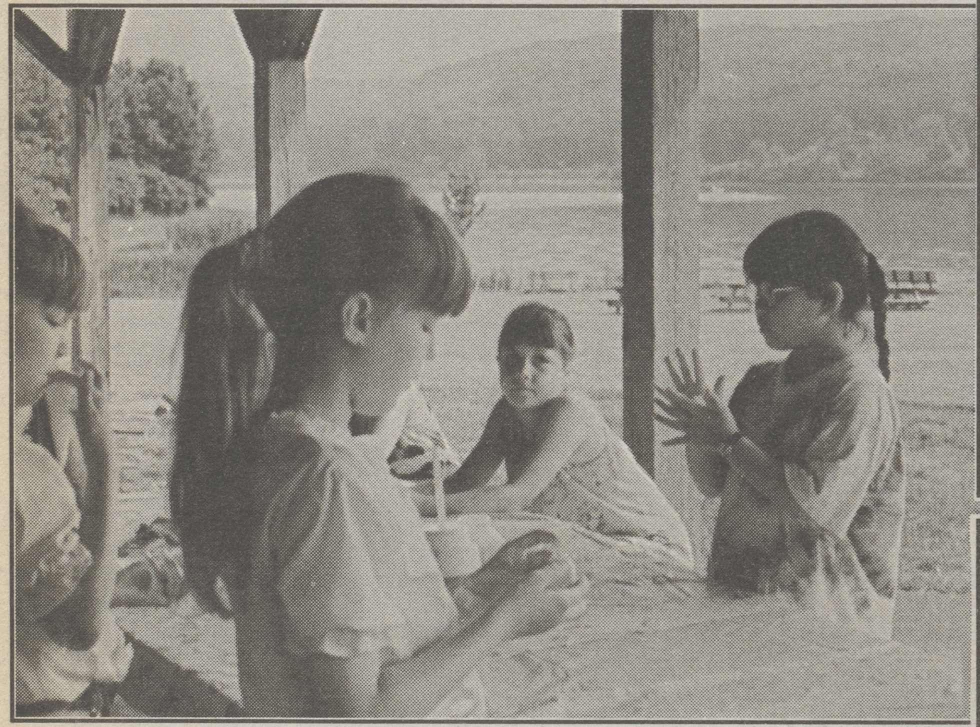
The Camp Louise staff for 1995 included young women from the United States and a number of foreign countries. This diverse group offered the campers an opportunity to get to know something about other cultures in a relaxed setting. The group is shown above.

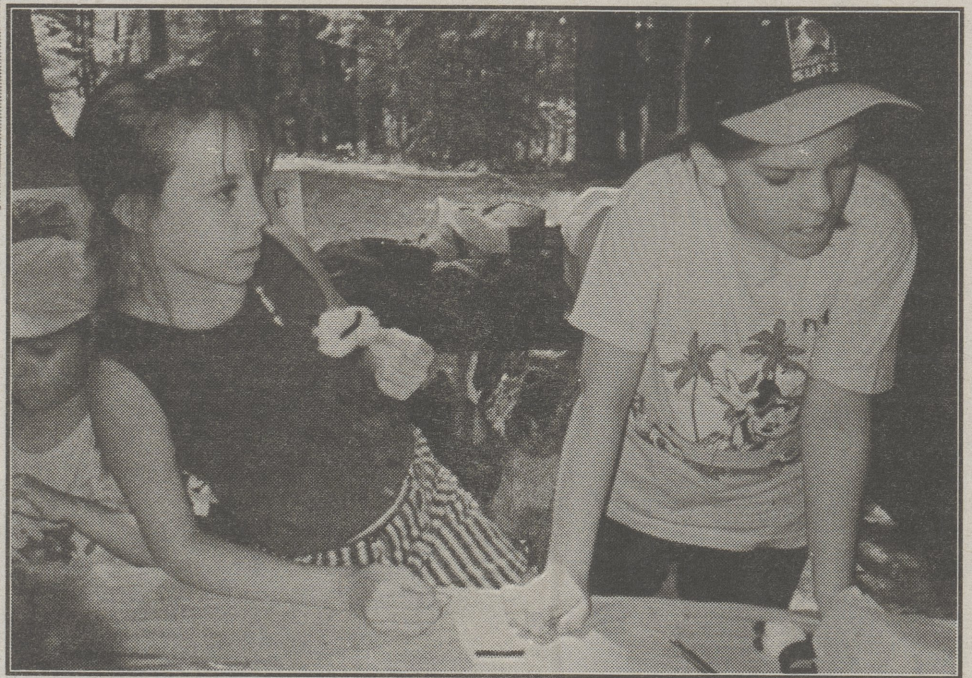
In the first row, left to right, are Amanda Houck, Joshua Gallagher, Claire Ashby (Wales); Rebecca Difford (England); Sharon Anderson, Rae Sachetti, Jaime Raddatz, Jillian Ortwine, Tara Bralzyk, and Kristy Siegfried.

In the second row, left to right, are Rachel Walker, (New Zealand); Jennifer McBlain, Priscilla Tate (Australia); Cheryl Kephart, Meri Patrick, John Wallner Jr.,Tammy Pelton, Danielle Masino, Kellie Fielder (Australia); Theresa Salus, Deb Gallagher, Megan Gallagher, and Kerry Derr.

In the third row, left to right, are Kerry Mason, Jeremy Sholer, Joyce Rupert, Erika Volk, Matalie Steyvk (Russia); Karen Marzen, Becky Perkins, Nancy Rodgers, Asa Framme (Sweden); Leah Dorio, Francis Wallerbosch (The Netherlands), Missy Womeldorf, Jo Cvammen, Jan Comstock, and Kathy Baird.

In the fourth row, left to right, are Beth Komski, Christina Hogrebe, Shelly LeVan, Steven Goin, Rebecca Meier, Jorden Meehan, Steven Wallner, Theresa Kramer, Todd Krause, Elena Katka (Finland); Leslie LeVan, Carol Clayton, and Suann Leighow.





Day Camps mean fun, new crafts, trying new foods and making new friends. Shown above are glimpses of those activities at Day Camps held at Frances Slocum State Park, Kingston Township, and Irem Temple Country Club, Dallas. More than 200 girls took part in these activities.

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THE CITIZENS' VOICE

COUNCIL THEME PROGRAMS FOR 1995-1996

"REACH FOR THE STARS"

The theme for 1995-96 year is "Reach for the Stars". This theme focuses on "Being Your Best" and a Future Outlook. Activities will include building girls' self esteem, reaching their self potential, and looking towards the World of Today and Tomorrow. This year a special patch will be offered for troop completion of activities on the "Reach for the Stars" theme. Troops may become Super Star Troops, and attend A 2001 Girl Scout Odyssey. Girls may also attend Try-It, Badge, and Patch workshops, and strive to "Be Their Best" by completing a service project for their community. Super Star Troops will be a continuing program with chevrons on the council theme being added each year. Leaders may earn a Star Leader Pin for their participation in the year's program.

COMING : JUNE 1ST, 1996

2001 GIRL SCOUT ODYSSEY

The 1996 Council Wide Event:

Where: Luzerne County Community College, Nanticoke Pa.

When: Saturday, June 1st, 1996, 9:30 - 4:00

Cost: $7.50 per person

Who: All Penn's Woods girls, leaders, families and invited guests.

Food: Bring a lunch or purchase from vendors on site

LOOK FOR APPLICATIONS AND DETAILED INFORMATION IN A LEADER MAILING IN JANUARY 1996.

Activities on the "Reach for the Stars" theme will include FUN such as a POG Contest and Funny Fashion Shows, Science Magic, Tea Cup Sorcery, computers, Star Lab and Flight Shows, and hundreds of hands on activities for all ages in sports and fitness, food, a mini career fair and much more yet to be determined. Any Girl Scout adult or Older Girl interested in being on the committee and helping with the event, please call the Council Office at 829-2631 or 800-432-9786.

IS YOURS A SUPER STAR TROOP?

A "Super Star Troop" is a troop that has chosen to participate in Council program plans throughout the year. All requirements are done as a troop. Each Girl and Adult may receive a patch if these requirements are completed by September 1, 1996.

Troops must complete 8 out of 12 requirements.

1) Recruit at least one new girl for your troop, and have completed troop registrations to the council office by October 1.

2) Attend a troop or Neighborhood investiture or rededication ceremony.

3) Use the "Reach for the Stars" goal chart to plan troop finances and participate in both Candy and Cookie sales.

4) Make up a troop calendar, and involve both girls and adults in planning.

5) Do a troop activity from the new "Focus on Ability Patch" or the Diversity Contemporary Issue Patch or from a Try It, Badge, or Patch in the World of People.

6) Do a "Be Your Best Service" Project for your community, and share it at your Mall Show.

7) Complete the Into Today and Tomorrow Contemporary Issue Patch or a Try It, Badge, or Patch from the World of Today and Tomorrow.

8) Do a self esteem or career building activity appropriate to your age level.

9) Hold at least one out door troop meeting.

10) Participate in a Neighborhood activity such as a Mall, or Girl Scout Week Event.

11) Participate in a Troop or Neighborhood bridging activity.

12) Participate in 2001 Girl Scout Odyssey.

These requirements are designed to help leaders include a variety of experiences for the girls in their troop activities in the coming year.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT TROOPS MAY NOT BE INVOLVED I N FUND RAISING FOR ANOTHER ORGANIZATION.

OTHER LOCAL PROJECTS FOR SUPER STAR TROOPS

Troops may become involved with local projects. Such projects may include Special Olympics helpers, projects for hospital children's wards, food banks and food kitchens that serve families, call in help lines, Habitat for Humanity Projects, Contemporary Issues related awareness programs such as SADD, and many others.

BE YOUR BEST IDEAS FROM GSUSA

"Be You Best" activities can be done or pledged during Girl Scout Week in March. Local Mall Show activities throughout the Council area offer a wonderful show case for the efforts of the girls. "Be Your Best" Projects should be on the following themes:

- Nutrition
- Health and fitness
- Caring for the environment
- Reducing stress
- Self esteem
- Contemporary and community issues

Organize a "healthy eating" snack for kids, organize a hunger awareness campaign, organize a health or fitness fair for a nursing home, senior center or children's group. Organize a walk for fitness, or a community fitness trail. Start a recycling campaign that is appropriate to your community needs, encourage hazardous waste disposal through a poster campaign. Create a booklet on reducing stress or time management. Speak out on something important to your troop by writing letters or attending open meetings. Have a smoke alarm campaign or poison control center. Have a love an animal campaign or collect cat and dog food for your local shelter. Troop projects should meet a special need in your community.

FOCUS ON ABILITIES WORKSHOPS

Focus on Abilities Workshop were held last Spring through out the Council. Some 716 girls and 149 adults attended. They will be done this year in any area with at least 50 interested girls. These workshops for girls of all ages and adults, launch a new **Focus on Abilities** Council Patch Program. The program will include fun activities to help girls and adults better understand handicaps, the American Disabilities Act, and ways to welcome and incorporate a girl or adult with disabilities into your troop. It will also help you explore local resources on this subject.

The **Focus on Abilities** Patch is designed to make girls and adults more sensitive to people with special needs, prepare to serve special needs girls in their troop, and make their communities more aware of the needs of people with disabilities. It is coordinated with the activities and information found in the GSUSA Book **Focus on Ability Serving Girls with Special Needs.** This book is available from NH Directors and Territorial Managers, or may be purchased from the sales shop for $8. It isn't necessary to purchase the book to complete the patch.

WARM UP AMERICA PROJECT

"Warm Up America!" was created by needlework retailer Evie Rosen in response to the growing population of homeless people nation wide. The original program included only afghans, but we are including quilts this year to make it easier for younger girls to participate. Each troop must first decide if they will make quilts or afghans. Each girl makes a square or does her part of a quilt. The afghans or quilts are assembled into a finished blanket. Quilts may be made from a variety of scrap fabrics, and afghans may be made from a variety of leftover yarn. Quilts and afghans will be collected in each Territory on December 1 and May 1 to be donated to local homeless shelters that serve families. This can be used to fulfill #6 of the "Super Star Troop" requirements.

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