



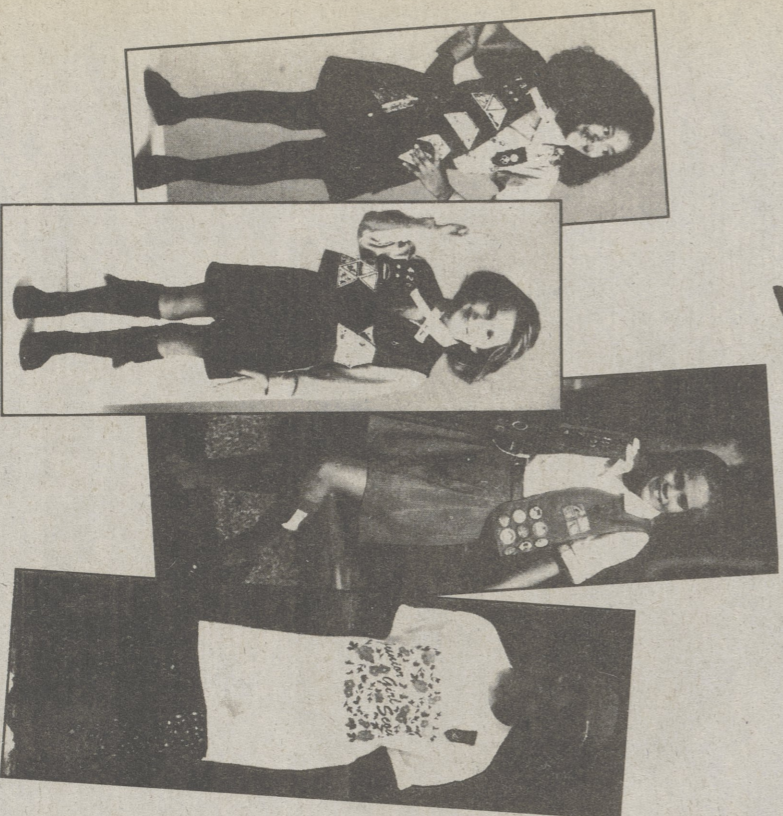
Girl Scout Troops of the Glen Lyon area celebrated Girl Scout Week by attending mass at St. Adalbert's Church, Glen Lyon. Thirteen third grade Brownies from Troop 917 received the Catholic Religious Award, the Family of God medal.

Shown above are the girls who earned the award. Left to right in the first row are Sarah Witkowski, Alanna Klotz, Sara Wuth, Lindsay Thomas, and Leah Lavelle. In the second row are Phoebe Hillen, Troop Leader, Kristen Schraeder, Valerie Goodas, Desiraea Harmon, Jill Bavitz, Erica Barton, and Sarah McGrady. In the third row are Susan Witkowski, adult volunteer; Rev. Edward Zawodniak, Celebrant; and Joan Bavitz, Assistant Leader. Absent from the photo are: Brittany and Amanda Davis, who also received the medal; Carolyn Toporcer, Religious Counselor for the Scranton Diocese; and Rev. Edward Masakowski, Pastor of St. Adalbert's Church.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Girl Scouts work on Religious Awards in their individual churches. We congratulate the girls who have completed these awards on their achievement. Brooke Saras earned the Chi Rho or the Church of the Annunciation in Wilkes-Barre.

### Back To Troop



Shown above, after the Service, in the front row, left to right, are Krista Paluck, Brittany Wildes, Jill Alboe, Nicole Moyer, Kimberly Davis, Stacy Weiss, and Desiraea Richards. In the second row are Mrs. Barbara Wyzick, Tanya Wilkes, Jennifer Foust, Laura Snyder, Amy Elick, Stephanie Moyer and Jill Krushnowski. In the third row are Becky Snyder, Jill Straub, Tammy Suravicz, Becky Liggett, Mrs. Darline Moyer and Mrs. Darcy Garruba.

There's another exciting year ahead for Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts. Discovery, friendship and adventure await in addition to the great looking uniforms and fun accessories, shown here. To see all the official components and accessories for Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts, come to

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### GIRL SCOUTS HONOR CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Since about 1959, the Centenary United Methodist Church in Ashley has been sponsoring Girl Scout Troops in Penn's Woods Council. Leadership of the troops has changed several times since then and hundreds of girls in the Ashley area have made their Girl Scout Promises and benefited from the Girl Scout movement.

For several years the Centenary United Methodist Church has been the only community group in the Ashley/Newtown/Sugar Notch area that has graciously opened its doors as a meeting place for Girl Scouts. The Church sponsors not just one, but all levels of Girl Scout troops: Daisy 828, Brownie 811, Junior 845, and Cadette

851, with a Senior troop to start in the Fall. There are nearly 100 girls in these troops. (The Church also sponsors all levels of Boy Scouts in Ashley.)

During Girl Scout Week, several members of these troops, their parents, troop leaders and some past leaders participated in Sunday services at the Church. Afterward, Barbara Wyzick, Neighborhood Service Unit Director for Neighborhood 18, Hanover Area, presented a "Thank You" plaque to the "Scouting Church" in appreciation for all the support the Church has given to Girl Scouting. Reverend Harold Wheeler, pastor, accepted the plaque on behalf of the congregation. Girl Scout cookies and cake were served at the reception.



Shown above, at the Plaque presentation, in the front row, left to right, are Dorothy Olson, church Lay Leader; Carol Coleman, Margaret (Peg) Howorth, Elsie Edmunds and Arline Snyder, all past Girl Scout Leaders.

In the second row, left to right, are Darcy Garruba, Cadette Leader; Barbara Wyzick, Brownie Leader; Rev. Harold Wheeler, Pastor of Centenary United Methodist Church; and Darline Moyer, Junior Leader.

### TRAINING EQUALS SUPPORT FOR LEADERS

Girl Scouting is for adults as well as for girls. Leaders are needed if the girls are to have troops, but Leaders grow too. The training offered enhances self-esteem and work skills and opens different opportunities to those who take advantage of all that is available.

Training as offered by staff and volunteers who have studied to become Trainers, following a plan developed by our national organization, is the most important way that Penn's Woods Council can support Leaders. Training gives Leaders the skills needed to work with the girls in the most effective way. It also gives Leaders the opportunity to grow as individuals. Training is offered regionally across the Council so that it is convenient for volunteers.

Fall Packets for Leaders and New Troop Packets all have a copy of NETWORKS, the manual which lists all trainings, with time and place, and registration forms. Leaders are urged to check through NETWORKS to find any training that they may need to fulfill their own leadership requirements. Special trainings like "Ceremonies" or "Songs" which build new skills for Leaders are also listed.

"Training" is one of the specialties that Girl Scouting can offer adults. Take advantage of these opportunities to make new friends who share your ideas and values, among the adults who are part of Penn's Woods while you develop the skills that make your job as Troop Leader easier. (And do share your copy of NETWORKS with your Assistants. They are welcome too.)

And if you are not yet a Leader — won't you consider sharing your values and skills with girls who need you? Call the Council Office at 717-829-2631 to find out what you need to do to join.

### 'MAC' FOR LEADERS

The Edith Macy Conference Center was founded with the purpose of getting Girl Scout Volunteers and Staff from all over the country together for Training. Both the Edith Macy Conference Center and the Outdoor Education Center (Camp of Tomorrow), offer an opportunity to meet and share with volunteers from around the country who have similar interests. To tune in for your own Macy experience, call the Support Services Director after January 1st. Scholarships are available for some courses if needed.

### COUNCIL PATCH PROGRAMS

Council Patch Programs offer a variety of learning experiences for the girls. The UNITED WAY PATCH offers girls an opportunity to provide service and leadership by learning about the United Way and its agencies. Requirements are to be completed by any age level as a troop.

The OK HEART PATCH was developed in 1985 in cooperation with the OK HEART project in the Wyoming Valley. Hundreds of girls and adults have participated in the study and learned more about themselves, their eating and exercise habits and their family health history. This is a good program for any age group and one that families can do well.

The DENTAL HEALTH PATCH has a goal of creating an awareness in Girl Scouts of the importance of good dental health care; assist the girls in developing the best dental health habits; and ultimately, help the individual Girl Scout to assume a greater responsibility for her own oral health.

BROWNE GIRL SCOUTS TAKE THE LEAD - "FIGHT DRUGS" with a program in which each girl who participates is given a Booklet of activities and 8 "FIGHT DRUGS" stickers. Leaders receive a Program Guide with the initial order of at least five booklets.

### CAMP/OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES: GOOD FOR GIRLS

Camping is an integral part of the Girl Scout experience for your daughter. It starts with her troop taking a nature walk at a meeting and progresses to troop field trips to Camp Louise and then Troop Camping which gives the girls their first time sleeping in tents.

Learning to do all sorts of things outdoors is part of building self-confidence as well as respect for and love of the world in which we live. Neighborhood Day Camps are another step in the progression. If you are interested in finding out about Summer Activities or a Day Camp for your daughter, call the Council Office. Not every Neighborhood has a Day Camp, but those that do will have information files available by April 1, 1996.

Resident Camp is the most adventurous and independent step in the progression. Brochures detailing Resident Camp programs are passed out during the month of March. If your daughter does not get one by April 1, call her Leader or the Council Office. The Camp Brochure will also offer information about Campsites, and Family Camp on Memorial Day and Labor Day Weekends. There will be an Open House at Camp Louise in May which will offer everyone an opportunity to visit the camp and see what it is like.

There really can be no outdoor experiences for everyone in Penn's Woods Council.

### PEACE PACKS A SERVICE PROJECT FOR CHILDREN

Local Girl Scouts from Neighborhood 10 Hazleton, gathered Peace Packs to be sent to refugee children. This was done in conjunction with the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) and the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Each Peace Pack included items such as activity books, pencils, tooth brush, tooth paste and underwear.

Peace Packs were made for boys or girls of various age groups. Approximately 20 packs were assembled. Troops participating were Brownie Troops 270, 208, 230, and 215; Daisy Troop 212; Junior Troop 278, and 221. The local collection was headed by Amy Mazurkiewicz and Hannah Cvanmen from Cadette Troop 235, who are working on the Cadette Girl Scout Challenge.

Troops from the whole Council worked on Peace Packs last year. Within the Council a total of 852 packs were assembled. Distribution to refugee children is still being arranged.

### KEEP SAVING THOSE UPC'S

Kodak Products will continue their "Power of Purchasing" program. This offers non-profit organizations like the Girl Scouts an opportunity to receive all kinds of items like home entertainment products, to food service appliances to administrative supplies and sports equipment — all FREE!

All you have to do is collect and save the Universal Product Bar Codes (UPC's) from Kodak products like film cameras, and batteries. When we send the UPC's to Kodak, we earn Power Points that will be redeemable for the FREE merchandise.

Last year we earned 4500 Power Points which we have saved in hopes of collecting more of them in the coming year so we can use them for a larger piece of equipment. Hershey Products will offer us a bonus with their "Safety & Savings" promotion. Packaged candies will receive Bonus Points (UPC's on the bags) if submitted before October 31, 1995. Thank you for your help.

### GIRL SCOUTING'S SPECIAL DAYS

OCTOBER 31 is Juliette Low's Birthday also known as Founder's Day. It is traditional for Troops to learn about Juliette Low on this day and to learn about and donate to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund. It is also a good time to have a Court of Awards, Investiture, or Rededication Ceremony on this day.

FEBRUARY 22 Lord and Lady Baden Powell's Birthday, also known as Thinking Day. This is the day set aside to think about other Girl Scouts and Girl Guides in this country and throughout the world. It is also a time to get in touch with old Girl Scout Friends. Girls may learn about other countries and write to other Girl Scouts.

MARCH 12 is the official Girl Scout Birthday. The first Girl Scout Troop was officially registered on this date in 1912. Girl Scout Week is what ever week that March 12th falls in. During this week girls participate in Girl Scout Sunday Services, and community events such as Mall Shows or they may celebrate in a special way in their own troop.

APRIL 22 is Girl Scout Leader's Day. It is a special Day when girls honor their Girl Scout Leader in a special way.

### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

SAFETY-WISE, the book prepared by Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. to spell out the common sense safety requirements for leaders and adult volunteers to follow when working with girls, requires that special Council permission be given for certain High Risk Activities. For these Activities a Council Representative is required to visit the sites and be sure that Safety-Wise Guidelines are being followed to protect our girls. The following places have been approved for the 1995-1996 year. They offer some excellent programs for Girl Scouts.

Other sites can be suggested for Whitewater Rafting, Horseback Riding, or Skiing. Call the Council Office to find out how these sites can be approved. Please allow at least three months for this process.

Deer Path Riding Stable, White Haven Hayfield Farm, Lehman Whitewater, Challenge, White Haven Pocono Whitewater, Jim Thorpe Jack Frost and Big Boulder Montage Blue Marsh

Many of the Stables, Ski Resorts and Whitewater Rafters require liability release forms to be signed by the girls. In some cases parents may sign these forms ahead of time. In no case should a girl or leader sign these forms. All of the above sites have approved forms or special agreements with us. If you run into a liability release form at another site, please get a copy of the form and mail it to Karen Lindsey at the Council Office. The more sites we are able to approve, the more flexibility Leaders will have in choosing what they want to do.

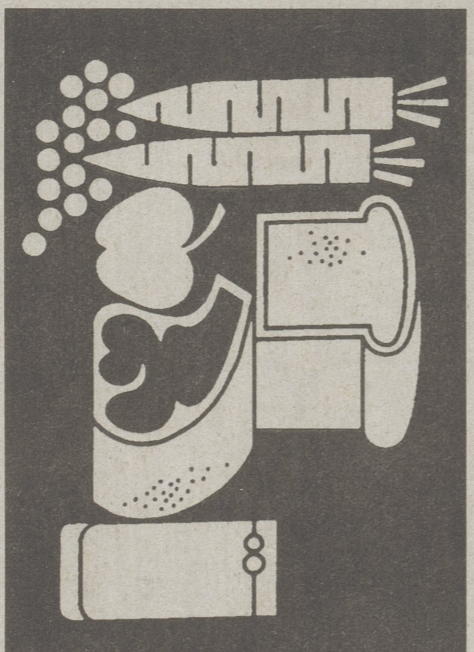
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