



Troop 1352

2004-2005, September

First Meeting

Thursday September 9th

4:30 - 6:00 at Ms Beth's house

6:00 - 6:30 Parent's Meeting

Junior Roundup

Andrea, Julia, Krista, Becca, Jennica, and Megan all had a great time

Ms Amanda, Ms Beth and Ms Karen had fun, too!

Patrols

Butterflies: Julia (Leader), Becca, Andrea

Smilies: Jennica (Leader), Megan, Krista

Badgework

Camp Together: Activities 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10 (**Badge Earned**)

Outdoor Fun: Activities 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9 (**Badge Earned**)

Outdoor Cook: Activities: 3, 5, 6, 8, 10 (**1 to go**)

Swimming: Activities: 1, 2, 4, 7, 10, most of 5 (**1 to go**)

Water Fun: Activities 1, 4, 5, 7 and part of 6 (**1 to go**)

Your Outdoor Surroundings: Activities 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 (**Badge Earned**)

Complete the Badges

There are two badges that each need one more activity completed.

Swimming Badge

Activity 5 of the **Swimming** badge is "Helpful Swimmer". You must read the first aid section of your *Junior Girl Scout Handbook* to complete this activity and finish earning the **Swimming** badge.

Outdoor Cook Badge

Activity 1 is to help plan and serve an outdoor meal. Help do at least one of the following: plan the menu, make shopping and equipment lists, shop, pack, take care of the food at the site, prepare and serve food, or clean up.

Can you help one of your parents cook a meal on the grill?

Popcorn Festival

Saturday, September 11th

Girl Scouts do activities with smaller children at the Popcorn Festival each year. We will be volunteering from 10:00 - 12:00 on Saturday!

This is a community service project for the girls and will count toward one of their badge activities.

Please give yourself time to park and walk over--it gets pretty crowded!

Project Supplies

Ms. Karen has an activity planned that requires nested coffee cans--one large, one smaller. Please ask your parents or other coffee drinkers if you can have the cans for our project!

Ms. Amanda would like parents to collect dryer lint and paper egg cartons (not Styrofoam) so you can make fire starters.

Please also save your almost-done candles. They make great fire starters, too!



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The Next Badges

The **Smilies** patrol has decided that they will lead the **Looking Your Best** badge. (September 9th)

The **Butterflies** patrol has decided that they will lead the **Camera Shots** badge. (September 23rd)

Preparing for the Looking Your Best badge

The **Smilies** patrol picked the 6 activities the troop will do to complete the **Looking Your Best** badge.

Before our next meeting read the information in your *Junior Girl Scout Handbook* and *Junior Girl Scout Badgebook* about the Looking Your Best badge.

Jennica, Megan, and Krista from the **Smilies** patrol filled out a *Junior Girl Scout Badge Activity Sheet* for each one of the activities they chose.

They chose activities 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

Some of the activities can't be done during the meeting **or** need you to prepare before the meeting.

Activity 6: Organize

Megan wrote: Organize your closet and drawers so you can find what you want to wear if you are in a rush.

Activity 7: Experiment with Hair

Krista wrote:

Bring your own hair ties

Bring your own hairbrush

Bring your own combs

Bring your own hair bows, whatever you like to be in your hair

Ms Amanda is bringing a curling iron and styling hair products.

Activity 3: Aerobic Activities

Jennica wrote: This activity is in the **Looking Your Best** badge. You will need a bike, skates, a hula hoop, a jump rope, or nothing at all. You have to exercise for 20-30 minutes a day for two weeks. You have to do this on your own since we don't have time in meetings. Keep track of your time and then give it to Ms Karen when you're done with your two weeks.

Upcoming Dates

Meeting: Thursday Sept 23

Junior Badge Day: Saturday October 9th,
Time TBD

Fall product sales start October 8th



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For the Parents

We will be having a parent meeting on [fill in the date here](#). We just want to fill in a few things now to answer immediate questions. Feel free to call one of us (Beth, Karen, or Amanda) if there's anything you'd like to discuss.

Patrols and Patrol Leaders

We've divided the troop into two patrols, and each troop has a patrol leader. The patrols and patrol leaders were picked *at random*. Every two months or so, we'll pick new patrol leaders and new patrols so that every girl will have a chance to be a leader.

Girl-led Activities

Now that the girls are Juniors, they will be responsible for more planning of our activities. We know they're only in 4th grade. In order to help the girls succeed at planning, we'll be guiding them and continually putting them in situations where they can succeed. As they get more practice in planning, they will be given even more responsibility.

For example, we selected six badges that we thought the girls, at this age, would be able to plan 6 activities (the number needed to earn a badge). We gave each patrol leader a list of three badges for her patrol to select one from. That way they're making a decision from a smaller group of possibilities--but they're still the ones making the decision.

Junior Girl Scout Badge Activity Sheet

We've created an activity sheet to assist the girls in the steps they need to consider when planning an activity. After a patrol completes a sheet, a leader will walk through the sheet with the girls and lead them through anything they need to add to their plan.

Patrol Leader Responsibilities

Verify tasks are done (i.e. tent is clean) before leader inspection

Lead discussions about decisions the patrol is making (i.e. which badge are we going to do, which activities?)

Report what the group is doing to the leaders

Remind other patrol members if something is left undone (The Patrol Leader is **not** responsible for doing it, though.)

Prompting Girl Scout Homework

Girl Scouts is supposed to be fun! Feel free to remind your daughter a time or two about the badge work she is supposed to do on her own, but if she chooses not to do it, then she chooses not to do it.

The natural consequence of not doing an activity will be that she doesn't complete the badge with the rest of the troop.

Smilies Report

The **Smiles** patrol selected the **Looking your Best** badge. They did a fantastic job of reading through the 10 activities in the book and picking which 6 to do. There were 3 girls at that meeting, so each girl planned two activities and then completed 2 *Junior Girl Scout Badge Activity Sheets*.

Two of the activities (*Organize* and *Aerobic Exercise*) required letting the girls know what the rest of you need to do--so they wrote instructions and then gave them to me to put in the newsletter.

One activity, *Experiment with Hair*, we can do during our meeting--some of you like to play with each other's hair anyway. The girls know that that no one would feel comfortable (especially parents!) sharing hair supplies and so Krista wrote up instructions for bringing their own hair care products.

Butterflies Report

On the way home from Junior Roundup, the **Butterflies** patrol read through the three badges on their list, selected one, and then selected which 6 activities to do from the **Camera Shots** badge.

They worked together with laughter and respect--and with amazing insight into what they could and couldn't do.

The only "leader input" during this process was that Ms Beth volunteered that they could use her computer to learn to upload digital pictures. All other discussion was just between the girls.

At our first meeting, we'll give the **Butterflies** patrol their *Junior Girl Scout Badge Activity Sheets* so they can plan the details of the activities they selected.