minor in Art History. I am back in Grande Prairie for the summer, where I lived with my family for five years, before moving to Edmonton for school last year. I had previously worked at the Grande Prairie Museum for four years so when I applied for the Summer Assistant position I was looking for a new challenge and different work experiences, all of which I have found here at NABIS. I have enjoyed organizing and attending the first two Grande Prairie GOGO's meetings, being involved in planning a fundraiser, as well as just being there for clerical support in the office.

It has been an incredibly rewarding and eye opening experience working in the field of brain injury. It

has given me the opportunity to learn more about brain injuries, the unique challenges for brain injury survivors and to hear the inspira-

tional stories of people who have been affected by brain injury. I have met people that I never would have met before and a whole new field of work has been introduced to me. It has made me aware of how I take for granted being able to accomplish even the small tasks in life, when those small tasks can be so challenging for others.

I have enjoyed working at the Grande Prairie office with Carey and Maria and you could not ask for a better manager than Darlene. They have made my summer working experience very enjoyable and I know that I am going to miss working with them all when I go back to school in the fall.

