

Bice Camping is an essential part of the Girl Scout program and girls of this vicinity are given a chance to attend the approved camp at Dover, Kansas, which is under the auspices of the Topeka Council; the Pin Oak Camp, Kaiser, Mo., under the auspices of the Kansas City, Mo., Girl Scout Council. At camp the girls learn the fundamentals of physical living. They build lean-tos, erect their tents, construct fire places, cook out-of-doors, learn to swim and to get along with others. In addition to the permanent camping, a day camp is provided during the month of June, which meets twice each week. The activities of this camp consist of nature study, dramatics, archery, and handicraft. The average attendance last summer was around 50 girls.

Hoover Who are the local council and how do they aid the troops?

Bice The local council is composed of a group of representative women and is chartered by the National Council. It provides the necessary funds for training its leaders. It is responsible for the maintaining of Girl Scout standards under its jurisdiction. The local council of Lawrence sponsors only the activities in the postal area of Lawrence. It is responsible for giving the Girl Scouts the Girl Scout program. Some communities have community committees which are smaller than local councils, but whose purpose is to promote and supervise the welfare of Girl Scouting. Each troop may have its own committee also who is interested primarily in one troop alone.

Hoover How many Girl Scouts are there in America?

Bice Actual membership as of October 31, 1937, was:

 Girl Scouts 318,004

 Brownies 40,446

 Leaders and
 adult members 83,514

 Making a total registration of 441,964

 Actual membership as reported in October, 1938 was over 500,000.

Hoover You spoke of the Brownies in your membership--what are they?

Bice The Brownies are the girls between the ages of 7 and 10. Their program is separate from the Girl Scouts, yet part of it. They become Girl Scouts at 10.

Hoover How many Scout troops are there in Lawrence?

Bice There are 12 registered troops of Girl Scouts in Lawrence, and two Brownie Packs. Two of the troops are colored Girl Scouts. The organization is non-sectarian and non-partisan. There are Girl Scout troops in 29 different countries. A chalet for international camping is in Switzerland where girls from all countries come together to live and camp as sister scouts.

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