



Encampment draws girls from all over

Fairbanks girls travel south to the 'Top'

By Tabitha Chartraw
Midnight Sun reporter

At this encampment we have girls from all over Alaska and the USA. Cadette troop 10 came down from Fairbanks. In their troop is Michela, Savannah, Rebekah, Amy, Laurel, Rachel and their leader, Susan.

They have never been to a big jam-boree like this. The only ones they have been to were for Cadettes and Seniors only.

The girls hope that encampment will be fun and they will learn some social skills. It took them seven

to eight hours to get to Palmer for encampment.

"This is the experience of a lifetime, because it is my last year as a leader," said their brave leader, Susan. We're sure that the girls will miss her too. Say hi to this lucky group of girls from Fairbanks when you see them.

Fairbanks



North Carolina Scouts think Alaska is 'cool'

By Cari Jamieson
Midnight Sun reporter

Talk about coming a long way! Troop 625 took 13 hours to come to Alaska from Jacksonville, North Carolina. After arriving, they drove in an RV all over Alaska to places like Fairbanks,

Portage, Resurrection Bay, Seward, the Kenai Peninsula, Miller's Landing, Elmendorf Air Force Base, and Fort Richardson. This troop is

also quick. After arriving at Encampment, they took less than an hour to set up camp!

Their views of Encampment also changed after they arrived: the troop thought that there would be more older girls and more from out of state. They do say, however, that although Encampment is different than they expected, it is still fun. Some words this troop used to

North Carolina



describe Alaska are: COLD, beautiful, breathtaking, bright, and majestic.

Minnesota Scouts think Alaska is Hot!

By Jessica Beck
Midnight Sun reporter

In the heart of the Cadette camping area you'll find the smiling faces of Cadette Troops 1394 and 2170. The girls' daily routine follows the norm of Encampment life: eat, sleep, participate in presentations such as kung fu and basketry, and whatever else seems fit for camping. There is something, however, that makes these girls different from the rest. That something is the thousands of miles that separate them from their home state of Minnesota.

By the end of their trip, the girls will have experienced two weeks of Alaska's "big, mountainous, beautiful, light, sunny, and unpredictable" ref-

Minnesota



uge (as described by the girls.) They've already enjoyed two cruises, white-water rafting, hiking, and a trip to Denali National Park.

The two troops have participated in encampments in several other states and plan to go to Canada next year. "If you would like to identify us, we'll be wearing the pop-sicle pants," said the girls. All in all, their traveling spirit is well worth the inspiration they bring to Susitna Council!

Virginia Girl Scouts think Alaska is beautiful

By Lauren Bryant
Midnight Sun Reporter

Troop 5441 from Arlington, Virginia had only good things to say about the weather and geography of Alaska. When asked to describe

Alaska, they said it was beautiful, mountainous, clean, and very green. The troop came to Alaska because they were invited, and that it was a once in a lifetime opportunity. The troop also said that they did not expect the weather to be so hot, and that

Virginia



Alaska is not as crowded and congested as their hometown, Arlington Virginia.

Along with the other troops here, they have come to have a good time, and we all hope that they have a blast!

Wind blows Girl Scout spirit through Encampment

What a great group of people to camp with. As strong gusts of wind threatened and even blew over campers' shelters on Friday afternoon, neighboring Girl Scouts came to the rescue. Just another example of the true Girl Scout spirit. Way to go girls! GIRL SCOUTS ROCK!!!!

Ask Theodora

Dear Theodora,

It is 12:01 a.m. and other campers around us are still talking (LOUDLY). Some of them are LEADERS! How should I handle this? Okay – It is 1:36 a.m. and the girls next to us are still giggling and talking. How can they be so disrespectful of the rules and inconsiderate of their sister Girl Scouts?

Tired & ticked off

Dear tired & ticked off,

I have noticed the same problem in my camp area. I almost missed my first because I hadn't had enough sleep. They made me tired too! I suggest that you ask your leader to politely share the situation with the other troop's leaders. If their leader is a sound sleeper, they may not have heard the commotion. Hopefully any leaders (and girls) who were talking will be reminded by your timely letter. The TLC is open 24 hours for leaders who want to chat (as long as an adult is still with the troop.) If it continues, tell the people at the office. I wish you happy sleep.

Miss Theodora

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Happy Girl Scouts enjoy another sunny day of hay rides.

Girl Scouting gets better with age

By Emily Kovarik
Midnight Sun reporter

Wonder what's in it for you as an older Girl Scout? Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts can expect exciting jobs at the next encampment. If your troop (or individual) becomes members of the Core Staff you can wear stylish vests while showing other girls how to have an awesome encampment experience.

Core Staff girls make a lot of new friends while learning and passing on the concept of responsibility. Some of the jobs that the Core Staff acquire are: directing traffic, assisting the presenters and even presenting themselves. Core Staffers run the game shack, take water around to some of the presenters and accompany the carriage rides.

"It doesn't matter if you have a good [singing] voice or not, it's just about having fun," says Core Staffer, Camille.

The Core Staff walks around the camp assisting everyone and anyone. The girls report to the staff headquarters every morning to see what jobs they have been assigned to and when they need to report to "work".

Another opportunity at Encampment is to be on the Midnight Sun newspaper staff. Sun reporters spend the day observing and interviewing for new stories. They have a 7 p.m. story deadline and a paper to layout and publish before the next morning. What

a great excuse to walk around and snoop!

So all of you sixth graders, look forward to the next Encampment in 2005. Be strong and stay in Girls Scouts because next Encampment is going to rock!

Tiki Tina strikes again

By Rachel Voehl
Midnight Sun reporter

*You have to be crafty to find me today,
Because I don't plan on hiding in hay
I hang around strings, rope, and beads
Trying to do some Girl Scout good
deeds,
While making you all feel great,
Without using any big bait,
I rest with the 10-50 cent piece
While trying to hide from the "bored"
police.*

The drawing winners for today are Troop 717 in first place, Troop 709 for second place

And in third place, troop 935. They all found me by the Boy Scout Bridge. Please pick up your prizes between 4 and 6 p.m. on Saturday. Winners from Friday should also pick up your prizes. Pick up all prizes at the press office.