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Traveling library display commemorates 100-year-old camp

Camp and Girl Scout memorabilia on display in NEPA libraries for viewing

Susquehanna County, PA – Supporters of Camp Archbald (SoCA) is celebrating the 100th anniversary of Camp Archbald, the second oldest Girl Scout camp in continuous operation within the United States. To celebrate this anniversary, SoCA has put together a collection of Girl Scout and Camp Archbald memorabilia. Traveling to a different library each month, this collection will showcase the rich history of Girl Scouts and Camp Archbald. Many of the pieces in this collection show that a girl's experience at Camp Archbald, whether in 1920 or 2020, has a profound experience on the rest of her life.

Kate Crowley of Tunkhannock, who is heading up the project, contacted several local libraries which have each agreed to host the collection for consecutive one month periods. Currently, the display is being housed at the Pike County Public Library in Milford. In the coming months, the collection will rotate between libraries, allowing each location to share these camp treasures with their community. These are the locations and corresponding months in which you can visit the collection: Pike County Public Library – Milford (March), Tunkhannock Public Library – Tunkhannock (April), Abington Community Library - Clarks Summit (May), Susquehanna County Library – Montrose (June), Albright Memorial Library – Scranton (July), Taylor Public Library – Taylor (August), Camp Archbald at S'more Fun (September), Carbondale Public Library – Carbondale (October).

Most of the display items are on loan from current SoCA members. The collection's oldest item, a journal from a former camper about her adventures at camp, dates to 1930. Other items include camp guides, postcards (Crowley's personal favorite), pictures, and mess kits. "The library is the perfect place to showcase to everyone the last 100 years of fun and leadership at Camp Archbald," Crowley says.

Join us (and our collection) at our anniversary event, S'more Fun at Camp Archbald, on September 12th for a giant day of celebration. Open to everyone, registration starts May 1st at bit.ly/smofunatcamparchbald.

SoCA would like to thank all eight libraries for their participation in this project and the members of SoCA who loaned their personal camp items for the display.

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