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100 YEARS OF SCOUTING



Jamboree volunteer Eileen Christensen, Flotilla 25-6, South Windsor, Connecticut, shows the marlinspike display to Rear Admiral Parks.

Auxiliarists Go Camping

For ten days in July, Jamboree City became the eighth largest city in Virginia when 50,000 Boy Scouts and their adult leaders converged on 60,000 acres at Fort A.P. Hill near Bowling Green, Virginia, for the National Scout Jamboree celebrating 100 years of scouting.

Over 130 members of the Coast Guard family were present, including fifty-five Auxiliarists. Most of Team Coast Guard served as counselors, guiding scouts through the process to earn merit badges for aquatic activities and safety. The Auxiliary also staffed a booth where volunteers taught marlinspike to hundreds of scouts. Almost 75 percent of all Coast Guard jamboree volunteers were scouts and almost 50 percent of those were Eagle scouts.

Sea Scouts are a part of scouting's Venturing program and open to boys and girls ages 14 to 18. It is supported by the Coast Guard Auxiliary through a Memorandum of Understanding. Sea Scout units, called "ships," focus on maintaining and operating safely either sail or power boats. About 7,000 teenagers are Sea Scouts. 🚢



Jamboree City at Fort A.P. Hill, near Bowling Green, Virginia, served as home to approximately 50,000 scouts and their adult leaders in July.



John Gray, Flotilla 26-5 commander, tickets a shy Alex Maines, while mom Kisha looks on.

TICKET-A-KID

With an ice cream treat

A uxiliarists sometimes wish they had the enforcement power to ticket parents when they see kids on the water without life jackets, bow riding on a cuddy cabin, holding onto the rails with their feet and dangling over the gunwales, or on an overloaded PWC or pontoon. John Gray, commander, North Carolina Western Foothills Flotilla 26-5, thought of a different approach. He enlisted the owner of his local Dairy Queen who agreed to provide ice cream treats to kids doing the right thing—wearing their life jackets.

The flotilla paid for the printing of the tickets which vessel examiners and patrols carry with them. Gray eventually expanded the program to include North Carolina Wildlife Officers. “Our program increases awareness of recreational boating safety,” Gray said. “It gives the kids a treat and gets the whole family into Dairy Queen to redeem their tickets. It’s a win-win for all involved.”