



A close look at a lizard and other crawling animals or insects brings no fearsome shrieks from Kathleen Doler, left, of Troop 1035 and Clair McPherson of Troop 1043, who are participating in a Brownie nature study.

What do Brownies Learn?

To Help Others

Playful little elves in England were referred to as Brownies.

It was an Englishman, Robert Baden-Powell, who gave the name—Brownies—to that part of the Scouting program designed for girls, ages seven and eight. He chose that name because he said it was appropriate for little girls, who like the English elves, liked to be helpful as well as to play.

Powell had founded the Boy Scouts in 1907 and was then asked to help establish such a program for girls in 1928.

The Brownie program is the beginning. From that group, girls graduate into Junior Girl Scouts, then become Cadettes and finally Senior Girl Scouts. The program includes girls between ages 7 and 17, and a girl may join at any of the levels. Of course, becoming a Senior Scout is the ambition of most little Brownies!

Before a girl can become a Brownie, she must attend four meetings of the troop she wants to join, learn the Brownie Scout salute and handshake, and the Brownie Promise:

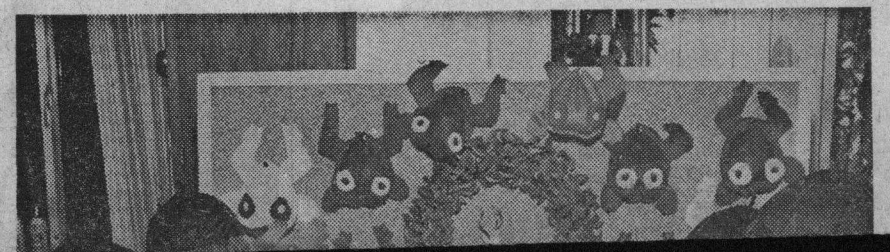
"I promise to do my best
To love God and my country
To help other people every day,
Especially those at home."

In Santa Cruz there are 18 Brownie troops, sponsored by churches, schools or organizations. Children participate in a variety of projects. Most of their handcrafts are made to be given away. Many go to children in hospitals.



As soon as the last pink or green dollop of icing is squeezed onto these cookies by Sandra Servinski, left, of Troop 1009, Andrea Frazier of 1061, and Linda Bird of 1009, these treats will be on their way to County General hospital—an extra surprise for patients there.

Crafts With A Purpose

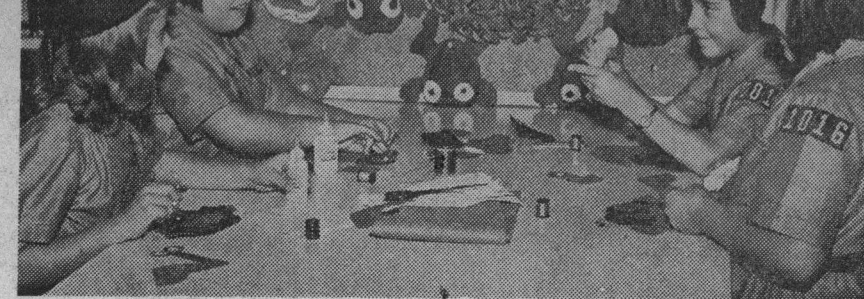


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"Merry Christmas from a Brownie" is the message these cards will take to children hospitalized this Christmas season. Annette Littell of Troop 1006 posts them on a bulletin board while Rosalind Waite of the same Troop and Cathy Glendinning of 1061, cut more pictures.



Santa's pack is full of bean bags made by Brownies as gifts for the Dominican hospital. Tammy Castro, left, of Troop 1001, Violet Powers of 1016, Alicia Pinheiro of 1001 and Michelle Miller of 1016 cut, glue and sew and these little frogs will leap right into the big black pack that is on display at the Christmas Tree Festival at the Riverside, which runs from noon till 4 p.m. today.

To Obey Scout Laws

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Hospital trays will look a bit brighter on Christmas Day because thoughtful little Brownies—Kathleen Doler, left, Karen Hansen of Troop 1043 and Becky Bunter of Troop 1035—have made these napkin rings.



Brownie rules are simple, but each girl knows by a single sign when she may speak, if it is a quiet time, or that magic moment when one may make a special wish. This is the Brownie ring—representing Brownies at work and at play throughout the city. Busy little girls, learning to become useful, helpful citizens of this or any community where they may live.