

Taking Care of Yourself

WRITE AWAY:

Float away with us on a cloud of writing; learn good ways to keep yourself busy during those lonesome or boring times. Listen as we share our passion for books with your troop. We'll cover...

- 1) Get started on MY LIFE-I LOVE IT! We'll do the first page to start your own autobiography complete with illustrations.
- 2) Browse the biography section of the shop. Talk about them and let's pick one you want to read.
- 3) As a group we write a story; plus we will throw words out for a fun mad-lib.
- 4) Write a letter or postcard – we'll practice fun letter and then mail them out.

CAREERS:

Thought about what you want to do when you grow up. Valerie will talk about owning and starting your own business. We'll cover...

- 1) List all the things you would like to do, discuss as a group what some of these interests would relate to in the job market.
- 2) Valerie will discuss some of the jobs she held as a child and what it takes to run the bookstore.
- 3) Charades- Pick a career (but don't tell) lets act it out and see if the whole troop can guess what you are
- 4) Discuss the types of businesses we can start now, you too can start making money!

Family and Friends

PUPPETS, DOLLS, AND PLAYS:

Everyone loves puppets and plays. Show your unique and artistic side while we discover a world of arts. We'll cover...

- 1) Make your own hand puppet using all kinds of different materials and ideas
- 2) Learn about the history of dolls- including what kinds your grandmother, mother, and now you like.
- 3) Get the stage ready. Discuss and build small props for your play
- 4) Group performances of small play-lets that you and your friends write. Make sure you enjoy the show.

People Near and Far

CREATIVE COMPOSING:

Composing using our words will be the highlight of this try-it. Creating new and interesting poetry and using messages will be sure to get your troop excited. We'll cover...

- 1) Compose a poem with the help of our in store poets. Learn several different styles that are fun to write. Share with the whole group
- 2) Create a play with your friends and perform it for us. We'll talk about what makes a play exciting and how it can be different than a movie.
- 3) Compose a message using secret code. Learn new codes that only you and your

friends will know.

4) Art for everyone; use different mediums to come up with your own unique artwork.

Author Visits

Author visits to our shop fulfill several requirements for many of the different badges that we offer. It is a wonderful experience to share with your Girl Scout Troop. To meet a “real” author and listen to their stories is something most girls will always remember. Talk to the staff at Blue Willow Bookshop to schedule your meeting with an author visit. As a store these are the “celebrities” that we encourage and push kids to admire.