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Girl Scouts of Berkeley Heights

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Troop 40858

As part of an effort to earn their silver award, Troop 40858 of Berkeley Heights has been working diligently at the Berkeley Heights Convalescent Center for the past several months. Every few weeks, they bring dessert to the nursing home, and cheer up the resi-

dents by playing bingo, 500 rummy, or making conversation. During the month of February, they visited the home and assisted the elderly in making Valentine's cards. They painted the windows with a cheerful array of pink and red hearts and returned the Thursday before

Valentine's Day to assist in the card exchange. Cathy Balsamo, who works at the center and arranges the visits, has said that the troop's visits are the highlight for the residents.



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Troop 40922

Troop 40922 of the seventh grade Cadettes are preparing for the Silver Award. They are working on three interest projects such as fashion design, performing arts and childcare. They went to per-

form carols and visit with seniors at the Chelsea Assisted Living in Warren on December 10. Troop 40922 is taking to a council sponsored Childcare/Babysitting course on February 6, sponsoring the

Berkeley Heights Service Unit GS Roller Skating party at Florham Park Roller Rink on March 20, and going to see a GS exclusive showing of Wicked on June 5 as a part of the Performing Arts IP.



Troop 412325

Daisy troop 412325 girls strong, this group of kindergarteners are loving the Girl Scouts! They have learned the Girl Scout Promise, earning the center of their daisy as well as their yellow petal. The troop attended the mitten tree, and the Teddy Bear Tea. Their first time out as

scouts, the troop sold about 285 boxes of girl scout cookies. The girls earned funds in hopes of attending the Daisy Science day, World Thinking Day, and a scout program at Indigo gymnastics. All of these activities are on the schedule now! At their next meeting the girls are trying

to earn their magenta petal, and have field trip tour of the Police station.



Troop 40287

Junior Troop 40287 went on several field trips this year. They visited the Papermill Playhouse and got a behind the scenes tour and saw Little House on the Prairie Show for the Theater Badge. They also went to Watchung Stables to earn the Horse Fan Badge. Troop

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40287 also went on a trip to the Connection for the Swimming Badge. They participated in the Book Drive to benefit the Orange YWCA free community li-

brary they collected 2,000 books. Now they are planning their trip to Camp Hoover and have several other community service ideas for the spring.

Troop 40290

Daisy Troop 40290 from Mountain Park school has been working to complete the last of their Daisy petals before they cross the bridge to brownies! They recently took a trip to Indigo Gymnastics in New Providence to earn the brave and courageous petal as well as a

fitness badge! The girls performed many physical feats such as rope climbing over a foam pit, balancing acts, and using the trampoline. They also learned about keeping their bodies healthy through exercise! It was a lot of fun!



Troops 40955 and 40674

Brownie Troop 40955 have been busy working on a variety of things. In September they enjoyed reuniting with friends and making portraits of each other for friends are "fun." In October they explored the world of vegetation and planted some bulbs in the Hughes School



Garden for the "Plants" Try-It. In November, they were assisted by Junior Troop 40674 come lead us in our discovery of "Color and Shapes." The girls made some beautiful ornaments for the Mitten Tree. In December, they learned all about shadows and had their shadow portraits made for the "Me and

My Shadow" Try-It. In January, they divided into teams, created new dances and then performed their routines for "Dancercize." In February, they were again led by Junior Troop 40674, who helped them create quilt squares for the "Stitch It Together" Try-It. The squares will be joined together to become their troop banner.

Troop 40979

Daisy Troop 40979 has been having so much fun and learning a ton! They have earned three petals this year. They earned the petal for "Be a Sister to every Girl Scout" when they made each other friendship bracelets. They earned the petal for "Be Considerate and Caring" when they partici-

pated in the Mitten Tree by decorating ornaments and donating items. They are earning the petal for "Be Friendly and Helpful" by helping around their homes and leaving tickets that say "A Daisy was here." The girls are also collecting goods for a pet shelter. In April, they look forward to learn-

ing how to "Use Resources Wisely" and will be working on that petal around Earth Day.

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Troop 40419

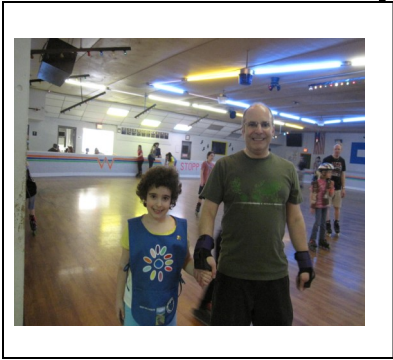
Troop 40419, Columbia Middle School seventh graders are working towards their Silver Award creating craft/activity kits for children in hospitals awaiting surgery or recovering from surgery. They will also be painting a mural in the children's wing in the future. In addition the girl's visited the FIT Museum in

NYC and toured Macy's Herald Square, participated in cake decorating classes and will be filming an infomercial for TV 33. They will be conducting cookie sales outside of Stop & Shop to raise money for the Craft kits in March and are planning a trip to Rocking Horse Ranch in the spring.





Girl Scout Birthday party was held on March 20th 2010 at the Florham Park Roller Skating Rink. A fun-filled 2 hours of skating with lights, music and games as the entire rink was filled with Girl Scouts and their families! This event was run by Girl Scout Troop 40922. *Pictures by Sarah Friedlander.*



Special Events

On April 23rd 2010 over 200 girls joined Senior Troop 40182 for the annual "Someone Special and Me Dance" held at Columbia Middle School. The girls with their date traveled to Coney Island for games, to a London Nightclub to dance as well as Tokyo for some fun crafts. Refreshments were served and a

magician entertained all. Troop 40919 helped out at the event.

Pictures by Sarah Friedlander.

