



Ellen McKenzie decorates a cookie as one of the activities at a neighborhood day camp run by two enterprising 10-year-olds.

Jennifer Hextall (standing left) and Karen Mulbarger organize the 2-7-year-olds for the day's events.



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Grassroots camping

Youngsters set up neighborhood play group

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TWO FARMINGTON HILLS fifth graders — Jennifer Hextall and Karen Mulbarger — got into the summer groove and repelled the August blues, by putting their heads together and throwing a one-week day camp for girls ages 2-7 in their subdivision.

Last week from noon to 2 p.m., the would-be campers met at the Hextall residence in the Canterbury Commons

Subdivision. Campers came by the day or for the full week. Cost for the camp was \$1.50 per day.

Sitting on a sheet which sported a picture of Snoopy and the words, "He's our Hero," Jennifer and Karen refilled juice glasses, made sure everyone was comfortable, and wiped lunch remnants off the youngsters' faces.

They were definitely in charge of their campers, who were just a few years younger than themselves. Both camp leaders were 10 years old.

Jennifer and Karen spent a week

planning their program in advance. They made flyers announcing the camp and personally delivered them to the houses of prospective campers.

"WE'VE MADE about \$30 a piece," Jennifer said. She was motivated to try the camp idea to earn money for a new 18-speed bicycle. Karen wasn't sure what she would do with her earnings, but they may go toward a portable radio, she said.

Each day there were different activities preceded by an outdoor picnic

lunch which participants brought themselves.

After lunch, crafts, a best-stuffed animal contest, macaroni necklace making, bead-stringing, relay and group games, story telling, felt teddy-bear making and paper-plate-face making were conducted by the two girls.

Highlights of the week were a circus day, including game booths and a special visit from Mathilde the clown (Jennifer's mom, Becky Hextall), and a puppet show, with borrowed puppets

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Karen Mulbarger helps Kallyn Green get cleaned up.

INSIDE ANGLES

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LAURIE McKINNON, a senior at North Farmington High School, has been chosen as a participant in the 1985 Michigan State Board of Education Summer Institute for the Arts and Sciences Gifted Program at Saginaw Valley State College. Statewide, 53 juniors and seniors were selected for this honor. Her flute solo won her the top award from the 1985 Farmington Musical Program this spring. Laurie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McKinnon of Farmington Hills.

SPEC. 4 SUSAN WURSTNER, daughter of Donald and Rose Wurstner of Farmington, has been decorated with the U.S. Army Commendation Medal at Fort George G. Meade, Md. The Army Commendation Medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Army. Wurstner is an electronic warfare specialist with the Intelligence and Security Command. She received an associate degree in 1982 from Henry Ford Community College.

INDRA DAVID of Farmington Hills has been named associate dean of the library at Oakland University. She came to OU in 1976 as assistant to the dean of the library and has also served on several university committees. She served as president of the National Librarians Association in 1982-83. Before coming to OU, David held library positions at Syracuse University and Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, and faculty positions at the University of Madras, India. David is a doctoral candidate in the Wayne State University College of Education.

KAREN NEAL, a 1988 graduate of North Farmington High School, graduated in June with a 3.8 grade point average from Eastern Michigan University. Karen is married to David Neal and has two children, Katie and Douglas.

EILEEN McCARTHY of Farmington Hills, a Mercy High School graduate, has recently graduated summa cum laude from Boston College. Since returning from a trip to Europe, she has accepted a position in research and marketing with the Ford Motor Co. in Cherry Hill, N.J.

CLAIRE LANGRAN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Langran of Northville, has won a Presidential Scholarship from Hillsdale College where she will enroll as a freshman this fall. The Presidential Scholarship is one of the most prestigious academic awards bestowed by Hillsdale College.

MICHAEL HOBART of Farmington Hills has been named to the dean's honor list and the dean's distinguished academic honor list at Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

ARMY SPEC. KANDY IRVIN, daughter of Judy McMullen of Farmington Hills and James McMullen of Ewart, Mich., has arrived for duty in West Germany. Irvin, a military police specialist with the 59th Ordnance Brigade, was previously assigned in Panama. She is a 1982 graduate of Farmington High School.

DOROTHY DONOVAN, Margaret Bezzerko and Jane Gertz have been named to the dean's list at Madonna College.

SITAR, a new Indian restaurant at 29550 Grand River in Farmington Hills, opens its doors today, which coincidentally is India's Independence Day. They will be serving authentic Indian dishes.

PAT RICHARDSON of Farmington, an independent beauty consultant for Mary Kay cosmetics, has just returned home from three days of intensive sales and product training in Dallas as a participant in Mary Kay's 1985 national seminar.

LEIGH M. TOOMEY of Farmington received a bachelor's of science degree in nursing from Northern Michigan University.

THOMAS J. KRUPKA, a physics teacher at Farmington High School, was among 40 outstanding high school physics teachers nationwide who recently completed a Physics Honor Workshop at Virginia Military Institute. The three-week workshop, funded by the National Science Foundation, stressed science lecture demonstrations designed to stimulate student interest. The teachers were selected for the honors workshop by a committee of the American Association of Physics Teachers. Krupka, who lives in Farmington, is a member of the Board of Directors of the Farmington Education Association, Committee Chairman, Troop 179 B.S.A. and a member of the American Association of Physics Teachers.

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