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## Scouts fill Meinig

Some 120 Girls Scouts, mothers, brothers, sisters and leaders gathered last week for the annual Alpine Day Camp held at Meinig Park in Sandy.

The children are from Sandy, Boring, Orient and Cottrell.

A number of activities took place at the camp, including an overnight stay on Thursday. Arts and crafts, singing, badges and, of course, some good old fun kept the scouts busy.

The girls ranged from first to ninth grade, but the day camp turned into a coed affair, as a number of boys had their own version of camp while their mothers took charge of activities.

The younger brothers and sisters formed their own group, known as Widgets, and had other activities in one corner of the park. The older kids spent much of their time learning

to be counselors.

Needless to say, Meinig Park was a busy and confusing place. Unaware visitors might have needed a cat for protection.

The mouse, you see, became the camp mascot. It is rumored that a mouse was responsible for leaving all kinds of messages during the camp, according to director Charlotte Brinser, so the mouse became a very large part of the daily routine. There were mouse hats, mouse puppets, mouse buttons and mouse faces, and so on and so on.

But the mouse explosion didn't keep the scouts from doing some serious business. There were also service projects, including picking up litter at the park, taking flowers and baskets to the Sandy Senior Center and taking a tour of Oral Hull Park for the blind, where they put on blindfolds to simulate the sightless.

Julie McCann, 9, (top) created her tree in an arts and crafts workshop. While the older scouts were doing their thing, a group of pre-schoolers, or Widgets, show off their mouse faces they created. Another group that didn't fit the traditional Girl Scout camp was the brothers of some of the girls, including Steve Amstad, 10, Derek Richardson, 11, and Brian Cox, 9, who found time to make some boats to sail in No Name Creek at Meinig Park. Mice were the camp mascots and Anna Knotts shows off Daisy Duke (below right), another workshop creation. Anna celebrated her 10th birthday at the camp last Tuesday.



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