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Al Grass has worked as a career park naturalist and ranger throughout B.C. Now he is a well-known nature tour leader and photographer. Al especially likes birds, insects and spiders. Photo Credit: Robert Alexander, B.C.



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Q: I saw a Sea Lion floating in the ocean holding one flipper up in the air. Why was it doing that?

A: The flippers of Sea Lions are not very well insulated and can be used to help the Sea Lion maintain body temperature (*thermoregulate*). By holding their flippers in the sunshine, they take advantage of the heat of the sun to warm the blood in their flippers which then moves through their bodies and warms the Sea Lion.

A generous NatureKID, Morgan Heslop, from the North Vancouver Club

For her 8th birthday party Morgan had a 'toonies' party. She asked her friends to bring toonies instead of gifts. Then she donated the toonies to NatureKIDS because she wants to invite a child to join who doesn't have enough money.

Morgan says "I decided to make a donation with my birthday money because I already have so many things and I like helping people. I chose NatureKIDS because I like going to Explorer Days and I wanted to give another child the same opportunity."

"My friends were not very surprised when I asked for donations to NatureKIDS instead of gifts. Every year I choose a different organization to support for my birthday. I am glad I chose NatureKIDS this year!"

As well as Explorer Days Morgan likes to read NatureWILD. She says "I really like stories about water life, like otters, seals and seal lions. I also like to read about ways to help our environment, and about weather. It would be neat to read about different Nature Clubs and what activities they do."

THANK YOU. MORGAN, for your kind gift. We will look out for a child who would like to join NatureKIDS but would find it hard to pay for the membership.



Answer to bot puzzle: "Bugs annoying you? We'll get them! Don't worry, we
ocean filters will never bump into you. If you help us, we will help you."