



CELEBRATING 95 YEARS!

Brownie GIRL SCOUTS

Brownie Troop #76 started out strong this year and has grown stronger! In September registration night started out with 11 members registering or re-registering. Very shortly 4 more joined and in December we welcomed two new members. That makes 17 first, second and third graders. We normally meet on the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. till noon, and again on the second Tuesday evening from 5:15 until 6:30 p.m.

One of the first ceremonies held was Rededication and Investiture. For that, the Brownies have to learn the Girl Scout Promise and Law and we discuss ways that they can implement those items into their daily life.

One of the first events attended this year was the Museum Trek part I in Colby. The girls and several parents attended this learning experience at the Prairie Museum of Art and History. It was a cold and dreary day, but we learned about life, agriculture and early machinery from the early days of our area. They spent part of the day in the Cooper barn, which is the largest barn in Kansas. Each girl earned a patch that day and it counted toward the three parts of the Museum Trek. The second trek had to be to a museum that was not in your own town, so we visited the Rawlins County Museum in Atwood in March on our way home from the swimming party that was held at the Colby Community College. Again, the weather was not real cooperative, but we had two great dads who vol-

unteered to drive, one at the last minute! The museum in Atwood was very impressive and had several interesting displays, including the General Store and the beauty shop. (Most of the girls decided that a perm would not be worth sitting under that alien-looking contraption!) The second and third grade Brownies will get to attend the Sternberg Museum in Hays for an overnight stay in mid-April. This is the third and final part.

We spend time at our meetings earning Try-It badges and some take more than one meeting to complete. We have earned several already this year, including Playing Around the World, Eat Right Stay Healthy, My Body, and Let's Pretend. Patches are also earned for the fun things we do, like the swimming party, pizza party, overnights, etc.

Our overnights in December had to be postponed until January due to the weather. We chose to have chicken or beef tacos, mac & cheese and a midnight snack of homemade ice cream and brownie sundaes. During the evening we each made a pillow, exchanged gifts and watched a movie before settling in for a few hours of sleep. For breakfast we chose pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage patties and strawberry-banana smoothies (made with the left-over ice cream). We prepared all of the food for both meals with supervision from the leaders. After breakfast we worked on and earned a Try-It.

Blossom the Bunny has been traveling from troop to troop all over Sunflower Council and she was visiting us on the day we went swimming, to the museum and out for a pizza party. We hope she had fun while in St. Francis.



BROWNIES: Carol Eve Harris, Sydney Sundstrom, Hannah Stafford, Journey Lee, Hannah Wolff, Sophie White, Kattie Jenik, Hanna Bracelin, Emily Elfers, McKenzie Taylor, McKayla Rogers, Kylie Sherlock, Zoe Sundstrom. Not pictured: Matthisen Witzel, Jacey Jones, Kayla Reed, Jenna Confer.

Our service project is "Spread the Bread" and we kicked it off with a joint meeting with the Junior troop. We baked Banana bread, colored posters, wrote poems or thank you's and made a giant banner for our local heroes - the volunteer firemen in St. Francis. The idea is to bake bread of any kind and present it to people in need or those who give of themselves unselfishly. We hope to be baking bread several times yet this year and giving it in places of need or deed.

We celebrated Thinking Day in February by playing some action games that taught us about how Girl Scouting started in the United States and by discussing the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund. We also donated to that fund so we will receive a participation patch for that.

The Brownies sold magazines and nuts and candy in the fall and did quite well. We just finished up our annual cookie sales and we sold 2460 boxes of cookies. A trip to Denver is being planned with the proceeds.

Members of the troop are: third grade - Kattie Jenik, Kayla Reed, Kylie Sherlock, Hannah Stafford, Hannah Wolff, Emily Elfers, Journey Lee, Carol Eve Harris, McKenzie Taylor, Sydney Sundstrom; second grade - McKayla Rogers, Sophie White, Jenna Confer; first grade - Matthisen Witzel, Hanna Bracelin, Jacey Jones, Zoe Sundstrom; leaders - Deb Gohl, Lori Gohl and Barb Fromholtz.

Junior GIRL SCOUTS

The Junior Girl Scout troop grew from 3 members to 11 this year! We are very excited about that, as the girls in this age bracket have many competing extracurricular activities available. The members are: Randee Grover, Nariah Hamilton, Krissy Harris, Cheyenne Hewitt, Katie McDanel, Bailey Merklin, Chloe Miller, Kylee Samuelson, Lauren Samuelson, Alyssa Schlepp and McKayla Taylor. The Junior Troop is comprised of fourth, fifth and sixth grade girls; troop leaders - Natasha Culwell, Kriss Harris. We are very happy to have a member from Bird City (Cheyenne Hewitt) this year. We have regular meetings every other week, with one meeting a month at the Immanuel Methodist Church in Bird City. By doing this we are hoping to get more of the Cheylin students interested and active in the Girl Scout organization.

As a Junior Scout the girls begin to build leadership skills. They are able to choose

the activities they will do, the badges they will complete, from the troop budget, and create goals. Fall sales of nuts and magazines and cookie sales are traditions all levels of Girl Scouts participate in. Another tradition is bridging ceremonies. By the end of this school year eight of the girls will be eligible to bridge to the Cadet Troop. These girls are also working on achieving the Bronze Award; it is the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can achieve. This award involves completing a community service project that will require time and dedication and will positively influence our community. Along with earning badges the troop is also working on earning the Junior Aide Award and the Junior Leader Award. As you can see we are keeping very busy this year, however, never too busy for FUN! The girls are attending a 3-part camp-out. The first part was in September in Ellis, the second will be in Atwood in June and the third is a four day excursion in the Rocky Mountains in August. In February we went swimming at the Colby Community College with girls from the entire Sunflower Council. The above picture was just taken on



JUNIOR SCOUTS: Chloe Miller, Nariah Hamilton, Bailey Merklin, Aly Schlepp, Katie McDanel, Kylee Samuelson, Cheyenne Hewitt, Lauren Samuelson, Krissy Harris, McKayla Taylor. Not pictured: Randee Grover.

March 11 at the Denver Zoo. Our troop was fortunate enough to spend the night at the Zoo participating in a program called Bunk with the Beast. Troop 124 would like to thank the community

for all of your support and encouragement. Without the help of the parents and this community our troop would not be as prosperous, successful and fun as it is.



Sarah Trembly

Cadette GIRL SCOUTS



Aubree Schlepp



Girl Scouts of Sunflower Council Celebrates 50th Girl Scout of USA Celebrates 95th

In 1948, she had a postage stamp in her honor. She had a "Liberty Ship" named after her in WWII. She had a school named after her in 1954. She is a National Women's Hall of Fame inductee. One of two federal buildings in US history is named after her. In 1992 she was named a "Georgia Women of Achievement" awardee. She was featured in the Deaf World in Wax traveling exhibit as a famous deaf American. She was recently immortalized in a commemorative, bronze and granite medallion as part of a new national monument in Washington, D.C. Who is this amazing person??

She's the founder of Girl Scouts of the USA, Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low. Juliette spent years searching for something useful to do with her life. She met Sir Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, and become interested in the youth movement.

On March 12, 1912, Juliette Low made a historic telephone call to a friend saying "I've got something for the girls of Savannah, and all of America, and all the world, and we're going to start it tonight!" Her first troop, named American Girl Guides, had 18 members. The name changed to Girl Scouts a year later.

Her goal was to bring girls from all backgrounds together to develop self-reliance and resourcefulness. She felt that girls needed to prepare for their future roles as professional women. The result of her determination is that more than 50 million girls have built leadership skills through Girl Scouting. Research shows that Girl Scout alumnae now represent 70 percent of women serving in Congress, 64 percent of women listed in "Who's Who in America" and 53 percent of women business

owners..

Today, March 12, 2007, GSUSA prepares to honor 95 years of dedication to girls and adult volunteers nationwide, and locally, Girl Scouts of Sunflower Council is celebrating their 50th Anniversary. National Girl Scout Week is March 11-17, 2007 with a "Make the World a Better Place" theme.

Girl Scouts in Northwest Kansas kicked off Girl Scout week and our anniversary this weekend with overnights, special church services to honor Girl Scouting and service projects.

Sunflower Council initiated a "Books of Love" council-wide service project. Girl Scout Troops in Northwest Kansas communities donated over 3,350 books for Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City.

"The success of Girl Scouting is no accident. Juliette Gordon Low understood that girls needed leadership skills to develop their full potential," says Girl Scouts of Sunflower Council CEO Linda Mills. "We all have Juliette Gordon Low to thank for much of the advancement that has been achieved by girls and women in the past century, and today, 1200 local Girl Scout members are proud to take part in the world's best leadership experience for girls."

Girl Scouts of Sunflower Council would like to invite the public to a special 50th Anniversary Dessert Reception at the Fox Pavilion in Hays on April 29 from 2-4 p.m. This reception will feature desserts made with Girl Scout Cookies, a historical uniform display, Girl Scout chorus and much more.



A Salute To Girl Scouting

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