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News

from BROWNIE TROOP 698



If you have photos that could be used in the newsletter, please email them to ltgraphics@triad.rr.com or call Lin Johnson. If you have other information that needs to be in the next newsletter, please send that as well.

The updated financial information will be available for next month's newsletter.

Upcoming Events

The following activities are planned for our troop this Spring and will be lots of fun.

On March 14 – Instead of having our meeting we will meet at Skate Haven to celebrate the birthday of Girl Scouting. We will have a birthday cake and drinks for each scout. We welcome parents to stay and enjoy skating with the girls. Skate Haven is located on Hood Street which is off of Country Club Road across the street from Calvary Baptist Church next to Harris Teeter. Skate rental and admission for parents who want to stay and skate is \$4.00. If you haven't filled out a permission slip for your daughter, please do so at this week's meeting.

April 5 & 6 – Our troop will stay 1 night at Camp Keyauwee at the Commanche Cabins. We have reserved the cabins from 5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 5 until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon. Parents will need to bring their daughters to the camp and pick them up as well. Permission forms, directions, packing list and other necessary information will be distributed soon.

May 19 – The troop will not be going on the 2 day camp out as originally planned. Instead we are planning a "pot luck" dinner on Sunday, May 19 at Tanglewood Park for our last court of awards Ceremony/presentation. Look for more information to come. Be thinking about what you want to cook and bring. This will be fun for the whole family.

Summer Camp

If you have not received your copy of the summer camping/programs offered by the Girl Scouts, please advise Karen, Nancy, Laurie or Annette and they will get you a copy. Some weeks fill up quickly so sign up as soon as you can. It's great fun! Many of our girls attended various summer camps last year and had a great time.

Special Thanks

Nancy and Karen want to **THANK all the parents** for being patient during this adjustment period of taking over the leadership of the troop. It has been greatly appreciated.

Suggestions

Julie Williams and Karen Kunze will be the co-leaders, along with our great assistants Laurie Jones and Annette Walker. They would welcome any suggestions you may have for the troop for the next school year. Because Gracie will be bridging up, Nancy will be active in Gracie's new group. Do you want the meeting day or meeting time changed? Karen has requested suggestions by May 1, so that she and Julie can plan programs and field trips for next year.

Thank You Notes

Special thanks to Amy, Barry, Christine, and Melissa for their help at the Clemmons Fire Station to count and distribute cookies on February 16 and to Nancy for being at Clemmons Moravian Church for any children that might need to be watched during this time. We did have one of the leaders lock her keys inside her SUV in front of the station.

Thanks also to Amy Howell, our "Cookie Coordinator" for all her hard work with our cookie sales this year. It's a big job and she did a very good job in coordinating everything. Also thanks to all the parents for your help and support during the cookie sale.

Thanks to Carly's mom, Christine Bloomfield, for going grocery shopping for the camping trip. Carly and her family were enjoying Disney that weekend and Carly was unable to join us for the camp out.

Thank You To Our Sponsor, Hope Moravian Church

Donations

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.

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Snacks

Thank you to all the parents who brought snacks during February.

February 6 – Debra Sartor and Leslie Conrad, “Edible Fire” and juice

February 14 – Lin Johnson, Valentine cookies, fruit snack packs and Hi-C fruit punch

February 28 – Cheese Nip Cracker snack packs and juicy juice

NOTE: Since the girls often are not hungry during this time and they usually don't have enough meeting time to enjoy their snacks together, we are not going to have parents to bring in snacks weekly. We will have snacks on special occasions.

Patches

If your daughter has been working on any patches or Try-its at home and if they have fulfilled the requirements please let the leaders know so they can order the patches and Try-its soon.

Thinking Day

On Feb 23 our troop participated in Thinking Day at Pine Grove Methodist Church. It was fun and very informative. Our troop was responsible for the Canadian booth and put the information together in a couple of weeks. It was great, even though we ran out of swaps. We would like to try and get a pin pal troop next year for Thinking Day. Unfortunately, there was not enough time for all the girls to visit all the wonderful displays. We sang some new songs, got some new game ideas and made new friends. It was a great day!

Camp Seven Springs

by Co-leader, Karen Kunze

Ten out of the 12 girls were able to attend our camp out at Camp Seven Springs on Feb 8 & 9. Everyone arrived at camp by 7:00 p.m. and most brought everything requested. Upon arriving the girls were split into 4 groups – Indiana Princess, Cheetah's, American Girls and Rainbow Girls. After making somers over the camp fire, we came into the cabin and each group made spring dolls, marionettes, and scenery. Then the girls were given 15 minutes to come up with a play using these props. Fun was had by all.

Sleepy time came upon us so we had a “PJ fashion show” hosted by Laurie. As we got cozy in our bedrolls, Nancy Brown read us 2 good night stories. I don't think the leaders got much sleep because we wanted to make sure that each and every girl was okay. I think the last 2 girls to fall asleep were Gracie and Jillian. This trip was Katherine's first time away from home and she was a real trooper.

Saturday morning dawned very early for some. Breakfast was eaten outside and there were a couple of complaints about the cold. After breakfast we went on a nature hike. Each group was given a list of objects to try and locate during the walk. Most items were found, even though it was winter. When we arrived back at the cabin, it was time to start lunch. Laurie and her girls watched the campfire, as the rest of us made lunch. Laurie taught us the importance of packing the food small and tight in foil for cooking. Our lunch was chicken and vegetables cooked over the open fire. Laurie's group did not burn one of them and they were good.

After lunch and clean up parents starting arriving to pick up their daughters.

Nancy Brown and I enjoyed it and want to thank Laurie and Annette for teaching us the Girl Scout way of camping. I, Karen, am not a camper, so I really enjoyed the new experience and will be wiser next time. Each of the girls that attended earned a patch and try-it.