

Girl Scouts Kick Off a Busy Year

Life in a Girl Scout troop isn't always about camping and s'mores. These girls can also get serious, as Girl Scout Troop 10211 did on August 22nd while cleaning up Grant Town Park. While these troopers, ages 5 to 12, love to go on camping trips and visit science centers and museums, they also volunteer many hours a year in their community.

"I love cleaning up trash, and I'll never stop," said Stella Moody, 6, a Daisy.



The Girl Scouts crawled under sports bleachers and into thickets to pick up dozens of food wrappers and cigarette butts.

"It was fun because we're helping our community," said Maria Hurtado, 8, a Brownie. "And I got to hang out with my friends and have fun."

During their first meeting of the school year, held at Grant City Hall, the troop members planned their upcoming community service activities. In the near future, Troop 10211 will organize a food drive for the KDS DAR Elementary School's Patriot Pantry,

decorate Grant Town Hall's Christmas trees, and sing Christmas carols at Barfield Health Care, a local nursing home. These activities are a continuation of projects the troop has completed in the past.

Troop 10211 hosted a Kindness Rocks project on Sept. 16 at Kidtopia at Grant Town Park. During the event, which was free and open to the public, guests were invited to unleash their creativity by painting smooth river rocks with a variety of uplifting sayings, designs, and pictures. The goal is to promote random acts of kindness to unsuspecting recipients by distributing these inspiration rocks in their neighborhoods.

Scout Leader Brenda Hamrick said, "As a troop leader and parent, it makes me very proud to know these girls are making choices to not only participate in the fun activities and trips of the troop, but to maintain a sense of pride for and duty to their community. These are truly the leaders of tomorrow."

