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Troop 258's Blankets Raise Money for A.R.M.S.

The girls from Junior Troop 258 are shown with one of the fleece blankets they made. The money they earn from the sale of the blankets was donated to A.R.M.S. More information about this organization can be found on page 4.



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Junior Troop 258

~by Shannon Wianecki

Troop 258 has been very busy making blankets; participating in the bake-off and powder puff derby; and planning the spring lip sync.

We are so proud of our girls' creativity and baking skills. We had a wonderful turnout for the bake-off, with 13 girls participating. Congratulations to Celia Richie, who is our troop winner. Everyone did a fabulous job.





Then we started off the winter by making fleece blankets that will be sold to raise money for

A.R.M.S. This is an organization that collects items for the military over seas and ships them in care packages. They are in need of money for the cost of shipping each box.

Last Saturday, our troop volunteered at the Armory, packing boxes of necessities and goodies to send to the troops. We did a great job selling over 1000 boxes of cookies this year. We are using the money to donate to A.R.M.S. to help defray the shipping costs. We will also be saving some money to put

towards a big trip that is in the planning stages.



We had a great time at our 2nd annual ornament exchange and Christmas party. The girls really laughed at all the silly antics necessary to get their ornament.



Next we moved onto Derby day. The girls enjoyed making their cars and competing in the races. Congratulations to troop member Cara Kiley for being the 2nd place winner in our division and to Jessica Hespe, Tessa Jones, and Brienna Cooney for placing in the top 10!!! Way to go girls!!!

Finally, our troop has been busy planning the Lip Sync to be held April 24th, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m. The girls are involved in all the hosting arrangements and are really enjoying sharing their creative ideas. We look forward to a great time with the flash back to the 80's theme, especially sharing with our girls the styles and music from their parents' era. We hope to see you there!!!

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Since March 2003 A.R.M.S. (American Recreational Military Services) has:

- shipped over 200,000 lbs (20,000 boxes) of necessities to troops
- distributed 320 Thanksgiving dinner baskets
- collected 26,250 presents for the children of mobilized soldiers
- distributed 12,000 pre-paid calling cards
- served 125,000 meals to servicemen and women
- provided over \$55,000 in direct financial aid to families
- served meals & snacks to over 75,000 family members
- raised \$30,000 to send 42 soldiers home for the holidays before deployment
- participated in over 60 Homecomings and Freedom Salutes from 2005-2007

Brownie Troop 226 ~by Sue Ellen Boyer

Brownie Troop 226 visited Lucille's, a sweet shoppe on LBI. The girls had a great time making their own Valentine's hearts and learning about chocolate and



candy making!
Janis, one of the owners and the granddaughter of Lucille, has a welcoming manner and is excellent with the girls!