

October 2001



News

from BROWNIE TROOP 698



Dates to Remember

October 4
Visiting police officer

October 11
No meeting because of Fall Break

October 18
Investiture/
Rededication/
Court of Awards
ceremony on
(open to all
family members)

October 26
Sleepover

Bicycle Rally

At the Bicycle Rally on September 27th, Officer Stoman from the Winston-Salem Bicycle Police talked to the girls about bike safety. He also explained the various components of his bike to the girls and told them about his career. After the question and answer session, each Scout was fitted with a brand new helmet and away they rode. The officer let the troop know about the new law that goes into effect on October 1st. It is a mandatory requirement for anyone under 16 to wear a helmet.



Welcome

We welcome our newest Brownie Scouts, Anna Harrell, Elizabeth Harrell and Katherine Williams and adult members, Patti Harrell and Julie Williams.

Snacks

Thank you to all the parents who supplied snacks in September. The girls loved it! Thanks to Debra Sartor (Chewy Snack Bars and Tang juice pouches), Amy Howell (peanut butter crackers and juice), Nancy Brown (Hawaiian Punch and Fruit Chewies), and Yvonne Maddex (Jello Squeezers and cider). The following list is a reminder for those who will be supplying snacks for the month of October.

10/4 - Lin Johnson

10/11 - No meeting

10/18 - All families are welcome to attend.
Refreshments will be provided.

10/25 - Patti Harrell

11/1 - Nancy Brown

Meeting Reminder

If you signed up to visit a meeting, we are counting on your assistance. Please let us know if you will not be able to attend. All three leaders are often on call and may be called out of the meeting so extra helping hands are necessary.

We would like to thank Amy Howell for helping on September 6. Also thank you to Heidi Mann, Patti Harrell and Nancy Brown for going with the troop to the fire station on September 13.

Family Partnership

The troop contributed \$62.00 to the Family Partnership fund. This year, parents were asked to "Round Up" their registration fee. While the entire registration fee is sent to GSUSA, all of the Family Partnership money goes to the Tarheel Triad Girl Scout council. It will be used to provide quality programs and give financial assistance to those Scouts in need.

Visit our troop's website at geocities.com/brownies698/

Donations

We are requesting the donation of items listed below for our sleepover. Items may be turned in at the beginning or end of each meeting. Please speak with our Inventory Controller, Yvonne Maddex, if you have questions. The items we still need are:

- Milk crates (2-3)
- Cheese grater (2)
- Wet Ones or Baby wipes

Also, the troop can always use the list of craft supplies that was passed out at the parent meeting, and a more updated version can be found on-line.

Thank You Notes

Thank you to the parents who have already helped with donations.

Heidi Mann - Turkey basters, 2 hot glue guns, hot glue sticks, 2 boxes of Ziploc bags

Nancy Brown - writing tablets

Thank you to the individual who brought toilet paper, paper towels, Handi Wipe cloths, glue sticks, coloring pencils, stick-up deodorizers and dish washing liquid. We didn't see who brought it but would like to give them credit. Please mention it to Regina if you brought these items.

Thanks in advance to the parents who signed up to bring in the following items.

Yvonne - can openers, vegetable peelers, construction paper, fabric paint

Amy - pint and gallon Ziploc bags

Leslie - old knee highs or nylon hose

Debbie - screwdriver, glitter

We would also like to send **special thanks** to the members of Hope Moravian Church who generously donating the following items: milk crates, long-handled BBQ set, tongs, Ziploc bags, paper towels, toilet paper, clothespins, wire, pencils and markers, yarn and ribbon, glitter, paper clips and scotch tape, notepad, and straight pins.

Shining Volunteer

The Shining Volunteer application deadline is April 25th. Heidi Mann is the Shining Volunteer Coordinator and can answer any of your questions. This is an exciting way for parents to get involved with the troop, earn a certificate, and help the girls earn a patch. All you need to do is participate in four activities. These activities may include: sending in a snack or covered dish for a meeting or special event, providing transportation, assisting with troop fundraisers, serving as a committee chair, etc. There is a list of other ideas on the shining volunteer form. Both you and your Brownie Scout must be registered members. Be creative and have fun!



Fire Station

On September 13th, Brownie Troop 698 traveled to the Clemmons Fire Department on James Street. The outing was part of the Safety Sense Try-It and the Brownie Safety Award. The 13 Brownie Scouts met some of the firemen and watched a fire safety video. After the firemen drove one truck out of the bay with the lights on, another fireman walked out dressed in full gear demonstrating their required equipment. The troop learned phrases like Stop, Drop and Roll; Don't Hide, Go Outside; and You've Got to Fall and Crawl. Some of the helpful suggestions they discussed were having an escape plan, calling 911 and using tested smoke detectors throughout the home. At the end of the visit, the firefighters gave the girls deputy fire fighter hats, coloring books and pencils. Everyone had a great time and learned so much.

Volunteer training

All registered adult volunteers are part of the troop committee. You are welcome to participate in training sessions provide by the Tarheel Triad Girl Scout Council. Learn the purpose of Girl Scouting, explore Girl Scout sayings, ways & places, follow Girl Scout program progression from Daisy through Senior Girl Scouting in the Orientation training class. You can also take part in an introductory study of the Brownie Girl Scout program during the Brownie Program Level training session. Let Regina know if you need a training calendar and registration form.

Red Cross

At the meeting on September 20th our troop had a visitor, Terri Tucker, a former EMT who now works with SORT, a traveling disaster relief team. The girls each received a Red



Cross Comfort Kit to fill that will be given to relief workers or individuals displaced by the disaster. The girls were also taught what to do if someone is choking. Learning the Heimlich Maneuver was part of the Safety Sense Try-It.

SciWorks Trip and Science Day

On September 29th, eleven Brownie Girl Scouts earned the Science in Action Try-It and went to SciWorks. Thanks to our parent volunteers (Nancy Brown, Patti Harrell and Yvonne Maddex) who helped with the experiments and provided transportation. The girls had a great time making butterflies and weird glop, using their new magnifying glasses to explore, working with magnets, and trying several other fun experiments.

After a picnic lunch the troop toured the exhibits at SciWorks, watched a show in the planetarium, and walked around part of the Environmental Park. The girls really enjoyed playing in the music and sound room, seeing the deer and goats on the hike, and driving the cool cars at the racing exhibit.

Individual Try-Its

Gracie Brown worked on her Watching Wildlife Try-it over the summer. She compiled a notebook with reports of what she learned from doing experiments and what she learned from her trip to Disney World. Below is an excerpt from her journal.

“At Walt Disney World I learned about the earthworm and got to dress up as professor Red worm and crawl through the earthworm tunnel. I learned that the earthworm is a friend of the farmer and helps him grow food around the world. The earthworm has a long round shape. It has tiny feelers along its body. Most of them are just a few inches long. Earthworms crawl under the ground and loosen up the soil making it better to grow crops. The ground must be moist or the earthworms will die out but it can’t be too wet or they will drown.”

By Gracie Brown

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