

Girl Scout Fun Night

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This event was designed to be an “open-house” to introduce community girls and their parents to Girl Scouting. The event was advertised locally and through the schools. A series of stations was set up around the all-purpose room of the elementary school. Each station was run by a different Girl Scout troop. Information to join Girl Scouting was also made available. The stations included:

1. **Stamping Activity:** card stock and paper bags to be decorated with a large stock of stampers, run by a first grade troop.

2. **Friendship Bracelets:** using a variety of colors of embroidery floss the troop taught the steps to create macramé bracelets, run by a fifth grade troop.

3. **Hair Scrunchies:** run by a third grade troop

Choose 8 to 10 each of two different colors of loopers. (For purposes of directions, we'll talk in terms of light and dark). Weave on your left hand with palm facing you, using four fingers.

- ❖ Place dark looper around four fingers with a half-twist between each finger. Do same with light looper.
- ❖ Remembering to have left hand palm facing you, reach behind index finger and pull dark looper over finger, leaving light looper in place. Repeat with middle, ring and pinkie fingers. (At this point and for the next several steps, it just looks like a messy blob. Hang in!).
- ❖ Place another dark looper around your four fingers with half-twist between each finger. Reach behind index finger and pull light looper up and over finger, leaving dark looper in place. Repeat with middle, ring and pinkie fingers.
- ❖ Continue adding loopers, one at a time, and pulling first color over second until you reach desired length. (8 of each color works well for the average scrunchie. You can go longer to make a headband).
- ❖ To finish, draw last looper left on index finger through loopers left on other fingers. Take that looper and tie it to the beginning of scrunchie to form a circle. (I double knotted this to make sure it didn't loosen when girls pulled to put in hair).

4. **Dance and Dress-Up:** troop provided costumes and dress-up supplies, participants dressed up and played easy relays and simple dances that everyone knew, some freestyle dancing. Dressing up was a big hit. Run by a seventh grade troop.

5. **Songs:** Created a mock campfire with a few logs and sheets of plastic - like from a throw away table cloth - in red, yellow and orange to add flames. They surrounded the fire with sit-upons and taught standard Girl Scout campfire songs. Run by a fourth grade troop.

6. **Face Painting:** The troop had an example sheet of what they could paint and girls picked what they wanted to have painted on their face. Run by a fourth grade troop.

7. **Picture Frames and Picture Taking:** (originally started out to be a “mom and me” but eventually friends got together too for a photo. They used foam board to make 100 picture frames before the event. They brought sticker foam appliqué’s and jewels to use as decorations. They took pictures with a digital camera printed on site. When the girls were done with the other stations they returned to pick up their photo and frame. *(It is suggested you have more than one printer, as it takes time to print. Make sure you have at least 2 memory cards for the camera so you can take pictures and be printing at the same time.)* Run by an eighth grade troop.

8. **Meals on Wheels bags:** With art supplies to color. This station was a self-serve table.

9. **Memento Table:** Troops were asked to bring photo albums, troop banners, swaps, ... whatever they wanted to share. *(labeled with name and troop #)*.