

Saskatoon Pirates athlete, Rowan Fichtner-Jack, is a busy guy. Outside of water polo, the 14-year-old takes weekly mandolin lessons and attends camps and festivals to help him learn the instrument. He has performed at Sherbrooke Community Centre and his church. "I love learning and playing songs in a folk, bluegrass and old-time style," Rowan said.

When he's not playing the mandolin or taking up the fiddle, you can find Rowan hiking with his Scouts troop. For the past three years he has attended a nine-day Scout camp in the Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park learning map, compass and other trail skills. "I hiked over 40 kilometres just this past year, and I will be camping completely alone this summer as a part of the program."

The Aden Bowman Collegiate student also enjoys curling and something called Collective Voice. Collective Voice is an integrated English Language Arts, Socials and Art program. The students write columns for the Star Phoenix and create radio shows for CFR 90.5 FM on social and environmental issues.

Whatever you do, you do not want to start an argument with Rowan. He has been involved in Debate Club since Grade 5 and has won two bronze awards. The first award was for personal speaking score and the second he shares with his debate partner for skill. At the provincial level event he and his partner won second place. "I like to analyze statistics and use them to form arguments in order to persuade people," he said. "I enjoy paying attention to politics, sharing my opinion and seeking multiple sides of an argument."



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