

Barb Hudson



What year did you start volunteering at The Pencil Patch? Fall of 2015.

What motivated you to volunteer with The Pencil Patch? I had just retired and wanted to do some volunteering, especially with children.

Have you volunteered with any other BCAITC programs? I have helped with the Spuds in Tubs program over the years.

What positive impacts have The Pencil Patch had on students? Students gain hands-on knowledge of agriculture in a beautiful outdoor setting.

What positive impacts have The Pencil Patch had on teachers? Teachers gain knowledge too and many have indicated how much they learned and appreciate the outdoor experience with their students.

What have teachers said about great curriculum connections in The Pencil Patch? Teachers have made many comments about the learning booklets provided for the students at The Pencil Patch for the self-guided tours and the other resources given to them. They have also made many positive comments about the group lessons and how informative they are.

What is the most amazing thing you have experienced at The Pencil Patch? I always enjoy working with the children and seeing how much fun they are having.

What do students learn about agriculture in the Pencil Patch? A wide range of valuable learning takes place, from planting to harvesting crops, water conservation, and so much more. All the activities and stations provide so much knowledge about agriculture.

What benefits have you personally experienced from volunteering at The Pencil Patch?

- ✓ Provides a connection to others
- ✓ It is good for my mind and body
- ✓ Provides learning opportunities for me
- ✓ Brings a sense of fulfillment to my life
- ✓ I love to see children learning about agriculture
- ✓ It's nice to get outside and enjoy the great outdoors
- ✓ It's fun!

Would you recommend volunteering in The Pencil Patch? Yes! For sure!

VOLUNTEER PROFILE

"Having just retired from teaching kindergarten and grade one for over 30 years, it has been a pleasure to be able to continue to work with young children as a volunteer in such a beautiful setting. I have always felt valued and appreciated by all the people who work at The Pencil Patch."

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