



FACT SHEET #5

New Jersey Scout Museum

Monmouth Council of Girl Scouts, Inc.

40 Years of Historical Highlights 1962-2002

1962 – Three Girl Scout Councils (Northern Monmouth, Freehold Court House, and Shore) merge to form Monmouth Council of Girl Scouts, Inc. Office located at Monmouth Shopping Center in Eatontown. Three camps in operation: Nomoco, Sacajawea, and Rus-Wen. Sally Brindle serves as Monmouth Council president 1962-1966.

Elizabeth Curley serves as executive director 1962-1983.

1963 – Levels of Girl Scouting increase from 3 to 4. Fiesta at Camp Nomoco draws more than 2,000 adults. Summer Day Camp attracts 5,196 girls and 726 leaders. First “Train the Trainers” course held.

1965 – Monmouth Council office moves from Monmouth Shopping Center to Sacajawea Lodge.

1966 – First Hoe Down held at Asbury Park Convention Hall.

1968 – Girl Scouts send letters to soldiers in Vietnam. GSUSA gives Monmouth Council highest rating for program effectiveness and volunteer participation.

1969 – New Service Center at Camp Sacajawea. Lodge becomes training/program center and pool is built.

1972 – Girl Scout Promise and Law changed. Construction begins on lake at Camp Sacajawea. First National/International Wider Opportunity sponsored by Monmouth Council at Monmouth College: “From Smoke Signals to Outer Space.”

1973 – Ten-acre body of water, Brindle Lake, dedicated at Camp Sacajawea.

1975 – Bicentennial Hoe Down kicks off in Asbury Park.

1977 – Lakeside Activity Center dedicated at Camp Sacajawea.

1979 – Girl Scouts perform original musical production, “Inside a Golden Rainbow,” at the Paramount Theater in Asbury Park.

1980 – “Beat the Blahs” and advanced outdoor training opportunities offered to adult leaders. “Medley at the Mall” programs focus on the arts. Girl Scouts learn about careers in retailing at Bambergers. “An Afternoon in the Park” held for the first time at Camp Sacajawea.

1981 – Monmouth Council hosts health seminars at Freehold Hospital. “Fun in the Outdoors” program serves Girl Scouts with disabilities.

1982 – Monmouth Council celebrates 20th anniversary. Celebration includes Bake-Off, Cadette Camp-In, Girl Scouting on the Mall and Steeple Chase run. National/International Wider Opportunity: “The Nuts and Bolts of the 80s.”

1983 – First two Gold Awards are presented to Senior Girl Scouts from Freehold and Point Pleasant.

1987 – 25th Anniversary/Diamond Celebration takes place at Wolf’s Hill in Monmouth Park.

1989 – Dennis Lodge burns down. Monmouth Council continues using Lakeside Activity Center for programs.

1991 – Board approves resolution to sell Nomoco land to Monmouth County Park System.

1995 – “Songs and Games” Workshop, a popular program for Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts, kicks off at Howell Station Flea Market. Girl Scouts of all levels participate in “Environmental Extravaganza” at Brookdale Community College in partnership with Monmouth County Clean Communities.

1998 – Girl Scout Gold Award Scholarship Program established. Three yurts constructed at Camp Sacajawea. Wider opportunities take older Girl Scouts to Annapolis Sailing School and Girl Scouts Birthplace, Savannah, GA.

1999 – “Girl Scouts: Where Girls Grow Strong” tagline introduced. Girl Recognition event honors 290 girls. Wider Opportunities for older Girl Scouts take place in Syracuse, NY; Manitoba, Canada; Smith College, MA; Grand Travers Area, MI; and Iceland.

2000 – Monmouth Council provides more than \$25,000 in financial assistance to Girl Scouts. More than 1,300 girls attend Summer Day Camp; additional week of camp added. Host “Safe Night” in partnership with City of Asbury Park. Introduce Girl Scouting in schools through “Growing Strong” program. Girl Scout Shop opens.

2001 – Girl Scouts respond to September 11 tragedy: volunteer at Red Cross, organize blood drives and candlelight vigils, visit firefighters throughout the region and more. Older Girl participation in Day Camp reaches high of 112. Cookie Bake-off takes place at Freehold Raceway Mall. “Talking with TJ” after-school program implemented with Freehold YMCA. Serving 1 in 5 girls within jurisdiction.

2002 – 90-40 Anniversary Celebration at Camp Sacajawea on October 5. 90th anniversary of GSUSA on March 12. 90-40 patch program introduced. Approval secured from Howell Township for riding center, program facility and athletic fields. Monmouth Council record of 24 Senior Girl Scouts earning the Gold Award. Extremely successful nine-week season of Day Camp with girls of all ages. Monmouth Council serves more than 11,600 girls in conjunction with nearly 4,500 adult volunteers in Monmouth and Northern Ocean Counties.

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