

Our History Along the Skyline



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*.

GIRLS LOVE CAMP T-SHIRTS!



You can learn about our council outdoor history through these T-shirts.

Camp Shawnee

Located at Danville, Camp Shawnee was 197 acres owned by Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Council. There was swimming, boating, tent and cabin camping, gardening, hiking, and an old cemetery that was the perfect setting for ghost stories.

Skyline Adventurers

Adventurers is an action-oriented group of older Girl Scouts who are seeking exciting, stimulating activities to challenge their capabilities, broaden their horizons, and increase their self-confidence. It is for girls age 11-17 and in grades 6-12. Members often participate in rock climbing, caving, kayaking, backpacking, travel, hiking and other similar high-adventure activities. One trip this writer enjoyed was to New York City to the Macy's Day Parade, Empire State Building, a Broadway show, the Rockettes show, the Statue of Liberty, and other sights.

Camp Massawomee Resident Troop Camp

Located at Camp Massawomee in Rockbridge Baths in Rockbridge County, the camp had a large multi-use building with a kitchen. The girls enjoyed authentic foods, including rabbit on a rotisserie over the fireplace. There was a flagpole, small field space, fire area, and campsites. It was a troop weekend camp: Friday nights to Sunday. Cadettes and Seniors provided the program for the troops over the weekend. Girls would exchange SWAPS. A raccoon SWAP is pictured below. (Memory shared by a former summer staff member.)



Camp Kiwanianna

Camp Kiwanianna was located near Shawsville, in Montgomery County. The Blue Ridge Mountains and nearby natural springs made the spot ideal for hiking and camping. The Girl Scouts perfected their swimming skills, archery skills and camping skills (by cooking over campfires). This was the resident camp for Virginia Skyline Council members. Girls signed up to stay a week at a time at this overnight camp.

Peaks Pals Day Camp

Peaks Pals was the day camp for Bedford County and operated at Sedalia Center, Holy Land, and Liberty Lake Park. This one-week day camp staffed by volunteers from Bedford County provided crafts, nature activities, outdoor cooking, badge activities and an overnight and campfire experience for Daisy to Cadette/Senior Girl Scouts.

Camp Icimani Adventure Center

Camp Icimani is located in southwest Roanoke County in the Clearbrook community. Situated on 63 acres in the Blue Ridge Mountains, the camp's overnight facilities include a large gymnasium with sports equipment, a small meeting room, platform tents, cabinettes, and camp sites. The largest facility is the main building's gym/arena which can handle large events for up to 300 participants. Highlights are the climbing wall, archery range, hiking trails with

letterboxing series, creek access, primitive tent camping, platform tents, cabinettes, locker rooms with hot showers, meeting room, large kitchen, and sports playing fields.

Wyoming Trek

Wyoming Trek was a trip for girls from Virginia Skyline Council to the National Center West (NCW) in Ten Sleep, WY. NCW was 15,400 acres of rugged wilderness in the Big Horn National Forest. Its primary emphasis was on the Girl Scout program in the great out-of-doors for Girl Scouts and Girl Guides, ages 14 to 18. The camp was a place to explore Native American pictographs or for future geologists to sleep under a rock shelter called The Pow-Wow. Hiking The Peak was a 19-day backpack trip up to Mesa and the backcountry. For novice backpackers, you could Tote-n-Trek nine days out in the eastern foothills of the Big Horn Mountains. There was horseback riding and darkroom photo developing. Wyoming Trek was a journey set back in time. Pit latrines, running water, platform tents, kitchen fly, unit house with a staff office, showers, food commissary, meeting room with fireplace, and a Chuckwagon Dinner at the end of the day. It closed in 1989.

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