

Among Hopes of Girl Scouts Is Expectation for Camping

Every girl who joins a Girl Scout troop has hopes for adventure and fun Girl Scouting offers her. Among her most cherished hopes is her expectation to go camping.

More conscious educating is done in camp than at any place outside school because camping is a natural situation which concerns everyday living. Adults who volunteer to make Girl Scouting possible believe camping can contribute to a girl's development, both by enriching her life as an individual and by helping her learn to take her place as an intelligent, active citizen and member of her family.

Camp Low Echo was first started in 1946. The established camp committee has operated the camp as economically as possible according to the National Girl Scout standards. Several valley residents have made contributions while serving on the committee both in camp operation and the building program.

Second Term
Serving for the second term as chairman of established camp is Mrs. W. W. Stevenson, 230 Sazling drive, Medford. Working with her are Mrs. John Graff, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Manno, Mr. and Mrs. James Dunlevy, Mrs. Ray Johnson, Mrs. Frank Roelandt, Mrs. Maurice Ritchey and Dichele T. Rossi, all of Medford, and John Coats of Grants Pass. A representative of Ashland has not been named yet this year to the committee.

When camp opened 10 years ago there were 116 girls in camp with a staff of 16. By 1955 there were 425 girls at camp and a staff of 37. This year, with the

beginning of the new Pioneer Unit, in addition to the existing five units which accommodates 24 girls each, the committee anticipates a total of 130 girls each session or 550 girls for the season.

Camp Low Echo is operated according to National Girl Scout regulations as well as standards set by the American Camping association.

Same Fee
For the past 10 years, the camper fee remained the same, \$13.50 for a week of six days or \$2.25 per day. The camper fee was intended to cover operating costs. With operating costs increasing and after facing a large deficit after the 1955 season, the camping committee recommended to the Board to raise the fee from \$2.25 to \$2.50 a day per camper. The committee also recommended to have one session of seven days and three 10-day camping sessions.

The fee covers the entire maintenance of camp, food, staff salaries and operating expenses. It is a non-profit operation. Committee members said the fee today is low because adults in Girl Scouting want to give every girl the opportunity to have a camping experience. It hoped to keep the fee so the average family can meet it, but necessary that operating costs can be covered. The latter is not included in the United Medford Crusade Fund and other Community Fund Drive budgets.

Campership Fund
There are always, however, families among the Girl Scout membership for whom the fee is high and whose daughters cannot go to camp unless some help is

provided. The local council has a "Campership Fund," money given by individuals, clubs and civic organizations. However, full camperships are unsatisfactory as a whole and every girl is encouraged to save or earn as much as she can of her camp fee.

The director of the Established Camp for 1957 again will be Miss Irene Knox, who has served the council the last two years.

She is required each year to conduct a full-week of training for staff members at the camp site so the staff will fully understand their job, the camp program and practice leadership skills.

The chairman of the camp building committee program is Maurice Ritchey of Medford, assisted by T. R. Lytle and Thomas Eslinger, both of Medford, and all serving their second term.



ARTS AND CRAFTS—Training classes are held each year for leaders in the Girl Scout program, and shown above are leaders learning basket weaving which they will teach members of various troops. Basket weaving is one of several subjects which girls may consider in arts and crafts.

First Girl Scout Troop in U.S. Organized in Georgia

There are many dates to remember in Girl Scouting that have important significance, but none more important than March 12, which is Girl Scout Birthday.

It was in 1912 when an old fashioned wall telephone bell tinkled as its owner hand cranked the bell. Had one been listening he or she would have heard the gentle voice of a frail woman of 50 years say excitedly, "Won't you come over, I have something great for the girls of America." The frail gentle woman was deaf and could not carry on a successful telephone conversation.

As the uniform modernized and slenderized, the program broadened and strengthened. Today there are Girl Scout "Greenies," the brown uniform for the "Brownies," the youngest of all Scouts who are seven to nine years of age; the mariner blue and the dark green skirts with white blouses for Senior Scouts and also nurses aides and wing scouts with the appropriate insignia giving their rank and program.

She was Juliette Low, a friend of Lord and Lady Baden Powell, who founded the Boy and Girl Scouting in England, and who organized a group of 10 girls to start the first Girl Scout troop in America on March 12, 1912.

The movement spread because the outstanding, self-sacrificing women of Medford recognized that it is a program of character training, spiritual education with cultural and recreational phases, loving and understanding leadership to meet America's needs of tomorrow.

Infinite Treasure
Juliette Low gave to the girls of that day an infinite treasure which has survived all these years and has increased from a group of 10 girls meeting in a backyard in Georgia to a national organization of more than 2,500,000 girls in Girl Scouting in the United States of America besides the Girl Guides in Canada and Europe.

Girl Scouting was first chartered in Medford in 1928.

Memories bring laughter when pictures of the first uniforms are recalled. They were colorless khaki-ankle length, straight lined and shapeless and topped by a campaign hat set squarely on the head, creating a contrast of today's well fitting uniforms of suits and dresses with white collar and gloves.

The program of those early days was based largely on the Boy Scout activities, such as signalling, the Morse Code, compass reading and knots. But in order to keep girls ladylike, needlework, homemaking and manners were included.

One Girl Scout council in Florida elected so many men to its board of directors that the usual form of the council's constitution and by-laws was changed so "she" and "her" would read "he" and "his."

Continuous Training Program in Girl Scouts Available for Adults

Every local council of the Girl Scout organization of America must provide a continuous training program for adult members. It is the responsibility of the training committee to see that members receive training they need to do their work efficiently.

Mrs. Hugh Moulton of Grants Pass is training chairman and is assisted by Mrs. Lawrence Bunocore, Medford, and Mrs. W. R. Bagley, Talent, all volunteers.

Mrs. William Baker, field director, is professional adviser for the committee.

It is the duty of the training committee to organize an annual training program, estimating costs, procedures and schedules. Members work with the professional staff and make recommendations to the board when new training policies and changes are needed.

Special Volunteers
They also secure special volunteer trainers and troop consultants. They train in cooperation with other organizations, on a project of similar interest, and need.

Leadership Course
The basic troop leadership course is a 16 hour course required of every new and prospective leader and assistant leader of a Brownie Intermediate or Senior troop. Help is given on how to know and understand girls, start and develop activities, get interesting people to share their hobbies with girls, and develop good troop organization.

In the basic training there are demonstrations of new skills, training in group activities, observation, group discussion and personal conferences.

After the basic leadership course is completed and volunteers have worked with their troop for a year a series of workshops are held in each district. Workshops are four hour sessions devoted to better program planning, outdoor skills, crafts,

music and ceremonies. Troop Consultants
A course for volunteer trainers and troop consultants is given by qualified instructors who have had at least two years experience in group leadership. Training is given in a series of group meetings and conferences totalling 22 hours during the year. The same course is given directly with the leader in neighborhoods.

The board members course is given locally once a year during the winter to members elected at the annual council meeting in November. The 12-hour course is to orient the new board member to her administrative job and to Girl Scouting policies.

Every fall a training session is held in each district for neighborhood chairmen and neighborhood service teams. This is a four-hour course.

The neighborhood service team is a comparatively new group formed on a recommendation from the National organization and was first used locally in 1956. The group serves to

For all local training courses, supplies are financed from the operating budget. Each year the training committee estimates its needs by the number of volunteers to train and the girl membership. Frequent turnover of adult membership causes more expense to the training program since a well trained volunteer is more likely to continue with her job.

Program Possible
The adult training program is made possible through support of the United Medford Crusade, Josephine County United Fund, Ashland-Talent Youth Fund

Ted Malone will have as his guest on the radio program March 12 Mrs. Roy F. Layton, president of the National Girl Scout organization.

Window Displays Show Scout Work

Displays depicting Girl Scout activities have been arranged in several Rogue Valley store windows as part of Girl Scout Week.

The displays will be judged, and ribbons will be presented on the basis of eye appeal, girl participation, organization, theme construction and originality.

The Lincoln and Jackson area Scouts have displays in Hubbard Hardware and M. M. Department store. The Roosevelt area display is in the Medford Flower shop and Jackson County Savings and Loan. St. Mary's area Scouts have a display in Medford Stationery store windows, and the Griffin Creek area display is found in Dr. Frank A. Freeburger's window and Stanley Jones Realty. Phoenix area display will be in Gier's Drug store and Phoenix Variety store. The Jacksonville area will be found in the Jacksonville Drug store and the Central Point area Scout display will be in the Crater Department store and Alexander Hardware.

Girl Scout Council Works With UMC Group

The Rogue Valley Girl Scout Council, Inc., works with other agencies of the United Medford Crusade in an Inter-Agency group including local welfare organizations and other local service clubs for community interests.



CAMPING—Among Girl Scout activities, camping has always been popular with members. The Rogue Valley Area Girl Scout Council, Inc., maintains an established camp at Lake of the Woods, and several Day Camps in the council. Girls are trained in outdoor living as well as homemaking and various other fields in which they are interested.

Grants Pass Troop Active 10 Years

Grants Pass — The only Mariner Troop in the Rogue Valley Area Council is completing its 10th year of scouting, making it the oldest troop under continuous leadership in the council.

Members of Troop 54 of Grants Pass have finished many requirements, including semaphore, knot tying, ship's time, water safety and first aid in the program, despite the fact the troop does not have a boat.

Most of the girls have served as aides to Brownie and Intermediate troops, and have participated in national and international encampments. Members of the troop are Deanna Broer, Deanne Dayton, Dianne Dayton, Ann Evans, Judy Fleishman, Judie Newman, Bette Ullian, Doby White, Judy Ellibur, Patricia Wilson and Elizabeth Cellier.

Scouts Celebrating Birth of Founder

All over the world nearly 10,000,000 Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the birth of Lord Baden Powell, founder of guiding and scouting in England in 1857. One hundred years later the 45th anniversary of Girl Scouting in this country, is being celebrated. More than 2,750,000 Girl Scouts in the United States pay tribute to Juliette Low, founder of the Girl Scouts in Savannah, Ga. She was a friend of Lady Baden Powell of England.

A centenary patch may be worn on the uniform of any registered member this year. The dates 1857-1957 and the founder's initials B.P. which also stand for the motto, "Be Prepared," are embroidered in gold colored thread on a scarlet background. The color patches are available at the Girl Scout office, 500 East Main st., Medford.

Congratulations To The Girl Scouts and Their Adult Members On Their 45th Birthday!

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