

## Girl Scouting Deserves And Needs Our Support

By Alice Key

All too often, it happens that, for one reason or another, even the most prodigious and dedicated community workers overlook a community program or project that direly needs their attention and help. Most often, the oversight stems from the fact that the program is such a worthwhile and established one, it simply just doesn't occur to anyone that the program is in trouble.

SUCH IS THE case with the Girl Scouting program in our West Las Vegas community. Mrs. Shirley McDaniels, Senior Recreation Leader at Doolittle Center is a young woman who deserves the respect, even adulation, of every parent and caring citizen in our community. She has displayed total commitment to the welfare of our children. She is completely selfless in her zeal to open all avenues for the youngsters, and works courageously and dogmatically, even on her own time to make it possible for every youngster to be given the advantage of all programs devised for youth.

Unfortunately, Mrs. McDaniels toils without the support from members of the community that she deserves. She has, wisely, issued an SOS for the Girl Scouting Program.

Answering her call, I learned there was much about Girl Scouting that I didn't know or had given much thought to. I have accepted the privilege offered me to bring the need of parental and community involvement in the West Las Vegas Girl Scouting program to the VOICE readers' attention.

Relying heavily on information given me by Shirley McDaniels and that gleaned from brochures on the Scouting program, I will do my best to bring to you the various programs of Scouting that depend upon community volunteers for their success.

FIRST, PARENTS should realize the benefits of Girl Scouting for their daughters. It offers a carefully balanced program which grows as their daughters grow from age seven to seventeen.

"There is one Girl Scout program with four age level adaptations, each in harmony with the needs and interests of the girls."

For 2nd and 3rd graders (age 7 and 8 years) there are the BROWNIE GIRL SCOUTS. JUNIOR GIRL SCOUTS are for those 9, 10, and 11 years old, or in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. CADETTE GIRL SCOUTS--ages 12, 13, and 14 years are those in the 7th, 8th, and 9th grades, and SENIOR GIRL SCOUTS in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades, are aged 15, 16, and 17.

Girl Scout Troops can be organized from school or Church, and there are many ways that Clubs or Groups can sponsor or aid a troop. Individuals can be of great help, also, in the program.

ONE OUT OF seven girls in the United States belongs to the Girl Scouts, but many more want to be and even need the programs provided by Girl Scouting.

Next week, I shall detail the manner in which you can serve our girls in Scouting. In the meanwhile, parents might call Mrs. McDaniels at Doolittle Recreation Center for information as to learn how they can help. So can individuals or any community club or organization wishing to lend effort to the program.

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