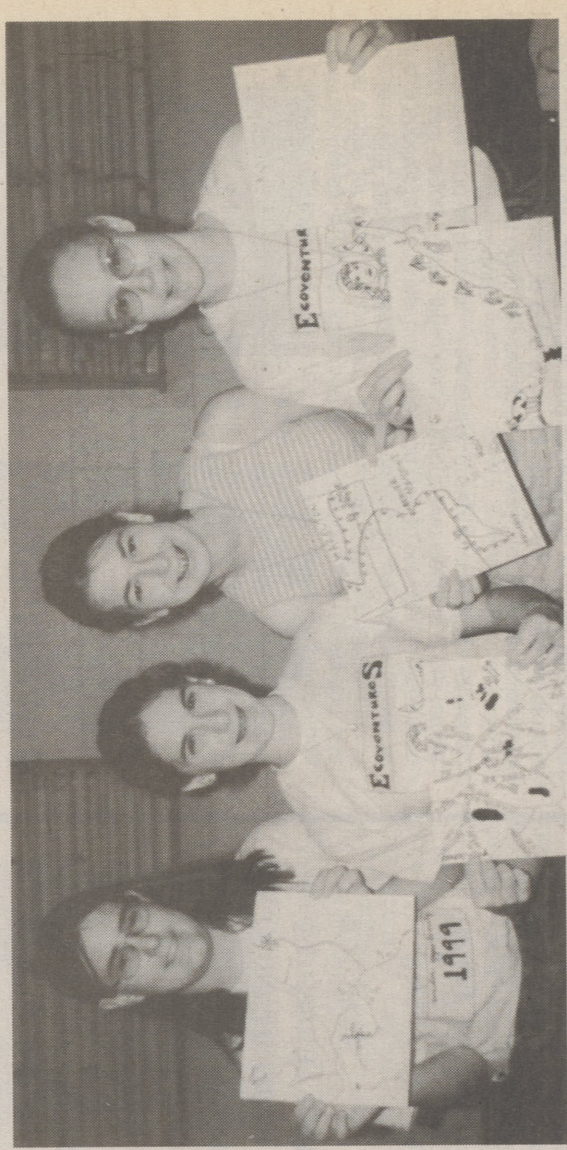




Emily Currie, Mountaintop, gets ready for her first flight in the cockpit of this four-seat Piper Warrior. She prepared for her mission by practicing in a computerized flight simulator.



Krystle Baker, Weatherly, and other Girl Scout friends, teach Ecoventures to kids at a local camp. An Ecoventure is an activity that helps people learn about math and science.

WIDER OPPORTUNITIES: ADVENTURE FOR OLDER GIRLS

Wider Opportunities are annual events for Cadettes and Senior Girl Scouts that focus on career exploration. Events are sponsored by Girl Scout Councils across the United States and internationally. Five girls from Penn's Woods attended Wider Opportunities this summer.

Krystle Baker, Troop 240, Weatherly, attended Ecoventures: Empowering Science Trainers for Today and Tomorrow at Aquinas College in Michigan along with 199 other Girl Scouts. Krystal participated in a series of fun, hands-on science activities teaching participants how to teach math and science to younger girls, write lesson plans and work with their communities.

Samantha Kolva, Troop 88, Tower City, joined close to 200 other Girl Scouts, attended the GSUSA's Girlsports at Smith College in Massachusetts. Samantha attended sports clinics, workshops on nutrition and fitness and seminars on sports careers.

Carly Drahus, Troop 894, Wyoming, attended GSUSA's Leadership and Sports Institute at Edith Macy Conference Center in New York. Carly learned about Title IX and gender equity in sports, what it means to be a leader in sports, the types of ethical issues athletes face and met professional athletes who gave them the inside track on sports careers for girls and women.

Emily Currie, Troop 841 and Laurel Berecky-Robinson, both from Mountaintop, attended Career Quilt at the University of Oklahoma. Emily and Becky spent the week exploring one of seven career tracks. Along with 35 other Girl Scouts, Laurel and Emily participated in the "Team Quest" Challenge Course, a series of physical and mental challenges designed to build group cohesion, motivation, cooperation, and confidence. Emily, through the NASA Oklahoma Space Grant Consortium, explored aerospace engineering as she built and launched a rocket, road a flight simulator and actually flew a plane (Emily does not have a drivers license yet) Laurel spent the week at the Herbert School of Journalism and Mass Communication learning the abc's of journalism. She took photos, conducted interviews, learned desktop publishing and documented the entire week when the group published the Career Quilt newsletter.

Girls who are interested in attending a Wider Opportunity need to register by completing a Wider Opportunity Application which may be obtained from the Council Office. Girls are then selected after their application has been reviewed and an interview completed. If you are a currently registered Girl Scout, a Wider Opportunity Catalogue will be mailed to your home. If you do not receive this by September 30, contact the Council office. Applications for Wider Opportunity consideration need to be returned to the Council office by October 15, 1999. Girls are responsible to pay their own fees for Wider Opportunities, however financial aid and travel ships are available through the Council and GSUSA.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION GUIDELINES

AWARD NAME AWARDED	DEADLINE	SUBMISSION	APPROVAL
Outstanding Service	October 1	Board	Annual Meeting
Inspiring Leadership	October 1	Board	Annual Meeting
Honor Pin	October 1	Board	Annual Meeting
Thanks Badge	October 1	Board	Annual Meeting
Appreciation Pin	October 1	Board	Service Unit Event or Service Unit Event
Outstanding Volunteer	Anytime	RC*	Service Unit Event
Outstanding Leader (Leader or Assistant)	Anytime	RC	Service Unit Event
Leadership Development Pin (Leader or Assistant)	After serving one year	RC	Service Unit Event
Years of Service Pin**	Anytime	RC	Service Unit Event

* The YEARS OF SERVICE PIN is not a substitute for Membership Numerals. It is the only recognition based on years. It is used to honor an active volunteer for her/his years of service as an ADULT. A nominee for this award has to have performed an actual job or function (not just paying Membership Dues). If a person has been a Leader for 20 years, but a registered adult for 30 years, she/he would receive a 20 year Service Pin for years of service. Form and assistance are available from your Service Unit Manager, Troop Leader or Field Director. Additional information and Nomination Forms for Board approved recognitions are available by writing or calling the Council.

MEMBERSHIP NUMERALS REQUEST
Please circle the appropriate total years below. Note that ALL years count - years as a Girl Scout PLUS years as an Adult Registered Girl Scout. Numerals are presented at the Annual Meeting.

5	20	35	50
10	25	40	55
15	30	45	60

Name _____ Date _____
Address _____
Service Unit # _____ Day Phone _____ Eve Phone _____

DO YOU KNOW A GREAT GIRL SCOUT VOLUNTEER?

All of our volunteers deserve a huge round of applause for the time, effort and dedication they devote to Girl Scouting. Girl Scouting is made possible because of the work of countless volunteers throughout Penn's Woods.

Do you know of any volunteer who has gone above and beyond the call of duty? Why not nominate them for an award? Penn's Woods honors exceptional volunteers at the Annual Meeting in November. Cathy Eisenhuth, the Recognition Committee Chair, is requesting award nominations be submitted by October 1. Anyone may make a nomination. Parents - this is a great time to honor your daughter's wonderful Troop Leader. Leaders - do you have a great Service Unit Manager - why not nominate her?

Along with the awards developed by GSUSA, Penn's Woods has developed two awards of our own for volunteers. The Outstanding Service Award honors a registered adult who has given dedicated service for at least three consecutive years to the Service Unit or to the Council. The Inspiring Leader Award is given to a Troop Leader who has served as a leader for three years and has been a positive role model for girls in her troop and community.

For further information on other awards developed by GSUSA consult the Girl Scout Uniforms, Insignia and Recognition Book. Applications for all awards are available from your Field Director or call Nancy Eckhart at the council office.

Being a Girl Scout is a learning experience and a lot of fun. These scouts are learning how to take a photograph of a ... **BEAR!!**

To learn more ... read **THE CITIZEN'S VOICE**

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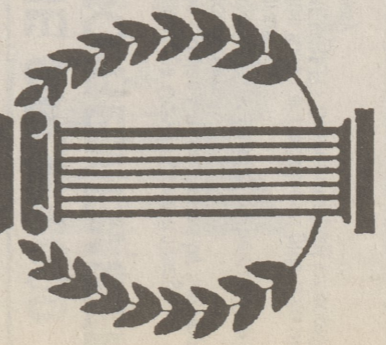
THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS

Our sincere thanks to our underwriters for their continuing support for Penn's Woods Girl Scout Council. Please let them know that you saw their announcement in SPLINTERS and that you appreciate their support.

We also thank the newspapers that insert this issue of SPLINTERS into their daily and Sunday editions. These newspapers are helping Penn's Woods spread the word about Girl Scouting. Penn's Woods is grateful to the CITIZEN'S VOICE and THE TIMES LEADER, Wilkes-Barre; SUNDAY DISPATCH, Pittston; DALLAS POST, Dallas; SUBURBAN NEWS, Sweet Valley; THE NEWS ITEM, Shamokin; CITIZEN STANDARD, Valley View; THE JOURNAL NEWSPAPERS; THE JOURNAL HERALD, White Haven; THE JOURNAL VALLEY VIEWS, Drums and Conyngham; and THE MOUNTAIN TOP JOURNAL.

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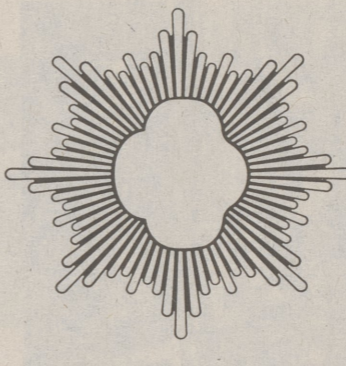


- College Misericordia 800-852-7675
- King's College 888-KING'S PA
- Luzerne County Community College 800-377-LCCC
- Penn State Wilkes-Barre 800-966-6613
- Wilkes University 800-WILKES U

We unite in support of the Penn's Woods Girl Scouts, and join them in offering opportunities for leadership development.

For more information on any of our academic studies or programs, call any of the schools listed above.

NEED A SPEAKER?



Girl Scouts who have gone on Wider Opportunities or who have earned their Silver or Gold Awards make wonderful speakers for an event or meeting. Call Carol Hussa at the Council Office to make arrangements.

Wider Opportunities



ATTENTION CADETTES & SENIORS

WIDER OP PIZZA PARTY



You (and your parents) are invited to a Wider Op Pizza Party 3:00 pm - Sunday, October 3rd Hazleton YMCA, 75 S. Church St. Call Wendy Williams at the Council Office to register by Friday, Oct. 1.

DAY CAMP DIRECTORS TRAINING

November 13 & 14 at Camp Louise
Everything you wanted to know and more about organizing and running a Girl Scout Day Camp. This training is required for all Day Camp Directors who are coordinating a Girl Scout Day Camp in 2000. Training is open to current Day Camp Directors and anyone interested in organizing a Day Camp.

Saturday, November 13: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Sunday, November 14: 9:00 am to NOON
Saturday dinner on own with a possible evening program depending on interest. Overnight accommodations available on request for \$ 5.00
Saturday lunch, Sunday breakfast & lunch provided
\$ 10.00 includes three meals and training materials
Call Council to register

Congratulations to the Brownie Troop #246 and Junior Troop #163 for receiving a fourth place award and a \$ 100. cash prize in the 26th Colgate Youth for America Make a Difference Day program. Troop 246 was chosen from over 2,300 entries. The girls made personal care kits; washcloths folded and stuffed with toiletries, for their Make A Difference Day project. The kits were given to "Community Volunteers in Action" for distribution to people who needed them.

This annual program "... puts special young people in the spotlight for their positive efforts in improving their world" according to Jennifer Marcus Barbara, Executive Director of Youth for America. Annually, six national youth organizations are invited to enter their best community service projects. The program seeks to encourage community responsibility in young people.

This is the second year in a row that Penn's Woods has had a winning entry in the Colgate Youth for America program. Last year, Troop #195 received a First Place local winner for "adopting" two elderly nursing home-bound women who have no relatives.

To find out more about the Colgate Youth for America Make A Difference Day awards, projects and entry procedures, watch for information from your Service Unit manager, visit the WEB site at www.colgate.com or write to Colgate Youth for America, PO Box 1058, FDR Station, New York, New York, 10150-1058.