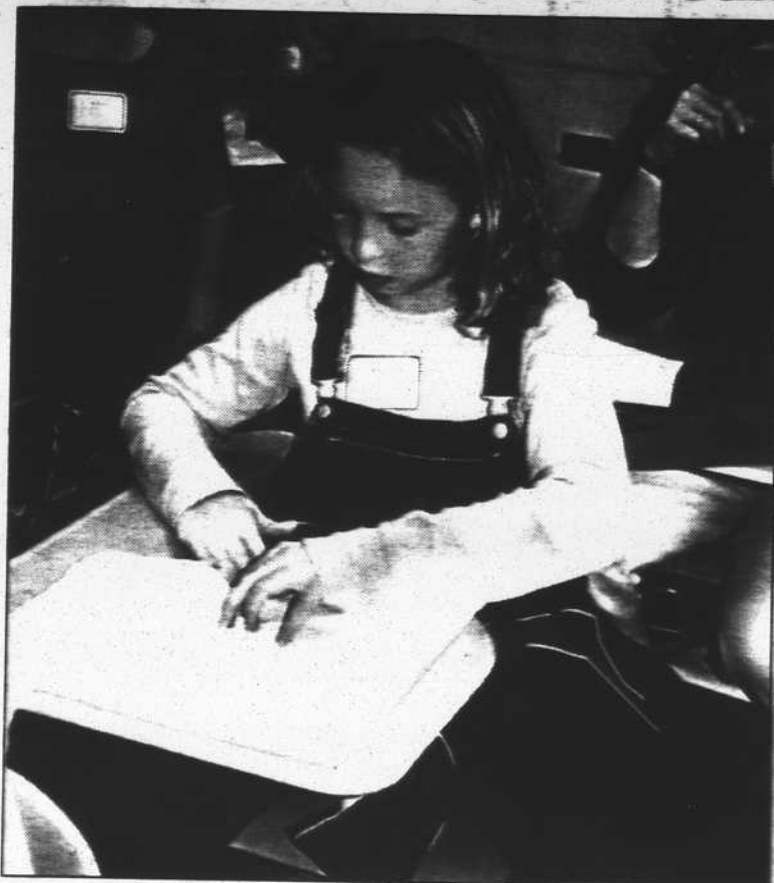


Girl Scouts Celebrate Junior Jamboree



KAYLA CAMPBELL, troop 292, Statesville, learns napkin-folding techniques during the Catawba Valley area Girl Scout Junior Jamboree.

Afternoons were devoted to "Team Jam" activities.

"The individual classes, from nail art and lip gloss, to baking and eating cakes, to learning about martial arts, were a huge hit with the girls," said Michelle Colson, leader of Troop 206 of Catawba.

Colson added that the Jamboree provided girls an opportunity to gain confidence in themselves and learn more about decision-making.

"As leaders we liked seeing the girls gain independence as they had to work with new people and find their way around," Colson said. "They were thrilled to have that touch of freedom. We enjoyed the laughter and smiles on their faces."

More than 550 Girl Scouts and leaders participated in the Junior Jamboree sponsored by the Girl Scout Council of the Catawba Valley Area, Saturday, Nov. 15 on the campus of West Iredell high school. The event was a daylong celebration of Junior Girl Scouts ages 8-11.

Scout, studied martial arts and learned athletic injury prevention and care.

Scouts studied napkin folding, prepared desserts and created animal shapes with food, in Chef's class. As designers the girls designed lip-gloss, did fingernail art and learned tips from a beauty consultant.

The girls' morning sessions were tailored to the theme "A Day in the Life of..." artists, athletes, chefs, designers, pioneers and scientists.

Junior Scouts, as pioneers, wove soda straws, made a tin punch and spool dolls. As scientists, the girls studied archaeology from a Western Piedmont Community College archaeologist, extracted DNA from strawberries and learned mechanical engineering from West Iredell High School students.

As artists the girls created scrapbook pages, wrote in calligraphy and learned to make a quilt square. As athletes, the girls learned baton skills from a state champion and Girl



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