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Not Just Cookies and Camping

Mechanicsville, Virginia- Girl Scouts is not just cookies and camping, it is so much more; it is the premier leadership organization for girls. Since 1912 Girl Scouts has molded young women into vital members of the community helping them build courage, confidence and character to help make the world a better place. With that in mind local Mechanicsville Girl Scout troops are branching out to help girls “be prepared.”

Troops 3161 recently completed the most recent leadership program, Journeys. The Brownies went on two adventures to learn about Girl Scouting and helping in their community. They assisted the Association for Service of Kids (ASK) with donations of art supplies for the children and magazines for adults at the hospitals oncology center. The troop presented the ASK representative, Alma Morgan, with the donations at the troop’s award ceremony. Troop 3161 leader, Teresa Dalton said, “Overall, I think the girls really understood the good that they did and I hope that our group project will motivate them to continue to make a difference for others as they move up through Girl Scouts and beyond.”

Junior Troop 861 invited Ann McFaden and Arlene Wright to a meeting to teach the girls how to make candy. The girls made hard candy by boiling a sugar mixture and pulling it out on a greased table, then cut the pieces and rolled them in powdered sugar. Junior Girl Scout Meredith said, “It was loads of fun making candy, but more special knowing we were going to give it to someone and help brighten their

day.” The candy was packaged and made its way to a local women’s shelter.

For a year Brownie Troop 83 collected bottle tops for the Ronald McDonald House and leader Laurie Klatt booked a tour of the house to present the tops. Each girl was given a teddy bear as a thank you as they toured the space families stayed in while their loved ones were in the hospital. Klatt Said, “The tour provided them with the sense of giving to others.” Brownie Girl Scout Rebekah shared, “We saved the bottle tops to be recycled and help pay for their program so kids could have fun stuff to do.”

Troop 3223 recently toured the area’s Coca-Cola plant where they finished a Junior badge and the Interest Project Patch, “Society of Women Engineers”. The tour allowed the girls the chance to ask questions of plant manager, Tony Maxwell and his staff about the production line and maintenance. The girls learned a great deal about machinery, engineering and how a manufacturing plant is run.

Founded in 1913, Girl Scout Commonwealth Council services over 16,000 girls in 30 counties and the six cities of Richmond, Petersburg, Colonial Heights, Hopewell, Emporia and Fredericksburg. For more information about this and other Girl Scout programs visit www.comgirlscouts.org.

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