

GIRL SCOUTS OF THE JERSEY SHORE

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AREA

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Laurel Letters

The 2008 - 2009 Girl Scout year is coming to an end. It is hard to believe, this school year has flown by so quickly!! I wanted to thank everyone for all their efforts in making this year a success. We have helped make a difference in girls' lives for the better.

I also wanted to thank everyone who volunteered for service unit events and positions on the team. This year was fun and memorable because of you. Everyone's contribution, no matter how small, has made a difference and I really appreciate everything you have done.

Coming-up is Early Bird registration for next year and I do encourage all troops to get registered as soon as possible. It makes the beginning of the new school year easier and you can take advantage of the great reduced price programs council has to offer.

Our last service unit meeting this year is June 9th at the Brackman School Aux. Cafe at 7PM -hope to see everyone there.



Thanks again!
Kelli Marcotte

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Brownie/Junior Troop 324

~by Marilyn Bass

Our troop 324, which is a combination of Brownies and Juniors, took part in our service unit's annual Lip Sync Show. The theme was 80's music, and they performed to "Ghostbusters". In addition to the four Ghostbusters, we had two gargoyles, three ghosts, one Slimer, and three screamers. Our dance instructor was Kerrienne Szewczyk, and she did a fabulous job!



*Rachael Applegate
as Slimer*





Troop 324 at the movie
"Monsters vs. Aliens"

Our troop bought items at
Pet Smart for the animal
shelter in Manahawkin. Nine
members of the troop
toured the facility after
donating 10 per cent of
their cookie profits in food
and toys to the shelter.



Junior Troop 62 & Cadette Troop 459

~by Bev
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In January Junior Troop 62 had a great time racing their sharp looking cars in the Powder Puff Derby. We all had fun. We even had some cars last a very long time in the race.

In February Junior Troop 62 & Cadette Troop 459 hand made beautiful

valentines. The day before Valentine's Day we all went over to the Manahawkin Nursing Home & Rehabilitation Center. The girls handed out the valentines they

had made and cookies to the residents. The girls even did a little singing for the residents. I think both the residents and the scouts felt pretty good after our visit.



Of course the Nibblefest was a huge success. The girls from Troop 62 had all gathered information about France and we posted it at our station. The girls in our troop also made the chocolates themselves that we gave out for France. That was fun too.



Cadette Troop 459 volunteered their time, and had a lot of fun when they helped out at Barnegat's "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny".

Troop 62 is sleeping over at the Philly Zoo and at the Blue Claws with their cookie money. Troop 459 has 6 girls going to Europe July of 2010 with their cookie money



and the whole troop is sleeping at the Blue Claws as well.

Jr.Troop 62 & Cadette Troop 459 were on the road again. Or should I say "on T.V." April 16th, we

ventured out to NYC and we were all on Good Morning America. The girls saw Robin Roberts, Sam Champion & Diane Sawyer. We even got a few autographs. We saw the guest star, comedian Steve Harvey. As if that was not fun enough, we walked around the city.



We went to Ellen's Stardust Diner for breakfast after the show. It is the best place. The wait staffs are aspiring actors. They each take turns singing while they serve. A few girls from Troop 459 got to take the microphone and do a solo and Troop 62 sang back up for another song. We all had a great day and will remember it for many days to come.



We also had a great time performing in the Lip Sync. Troop 62 were rockers when they lip synced to "I Love Rock N Roll". Troop 459 did a club rival act to "When I Hear Music". I think the parents had just as much fun as the girls since we listened to 80's tunes all night. From what I saw, all the troops had a great time and did a great job of course.

Senior Troop 139

~by Pam Pilchman

In February, our troop went to Camp Sacajewea, and stayed in a Yurt. I know some leaders were interested in what a Yurt looked like, so here is a photo. Again we had a great time and I highly recommend this. Next fall I want to rent the cabin on the lake there and invite other Senior girls.





For March our big trip was to the Salve Regina Senior leadership conference in Rhode Island. The Girl Scout council in Newport Rhode Island has run this program for 25 years at Salve Regina University. This was a council run program, so we went with a member of council in two council vans and I drove my car. We left on Friday afternoon and returned on

Sunday afternoon. Hundreds of high school age girl scouts attended from all over the East Coast.

We stayed in one of the University dorms, which was actually an old mansion. We "camped" in the main rooms of the mansion, which was actually like huge dining and living areas from eras ago...the architecture was unreal!!!!. Prior to going, the girls and myself had to pick 4 workshop classes from a list of 60, and when we arrived we received the class schedules that we were to follow for the weekend. The adults had their own separate



classes, geared toward adult women. It really was a chance for the girls to experience a true college day in the life of a college girl.

The classes were out of this world, I was totally blown away. They were run by professionals, professors, past graduates, there were war correspondents, psychologists, doctors etc. The classes were all geared toward things that are important to women, showing the girls how women are making a difference in the world, to dream big...and to be leaders for this world...the women there were really amazing.

There were women working in third world countries that were really making big changes in people's lives.

My girls met older girls from Connecticut



in one of their classes and they hit it off so well, the older girls came to surprise my girls at our dorm one night and took my girls to the nightly DJ Dance. My girls talked about it the rest of the weekend; they had such a good time. They were so in awe of these older girls that took the time to hang out with them. We tracked them down the last day and took pictures and exchanged info and hugs goodbye. They still keep in touch and are bugging me to go on a field trip to Conn!!! I think it's heart warming to see how Girl Scouts can be such sisters to one another even though they live states away, and only meet for a brief time.

The weekend really left a huge impact on us. On the car ride home, my girls were talking about what they wanted to do for their own Gold Award projects in the future. Then besides the classes, in our free time, we walked around the roads of the Newport mansions and took pictures. We walked the famous Newport Cliffs, which is a several mile walkway along the ocean cliffs with outstanding views. There were sports to play, crafts, pizza hour, movie nite, a DJ Dance in one of the mansions, etc. The event cost \$170, but all our meals were free from the school cafeteria, which were quite good, and that of course covered lodging and the classes, free event T shirts. and all the free time activities..



We definitely are going again next year. Registration is very early!! We signed up in September. We want to go on our own next year, and leave very early Friday, so we could do some mansion tours and go into town to window shop in all the cute little shops there. I will bring it up at our August start up meeting to see if any other high school age girls or troops want to go.

NEXT MONTH BEACH JAM !!!...yEAH!!!