

Breast cancer 'pilgrimage'

A 13-year breast cancer survivor and member of the BreastStrokes Dragon Boat team follows an ancient pilgrimage path to raise team funds.

Wills leaves Guelph April 11 for Spain to backpack along the Camino de Santiago, the ancient path travelled by medieval pilgrims across northern Spain to Santiago de Compostela in order to receive pardon for the sins, says a news release.

Wills will walk the final one-third of the trail – from Leon to Santiago, a distance of 310 kilometres – for 15 or 16 days, staying in towns along the way. A Breaststrokes member since the team's inception in October 1998, she aims to raise funds for the team's entry into the Vancouver dragon boat festival in June, where more than 52 international teams of breast cancer survivors celebrate 10 years of dragon boat racing in Canada by breast cancer survivors. Wills welcomes sponsorship by the kilometre or single donation, and will update donors via e-mail during the trek. Contact 824-5262 or johnandlynnwills@hotmail.com.