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Daisies Pearls

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Welcome to Daisies Pearls!

By Mindy Stark

Welcome to the first issue of Daisies Pearls! This will be a monthly newsletter reporting the activities of Muscatine County Girl Scouts. My name is Mindy Stark, and I serve as the Service Unit Director for Muscatine County, a part of Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois Council.

It is my hope that with this monthly newsletter we can let our communities know the fun and educational activities that are happening in our troops and in our service unit. I am proud to announce that Jessica Pierce will serve as editor of our newsletter.

All age levels will be participating in our monthly newsletter. Junior Troops (4th and 5th Grades) can work on their "Scribe" and "Digital Photographer" badges. Brownies (2nd and 3rd Grades) can work on the "My Family Story" badge. Cadettes can work on their

"Comic Artist" badge. All troops will be required to make submissions to the newsletter. Those scouts participating will be awarded a "Flat Juliette" patch.

So why "Daisies Pearls"?

It's well known that Muscatine is the Pearl Button Capital of the World, so that part was easy. But did you know that Juliette Gordon Low sold her most precious pearls in 1915 to obtain funds to support the movement for another year? She sold the necklace for \$8,000, once again putting the needs of the girls over her own personal desires. This is a strong piece of our Girl Scout history.

We are excited for the new school year and the Service Unit has planned several events for this next year. Flyers and registration forms will appear in the

newsletter prior to events as well. We will also highlight Camp Sacajawea Day Camp, High Award Activity and Fall Product and Cookie Sales.

I'm excited for a new venue to show case our Service Unit and the activities of the troops. You can also look for "Muscatine County Girl Scout Service Unit" on Facebook.



Juliette Gordon Low founded Girl Scouts in 1912. She was nicknamed "Daisy" by family and friends.

What is a S.W.A.P.?

By Charley Pierce

If you have ever attended or volunteered for Camp Sacajawea, you may have heard of S.W.A.P.S. For the rest of you, let's take a moment to explain what a S.W.A.P. is.

S.W.A.P.S. stands for a "special whatchamacallit affectionally pinned somewhere." S.W.A.P.S. are

made from a safety pin, and are decorated with beads, charms, bottle caps, felt, shells and many more things. S.W.A.P.S. are a fun way for Girl Scouts to exchange keepsakes at camp.

Every girl creates a different S.W.A.P. and exchanges them with her fellow campers. After camp ends, S.W.A.P.S. are a wonderful way for camp-

ers to reflect on all their great memories of Girl Scout Camp!



S.W.A.P.S. from Camp Sacajawea

SPOTLIGHT EVENT

Cheer and Dance

University of Iowa

Sunday, Sept. 27 1-4pm

Grades 2-5 are welcome!

\$23 for Girl Scouts/\$38 for non-Girl Scouts

visit GirlScoutsToday.org to register

Leader's Corner

*Leader/Volunteer Meeting Oct. 1 @ Masonic Temple at 6 pm. All leaders, volunteers and members of the public are welcome.

*Check out the NEW Volunteer Tool Kit at GirlScoutsToday.org

*Fall Product training will be held on Oct. 1, at 6 pm at the Masonic Temple.

A Sister to Every Girl Scout

By Jessica Pierce

The Girl Scout Law says “be a sister to every Girl Scout.” Two troops in Muscatine are taking those words to heart.

This year, Lynda Petersen and Jessica Pierce will be having sister troops in Muscatine. Lynda and Jessica previously co-lead the Franklin Brownie troop together. This year they will lead troops separately at both Franklin and Colorado Elementary schools. Both troops will be participating in the

same activities, planning field trips together, and working on various community action projects through out Muscatine.

Colorado previously did not have troops available, and many of those girls were transported to Franklin. By expanding troops into both schools, the leaders hope to open up opportunity for every girl to participate in this great program.

The leaders already have big plans for the two troops, including a canoe trip later this

“I look forward to canoeing with my sister troop at Franklin.”

-Reagan Petersen

month. The troops will also work on earning their Bronze Award.

Lynda and Jessica hope that the sister troops will be a huge success, and two friends look forward to a great year of Girl Scouting!



CHARLEY PIERCE

AGE: 9 GRADE: 4

Charley is a fourth grader at Franklin Elementary. She is a member of Franklin Junior Troop #9360. She has been Girl Scout for four years. She and her troop participate in many community projects including a pop can drive to raise money for various charity organizations in Muscatine.

Charley’s favorite thing about Girl Scouts is spending time with her friends and impacting her community in a positive way. She is looking forward to working on her Bronze Award this year.

Charley’s favorite Girl Scout memory is from Camp Sacajawea, 2015. She loved watching her friend, Lexi Osborn being initiated into a PA by having to smash her face into a whip cream pie. Charley also enjoyed helping Lexi eat the whip cream!

Charley enjoys spending time with her friends. Her hobbies include sewing, reading, and playing with her dog, Frankie. She has dreams of becoming a fashion designer.

Do you know an extraordinary Girl Scout? Tell us about her!

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EXTRAORDINARY GIRL SCOUT OF THE MONTH



Camp Assignment: What I Liked the Most About Day Camp Overnight

Please Note:

Camp Sacajawea is a Girl Scout Camp held every summer by the Muscatine County Girl Scouts. Girls who will be in fourth grade or above are welcome to stay at a Day Camp Overnight.

This past year, The Program Aids (PAs) made up a seek and find game for a canoeing trip. Nichole Frisbee, a member of the Muscatine High School Color Guard, practiced a routine she was learning for the campers. The younger girls at the overnight enjoyed watching the PA twirl her baton!

Emily King, Troop # 9199

I liked the canoeing game a lot because you had no clue where the duct tape was. When we were in the lodge my favorite part was talking to “Izzy,” or Isabelle. When we were outside in the front of the lodge I liked watching the PA’s baton twirl. I also enjoyed cooking s’mores.

Maggie Holloran, Troop # 9199

The over night was so much fun! Some of the things I liked the most were roasting marshmallows and sleeping by my friends. Another thing I liked was we got to choose between canoeing or creek stumping. I chose canoeing. After dinner the incoming PAs had to put their faces in a pie tine filled with whip cream and gummy bears. They had to get the gummy bears out without using their hands. This was some the stuff we did at the overnight!

COMING NEXT MONTH

FALL FUN EVENT INFO
FALL PRODUCT SALE
A NEW EXTRAORDINARY GIRL SCOUT OF THE MONTH



Did you know that more than 2/3 of women currently serving in Congress are former Girl Scouts?