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Events in the
 Month of May

June & July

- 5/17–
Paradon
- 5/30– Cub
Scouts
Bowling
- 6/07– GS
Swimming
- 6/08 APN
Event
- 6/20– All
Scouts to
Observatory
- 6/28
Dioceses
Opening
- Summer
Camp 7/25–
8/2 @ Lake
Perris

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AGBU-AYA 20th Anniversary Celebration

On December 5th, 2008 there was a big event in the gym at AGBU MDS to celebrate 20 great years of success in our AYA groups. We had an opening ceremony with the Marching band playing while the Scouts and the Sardarabad Dance Company marched in to be acknowledged. After the ceremony, Sardarabad performed their first dance “Sayat Nova”. It continued on with some speakers and Sardarabad dancing their last dance “Shalakho”. During dinner, we were all introduced to the plans of having a new center for all AGBU-AYA. Our committee is working very hard to help make that happen. The event was a great success, and we can’t wait until the 25th anniversary event.

By: K. Jaina Balouzian

Trip to Big Bear

On February 6, the Boy Scouts and Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts went to Big Bear for Winter camp. We had a lot of fun skiing and snowboarding. Some of the Boy Scouts were able to complete their Snow Sports merit badge, and the Cadettes earned an Outdoor Survival badge. We played many fun games including Psychology, which was our favorite. Unfortunately, we couldn’t stay there forever, and on Sunday, we had to come back home. We hope to visit the Bavarian Lodge again next year for Winter Camp 2010.

By: Y. Jojo Armani

3rd Annual Derby Race

The third annual derby was a big hit. Parents and children watched excitedly as the cars zoomed down the track. Also, we had some visitors from our Chapter committee. To keep the event organized we had judges, race officials, & security. The winners of the boys’ races were: 1st place Y. Eric Vartanian, 2nd place Y. Alex Kurcician and 3rd place Y. Andrew Isagulyan. The winners of the girls race were: 1st place K. Gassia Cooper, 2nd place K. Catherine Sepian and 3rd place K. Aleen Vartivarian. Our announcer/comedian for the event was our very own Y. Raffi Safarian. Many other awards were given to the racers for the most unique cars. After the races, everyone got to eat hot dogs and chips, with a drink. Thanks to all the committee for their help, especially Y. Hrair for setting up the track, and connecting it to the computers. We’d also like to thank Tony Keusseyan for being our sponsor this year! Job well done everybody.

By: Y. Zareh Ploozian



The Morning of Camporee is what we were all waiting for. My tent was the first to get up at our camp site, so we decided to play some football. We had to wait until everyone was awake before we could eat. For breakfast we had bagels with cream cheese and hot coco. Some of the most

interesting events were disability awareness, where we had to pretend we had a disability and perform a certain activity. Another great event was the barrel roll where your troop is on three rolling barrels with a wooden platform to help you stand or sit on top of the barrels. One person then has to grab the barrel from the back and move it to the front while two other people push the whole thing forward with long sticks. We relaxed the rest of the day until it was dinner time. We had hot dogs, hamburgers, nachos, chips and tea. Now that was delicious! The last thing we did on that day was to go to the campfire and watch all the skits.

On the third and final day of Camporee, we woke up, had some bagels for breakfast, and got dressed in our scout uniform. We then marched to the award ceremony where they gave out awards for the best times in events, cleanest camp, best scouts overall, etc. Our troop was presented with several awards. After the award ceremony, we came back to the camp site and started cleaning up. Everyone had a great time!

By: Y. Andrew Isagulyan

Movie Day

Inspector Clouseau: "Let me get you up to speed: We know nothing. There. You are up to speed." Mix some brownies, juniors, and Cadettes up add some leadership, sprinkle a hint of "haumburguerrrr", and finally a dash of Steve Martin, and you get one of the funniest girl scout movie outings of the year. Pink Panther 2 follows Inspector Jacques Clouseau (Steve Martin) as he teams up with a squad of international detectives to solve yet another pink diamond mystery, but the culprit isn't who you would think it is... Apart from being a fun outing for the brownies, juniors, myself, K. Jaina, K. Anett, as well K. Claudia, this outing was an opportunity to get badges done that pertained to the movie. For the Juniors, the movie was a part of their "Communications" badge, brownies it pertained to their badge "Puppets, Dolls, and Plays." and for the Cadettes it was related to their badge "Leadership." For some newcomers to scouts, this was the first outing of their scouting experience and will certainly not be the last seeing as scouts involves exploring the world around us, whether through a movie or any other activity. So far all those who had as much fun as I did, keep working hard because the next outing could be just around the corner. Haumburguerr anyone? **By : K. Dalar Rostamian**



Thinking Day

Girl Scouts Thinking Day introduced me to different countries, like Italy, Greece, Mexico and Austria. Our troupe proudly represented Armenia and introduced people to the Armenian alphabet and Nazoug. I enjoyed all the foods we tasted from the countries represented, especially the Mexican tacos. I also enjoyed watching other countries' dances and songs. It was a nice day, where we got the chance to walk around the different tables learned about different countries, while interacting with other G.S. Troops.

By: K. Athena Adamian



The New Marching Band

The A.G.B.U. A.Y.A marching band has been growing well for the past 6 months with more and more scouts and youth joining it and helping it become bigger and bigger. We were very proud to participate on the April 3 event, in the Pasadena center. We marched with the Scout's troop for the opening ceremony. The event was to introduce the new S.C.D.C. committee. Also, the marching band has recently participated in the opening ceremony for field day. The marching band has 14 members from our Scout's troop. Mark Myers, our new marching band instructor, is a USC graduate, and a member of the USC marching band. Our practices are every Saturday from 1:30 to 3:00.

Y. Alex Kurckiyan



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Y.Sako's Interview

Q: Do you remember where you went on February 28th?

A: YES! The cub scouts went to the park with our leaders.

Q: Do you remember which park?

A: YEA! Balboa Park

Q: Can you tell me what you did?

A: Yea, okay so first we got there and I was talking to my friends and we were telling stories and then we started flying kites and Y.Raffi's kite broke! haha.

Q: Do you think you want to come to other outings and continue scouts?

A: YES! because I have a lot of fun and I love having fun and I want to be in scouts until I'm really, really, really, old.

*I can't put into words Y.Sako's enthusiasm while he was answering his questions. By the way he is a Cub Scout. And on this outing scouts were taught how to make kites from scratch!

By: K. Taline Balouzian