



1963 to 2023: 60 Years of Girl Scout History in Virginia Skyline

During this 60th Anniversary Year your Virginia Skyline Archives Group is going to highlight some interesting and fun facts about those 60 years in our council. *Our History Along the Skyline* will be featured every two weeks in continuing articles and pictures in *The Girl Scout Connection*.

Service is a Way of Thinking

Serving others has always been an important part of Girl Scouting. The Girl Scout motto, "Be Prepared" and the slogan, "Do A Good Turn Daily," expresses the idea of service in girls' terms, making it simple, practical, and inevitable.

Girl Scouts are encouraged to help when they are asked and also to look for opportunities to serve. Helping others becomes a habit and a way of thinking, whether a girl is performing simple, everyday acts at home or participating in a community service project.

Through the years there have been national Girl Scout service projects that troops in Virginia Skyline Council have been active participants. These service projects focused on topics such as environmental issues with Eco-Action in the 1970s, contemporary issues like Tune In To Well Being-Say No To Drugs in the 1980s and literacy with Right To Read service projects in the 1990s. In 2012 Girl Scouts took a pledge to help reduce plastic waste, plant a rain garden, or save energy as part of the Girl Scouts Forever Green 100th Anniversary Take Action Project in 2012.

Every year for the last 60 years thousands of hours of service have been performed by girls in Virginia Skyline Council. Here are some examples:

- Made friendship benches
- Sent cookies to the military overseas
- Cleaned up trails, parks and rivers
- Collected pet food and supplies for animal shelters

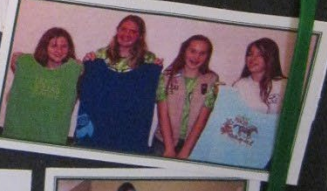
- Made birthday boxes for food pantries
- Donated books to senior citizen homes, and libraries
- Constructed "Little Libraries"
- Adopted grandparents
- Went caroling in nursing homes
- Adopted trees, gave out trees, and planted trees for Arbor Day
- Made tray favors for Meals on Wheels, veteran's homes, and hospitals
- Held food and clothing drives in communities
- Participated in the Gift of Water-Girl Scout 70th Anniversary service projects
- Organized events for younger girls
- Participated in the "Say No to Drugs" projects
- Recycled hundreds of pounds of newspaper and other recyclables
- Made toys for children
- Planted flowers for community beautification
- Donated teddy bears to hospitals
- Planted, tended, and harvested vegetables to give to food pantries
- Picked up trash to beautify schools and communities

The next two pages show photos of Virginia Skyline Council Girl Scouts providing service.

This tidbit of council history was brought to you by The Virginia Skyline Archives Group. Find out more about this group and the historical uniforms and programs that they offer for FREE to troops and service units.



Celebrating 100 Years of Girl Scouting
1912-2012
100 for the 100th
With Community Service
GIRL SCOUTS OF VIRGINIA SKYLINE



100th for the 100th Council Service Project
Virginia Skyline troops/groups were challenged in 2012 to plan and carry out a service project that would benefit their local community and/or environment to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouts in a way that would make a real difference. Girl Scouts throughout the council accepted the challenge to give 100 hours of service or 100 items to "help where needed". Some worked in partnership with each other or local businesses and organizations to achieve their goal. Twenty-one communities benefited from their efforts.

