

Two Girl Scouts Earn Silver Award With Dance/Arts Camp

By Eileen Shomo

Lauren Murphy likes to dance. Amanda Miller likes art.

The two Garnet Valley High School freshmen earned their Silver Badges in Girl Scouts, the highest in Cadette scouting, with a creative camp for young girls the week of Aug. 10-14.

Lauren has been taking dancing lessons at Kicks Dance Studio for 10 years that included ballet, tap (her favorite), hip-hop and lyrical and decided a camp would be just the thing to earn her coveted badge.

Amanda, on the other hand, spends much of her spare time on arts and crafts projects, so the two friends, from Girl Scout Troop 5238 of the Garnet Valley Service Unit, combined their talents and kept 18 young girls under 5 years old occupied for two hours a day for five days without a minute's boredom.

Amanda has been a Scout for eight years and said she enjoys playing tennis but her

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real passion is arts and crafts, so the selection of her project was easy.

Lauren has been a Girl Scout since kindergarten and in addition to dancing, she also likes to play tennis.

Both girls enjoy spending time with family and friends and listening to music.

Amanda Smith, 4, felt very special on Thursday because she was celebrating the ripe old age of 4 years.

During the first half hour of the camp each day, the students were divided into two groups, one to learn some dance steps, while the others sat at carefully prepared tables to learn a new craft. The little ones also received a snack and juice each day between sessions. After snack time, they switched roles and either danced or made a craft.

The two Scouts had to come up with an idea worthy of consideration for the Silver Award, enlist help and carry it out, with one of the requirements being 40 hours of lead-

ership.

On the last day of camp, the students and their teachers performed for family and friends.

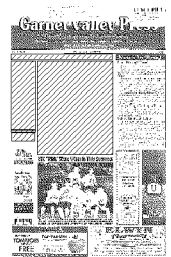
Their helpers included Amber Smith, Lindsay Hazen, Jessica Smith, Ellie Ezekiel and Sara Erwin.

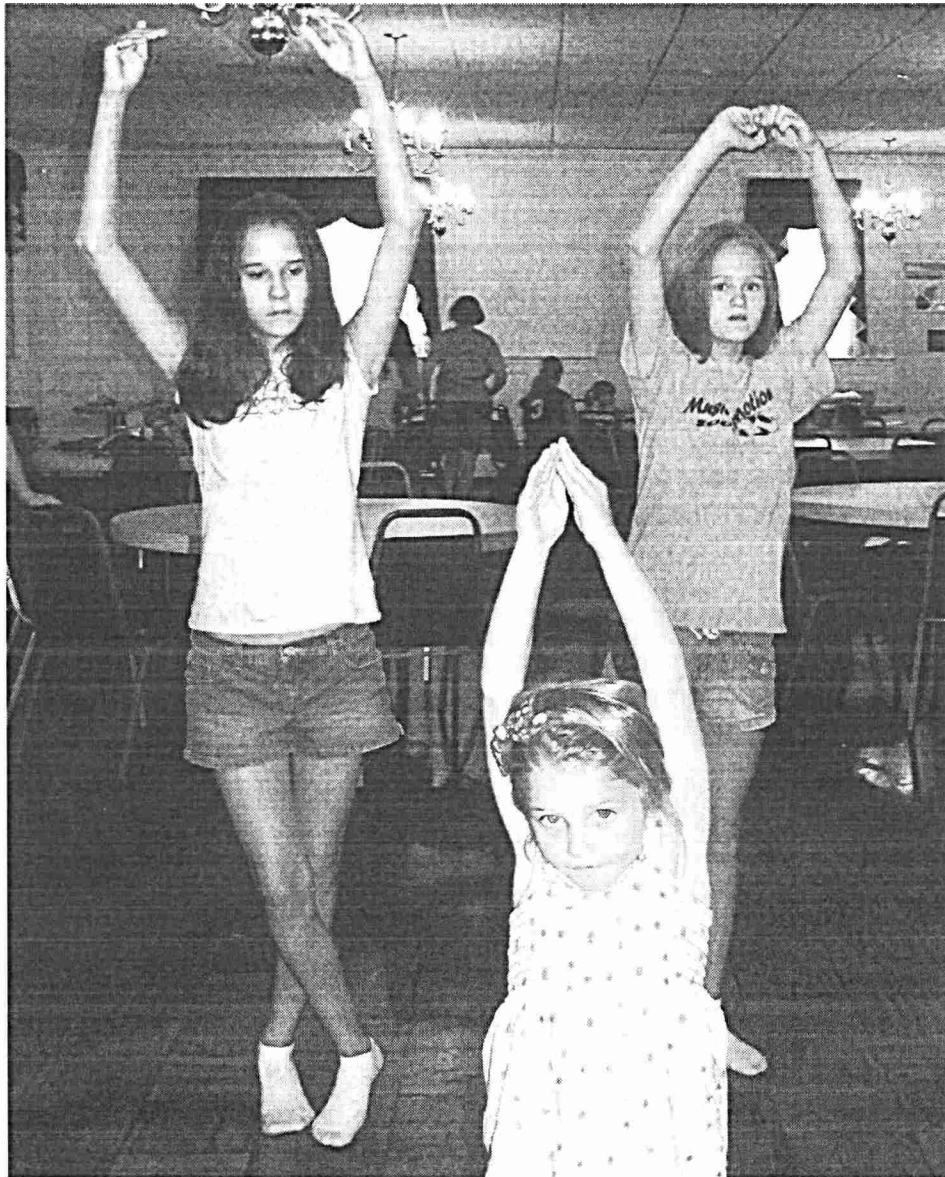
The young dancers and crafters who participated in the camp were Jodi Novak, Victoria Acosta, Samantha Acosta, Ella Bice, Amanda Smith, Maja Haracz, Mackenzie Ratliff, Brooke Sullivan, Colleen Murray, Lucy Ivy, Mia Lerman, Riley Stoddard, Lindsay Balick, Aubrey Nisbet, Ashley Jones, Maddison Michulka, Kiley Michulka and Kate Schaller.

In the fall, the two Silver Award winners will bridge over to Senior Girls Scouts, where the most coveted award is Gold.

Lynn Ziemer is the leader of Troop 5238.

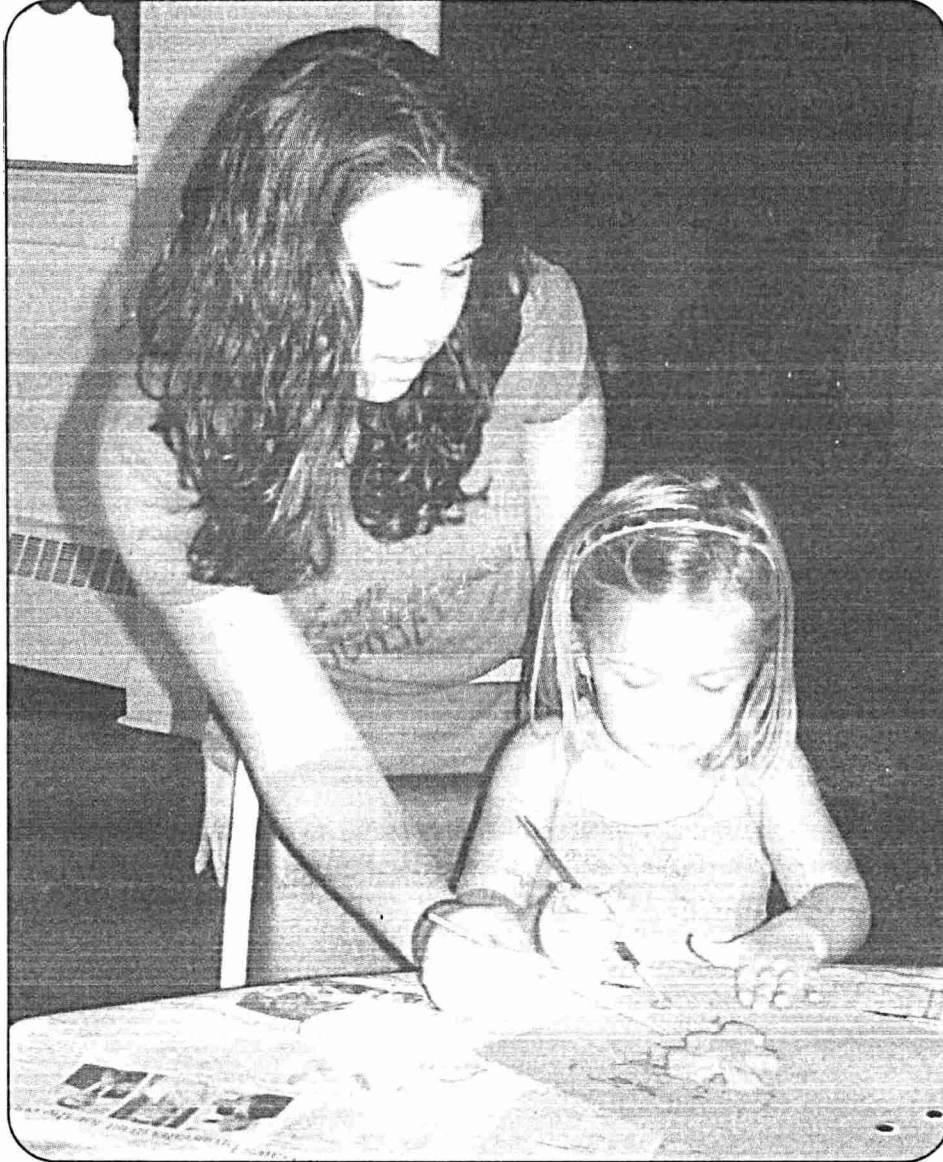
With their ability to lead, earning a Gold award should be no problem for these inventive teens.





Brooke Sullivan (front) learns a new dance step from Jacyln Novak and Lauren Murphy.

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**Right: Amanda Miller helps
Kate Schaller, 3, paint her
ginger bread man.**
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