

We took 10 Juniors to Cracks, Crevices & Crawlways on Saturday, January 25th at Camp Skimino. All of the events were indoors in the large Enmire Center, right off the main parking lot.

We started at 10am and were pulling out of Skimino at 2:10 after a potty stop before getting on the road. We spent an hour at each of 4 station with a 30 minute lunch in the middle.

Station #1 - 3 sub-rotations of team building games. The girls LOVED this!

Station #2 - information about the Council's annual Caving trip (for girls 12 years and older) in West Virginia. The girls were able to ask questions while watching a power-point presentation of pictures of past trips. This kind of drug on, but in my evaluation recommended maybe actually dressing a girl in the caving garb or some more hands on things to keep the girl more interested.lets just say several girls took bathroom break during this station. :)

Station #3 - 3 homemade apparatuses the girls crawled through to learn/practice basic caving skills. Our girls also enjoyed this station.

Station #4 - 2 makeshift caves where the girls wore headlamps to try to maneuver through. I even got a chance to go through. It was VERY neat! We also played a game as a group.

The best part of this event was that all of the stations were being facilitated by older girls who had been on the caving trip. This is one of the things I love most about Girl Scouting, when the older girls share their experiences with the younger ones. Each station had a new set of older scouts sharing stories of caving trips and how exciting it is to do. We left with several of our girls counting the days until they were 12, so they could attend the trip.

I would recommend this event for Juniors and up. There were some Brownie troops there, but I felt like a lot of the activities were over their heads and they viewed all of it more as an indoor playground, rather than preparation for a caving trip.

At the end, the girls got a patch (which we opted to pay an extra \$2 for), a bat ring, and a few fun printed activity sheets. All 10 of the girls I took had a GREAT time!

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