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WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP GIRL SCOUTS CELEBRATE THE CENTENNIAL OF THEIR NATIONAL ORGANIZATION WITH A WEEKLONG PARTY

Scouts Collect Food, Books, and Pet Supplies to Donate to Area Charities

Turnersville, NJ, April 11, 2012—Movie night in the Mayor’s Office, campfires and S’mores, a DJ dance party, story and craft time, and a bowling bash are just a handful of activities enjoyed by hundreds of Washington Township Girl Scouts during a week of festivities to celebrate the centennial of their national organization.

Girl Scout Week, as it was called, started with a Sunday service at Stagecoach Fellowship Church in Sicklerville, NJ. The week brought together over 500 girls ages five to 18 for a daily dose of fun, friendship, leadership building activities, and gathering some of their largest hauls of donated goods for local charities. Girls contributed hundreds of pounds of food, books, and pet supplies for Mother’s Cupboard in Sewell, NJ; The Camden County Animal Shelter in Blackwood, NJ; and educational programs for Washington Township children. And according to scout leaders, Girl Scouts are currently collecting even more donations throughout the community for these charities.

“The Girl Scout mission is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make our world a better place,” says Kim Gallicchio, Service Unit Manager, Washington Township Girl Scouts. “Not only did these young ladies contribute an amazing amount of supplies to area charities, but they also planned, organized, and managed most of the Girl Scout Week events with our help. We are proudly building an army of all-girl leaders in Washington Township.”

Girl Scouting in the United States began on March 12, 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low organized the first Girl Scout troop meeting of 18 girls in Savannah, Georgia. With 3.2 million girl and adult members, scouts are currently celebrating this milestone world-wide.

Girl Scouts of Central & Southern NJ is the premier organization serving 27,000 girls in over nine counties. The group is dedicated to encouraging all girls to reach their fullest potential in keeping with the values and ideals of the Girl Scout Promise and Law. The mission of GSCSNJ is to build girls of courage, character and confidence who make the world a better place. GSCSNJ is challenging girls to discover possibilities, connect with others and take action in the world around them. For more information on how to join, volunteer, reconnect or donate to Girl Scouts of Central & Southern NJ, call (800) 582-7692 or visit www.gscsnj.org.

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PHOTO CAPTION (Movie Night): Over 140 Girl Scouts gathered in blue pajamas with sleeping bags and stuffed animals in tow for a featured viewing of *The Smurfs* during The Washington Township Girl Scout Week Centennial Celebration. Hundreds of pet supplies were collected for the Camden County Animal Shelter in Blackwood, NJ.

PHOTO CAPTION (DJ Dance Party): Daisy Girl Scout Carli S. leads a Conga Line at a *DJ Dance Party* during The Washington Township Girl Scout Week Centennial Celebration. Hundreds of food items were collected for Mother's Cupboard in Sewell, NJ.

PHOTO CAPTION (Daisy Storytime and Crafts): Cadette Girl Scout Meghan M. teaches a younger Daisy Girl Scout how to make a Girl Scout Friendship Bracelet at *Daisy Story Time and Crafts* during The Washington Township Girl Scout Week Centennial Celebration. The scouts collected gently used children's books for educational programs for Washington Township children.

PHOTO CAPTION (Campfire): (L-R) Daisy Girl Scout Hope K., Girl Scout Supporter Pam Allen, and Daisy Girl Scout Enica A. enjoy freshly roasted marshmallows on their S'mores at the *Campfire Event* during the Washington Township Girl Scout Week Centennial Celebration.

PHOTO CAPTION (Campfire): Troop 57 Boy Scouts help manage fires during the *Campfire Event* at the Washington Township Girl Scout Week Centennial Celebration Campfire event.

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