

December 2001



News

Girl Scouts
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Dates to Remember

Dec. 9
Lewisville
Christmas
Parade
and Toy Drive

Dec. 13
Court of Awards/
Candle Lighting
Ceremony and
Potluck Dinner.
All family members
are welcome.

No more meetings
until **January 3.**

**Have a great
holiday
season!**



*From our trip to
the Clemmons
Library.*



Read to Lead Patch

The troop has been working the Read to Lead patch. Some of the activities included creating a group story, writing poems, keeping a reading list, going to the library and becoming aware of the importance of reading and writing in our every day lives.

Snacks

Thank you to all the parents who supplied snacks in November. The girls loved it! Thanks to Leslie Conrad (crackers with cheese and juice boxes), Melissa Coleman (jello with whip cream and juice), Debbie Sartor (juice), Julie Williams (cupcakes), and Christine Bloomfield (trail mix with apple juice).

The following list is a reminder for those who will be supplying snacks for the month of December and January.

December 6 – Julie Williams

December 13 – Potluck Dinner

January 3 – Christine Bloomfield

January 10 – Heidi Mann & Karen Kunze

January 17 – Debbie Sartor

January 24 – Tea Party and
the Village House

January 31 – Heidi Mann

Thank You Notes

We would like to thank all those who helped at meetings and with special events during the month of November and December.

Thanks to...

- ...Nancy Brown for helping at the November 1 meeting.
- ...Leslie Conrad, Debbie Sartor and Melisa Coleman for helping with the library trip on November 8.
- ...Julie Ellis for assisting with the day of Orienteering on November 10.
- ...Nancy Brown and Julie Williams for with the service project at Amos Cottage on November 15.
- ...Karen Kunze for helping with the December 6 meeting.

Thanks in advance to everyone for helping with and attending our Awards Ceremony and potluck dinner on December 13.

Thank you to Hope Moravian Church for purchasing the Read to Lead instruction booklets and for sponsoring the troop in A Day of Orienteering.

Thank you to the parents who have already helped with donations. See the list of items we still need on page 2.

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:

- Metal shish kabob skewers
- Whetstone
- Wet Ones/Baby wipes
- Foil (heavy duty Reynolds, both long and short)
- Paraffin and old candle stubs to make fire starters
- Ropes (for clothes lines)
- Sit upon materials:
 - Old jeans (adult size)
 - Heavy thread
 - Stuffing material - batting

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.



Day of Orienteering Activities

Day of Orienteering

On November 10th, 8 Brownies and 4 adults traveled to Camp Keyauwee Program Center outside of High Point for an exciting day of orienteering. The girls worked with their compasses, learned special map symbols, and completed several courses (String "O", Small Area "O", and a White Course). Everyone had lots of fun finding the controls which had prizes next to them. Girls also played several orienteering games, a symbols relay race and a memory card game. We all pitched in to make a yummy mid-morning snack - GORP. Hope Church helped sponsor this event.

Service Project

As a service project related to the Read to Lead patch, each girl made a book on tape at home. The entire troop and 4 adults traveled to Amos Cottage on November 15th to present the books on tape they made for the children at the rehabilitation hospital. We performed numerous Girl Scout songs. Carly Bloomfeld read *Today I Feel Silly*, and Chelsea Howell read *Rabbits and Raindrops*. Jillian Mann recited a special poem. We also gave the kids a tape player that was donated by Julie Williams. After sharing a yummy snack of cupcakes and juice boxes, we said our goodbyes.

Salvation Army Toy Drive

Each Brownie is asked to donate at least one gently used or new toy. Please wrap the toy and label it boy or a girl and with the appropriate age. The gifts will be donated to the Salvation Army. We will turn them in during the parade on December 9.

Holiday Parade

The girls will be riding in the Lewisville Christmas Parade this year instead of marching. We are also asking each family to provide either holiday goodies (cookies, fudge, brownies, etc.) or cocoa in a thermos. While the girls are rehearsing their songs a final time before the parade begins, they will enjoy this special snack.

Ceremony and Dinner

We will have our Candle Lighting Ceremony / Court of Awards / Potluck Dinner at the church on December 13. All family members are welcome to attend this special event. Each family should bring a covered dish to share. Drinks, eating utensils and plates will be provided by the troop. Julie Ellis, our Special Events Chair, will contact you to regarding this event.

Volunteers Positions

The troop needs a parent to take First Aid training and be our back-up First Aider. We will not be able to go to Exploris in March unless this position is filled. Laurie Jones is currently certified and registered as the First Aider. However, she will not be able to attend this event. Please let Regina know if you would like to help the troop with this, and she will provide you with the council's training calendar. You can take this class though the Red Cross.

Julie Ellis will be serving as the troop's Special Events Chair and assisting with the award ceremonies. The Troop Camper position she filled in the past is now open. Training is offered through the Tarheel Triad Council and will be paid for by the troop.

Happy Holidays

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