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SCOUTS BSA TROOP FOR GIRLS AGES 11-17 COMING TO CHATHAM, MADISON & SUMMIT

Submitted by Alexander Thomas, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

In February 2019, the first Scouts BSA girl troop for Chatham, Madison and Summit will begin meeting. Scouts BSA Troop 280 will be girl-only, for young women ages 11-17 to have the same great program that Boy Scouts have had for years.

Scouts BSA Troop 280 will be chartered to Stanley Congregational Church in Chatham Borough. It will meet weekly on Wednesdays and have an outdoor activity monthly (such as camping, hiking, canoeing, shooting, climbing, etc.). As the Troop grows, the meeting day may adjust accordingly. An Open House will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 23rd at 7:00-8:00 p.m. at Stanley Church, 94 Fairmount Avenue, Chatham Borough, for all girls age 11-17 with potential interest in joining.

Incoming Scoutmaster Daniele Basralian will provide guidance to the Scouts BSA but Troop 280 will be a girl-run troop. One of the key features of the Scouts BSA program is

the interaction between older and younger Scouts BSA. The older Scouts BSA get leadership experience at weekly meetings and during activities. The younger Scouts BSA get the experience of being led by older youth who accept them as equal members in the troop and as friends.

Along with outdoor activities, Scouts BSA Troop 280 will prepare its members for life by learning skills while earning merit badges, interacting with their Scoutmaster and other adult leaders, learning about their role as citizens, public speaking experience at troop meetings, and service projects that teach them to help others.

For information about Scouts BSA Troop 280, contact Scoutmaster Daniele Basralian, troop280chatham@gmail.com.

For information about Scouts BSA in other towns, contact Patriots' Path Council, BSA, Senior District Executive Al Thomas, al.thomas@scouting.org.

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(above) Future Scouts BSA attended a training weekend in October 2018.

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CHATHAM AND MADISON OUTSTANDING KEY CLUB MEMBERS NAMED AT KIWANIS MEETING

The Kiwanis Club of the Chathams/Madison was proud to present the award for Outstanding Key Club Member at their November 27, 2018 Meeting.

The Chatham High School Key Club awarded Owen Truppo for his dedication and genuine care for the Key club and all of the efforts they pursue each year. As a freshman last year, Owen immediately sought a role beyond that of a general member. He ran for grade level representative and was the liaison between the Key Club officers and the freshman members of the club, disseminating information as needed and reaching out to underactive members to encourage them to participate in upcoming events. Owen reprised this role for the 2018-2019 school year but has consistently acted in excess of the requirements

of a grade level rep, as he has pursued fundraising efforts, and has been present at all club meetings.

The Madison High School Key Club selected Benjamin Waksman for his active membership for the past 4 years. He has handled secretarial duties such as spreadsheets for attendance in a meticulous and thorough fashion. He is always the first one to ask if help is needed. His warm personality helps to keep members engaged. He juggles a full course load, including varsity sports and other extracurricular activities, yet always makes the Key Club a priority.

The Kiwanis Club Meetings are held at Charlie Brown's Steakhouse in Chatham, and are always open for guests!

Any inquiries feel free to reach out to Justin Montanaro at jmontanaro@pineacresrehab.com



(above, l-r) Owen Truppo and his parents. Kiwanians Sharon Johnson, Betty Anne Keat.



(above) Benjamin Waksman with his parents.



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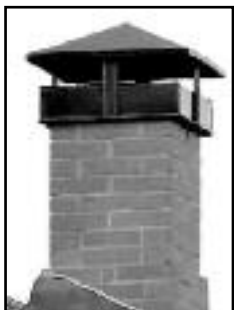
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"FOOD AND YOU" A FREE DISCUSSION AT GRACE COUNSELING CENTER

Grace Counseling Center in Madison, NJ is offering a discussion free to the community titled "Food and You" on Thursday, January 25, 2018 from 10-11 a.m. and 7-8 p.m.

Presented by Joanne S. Miller, M.Div., the discussion will center on exploring some of the issues behind emotional eating as well as helpful

guidelines for healthy eating. Is how much and what we eat simply a matter of willpower, or are there other factors that influence our eating? Please RSVP to 973-822-0707, space is limited. The Grace Counseling Center is located at 16 Madison Avenue, Madison, NJ.

ROSIE THE ROSE CITY REINDEER SCAVENGER HUNT WINNERS

With more than 50 businesses participating, it was a month long search to find Rosie the Rose City Reindeer.

Last year, the Madison Area Chamber of Commerce created and launched a creative and fun activity to help highlight the holidays. For the second consecutive year children of all ages were invited to participate in an event that brings a smile to all who take part.

Children were encouraged to search the town for Rosie the Rose City Reindeer, collect toys and prizes along the way and have the opportunity to be included in a grand prize drawing. Toys prizes were donated by Tons of Toys, 64 Main St.

Tons of Toys owner Chris Brinkofski announced the winners on Monday, December 17 during a live feed on the ILoveMadisonNJ Facebook page.

The grand prize winner was Nicholas Page who was awarded a \$100 Madison Gift Check. Second and third place winners, Madison Mori and Penelope Kraines each received a \$50 Madison Gift Check.

"The Rosie scavenger hunt was a ton of fun for everyone involved," said Chamber executive director Karen Giambra. "Many thanks to everyone who supported and participated...Rosie will certainly return again next year!"



(above) Rosie the Rose City Reindeer and Tons of Toys owner Chris Brinkofski.

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ART STUDENTS PAINT DOWNTOWN FOR HOLIDAYS

The Madison High School Art students once again partnered with Madison Area Chamber of Commerce businesses to help brighten the downtown businesses district with their holiday artwork. Students painted store front windows and doors and helped to make Madison more festive this holiday season. All artwork was complete by the Annual Christmas walk on November 23, 2018.

The Drew Art Committee also graciously lent their talent and participated in painting.

The students earned service hours through Madison High School for their volunteer work and are each presented a certificate of achievement by the chamber.

"This annual program is a fun, positive, community oriented project that we are very excited to be able to offer our businesses." said

the Chamber's executive director, Karen Giambra. "We look forward to working with the students each year and enjoy the talent and festivity that they bring to our downtown."



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Tween Steam Hour (3rd grade+)

Friday, January 11, 4-5 p.m.

Join us for an hour of STEAM freeplay fun in the Chase Room. Spheros, Snap Circuits, LEGOS, oh my! See what fun you can get into with the library's techy gadgets. Please register.

Paws for Reading (ages 5-10)

Saturday, January 12, 11:00 a.m.

Build confidence and vocabulary (and have fun) while reading to licensed therapy dogs. They are very good listeners! Registration required for this program.

Mommy and Me Yoga (ages 2-5)

Monday, January 14, 10:30 am

Please register for this program. Travel underwater, visit the circus, fly high up in the sky, and see where else we can travel in yoga storytime with Miss Tracy! Each session will be a new adventure with a story and yoga poses to go along with it. Sponsored by Friends of the Madison Public Library.

Storybox Tales (ages 4-6)

Monday, January 14, 4:00 p.m.

Educator Allison Caplan brings to life the magic of storytelling right in your location! The Storybox Tales program combines favorite tales with puppets, props, and interactive songs to engage and enthrall young children – and foster their love of reading. Visit StoryboxTales.com for more information. Please register for this program. Sponsored by Ralph Errington Charitable Foundation.

Stories and Songs (ages 2-5)

Tuesday, January 15, 10:30 a.m.

For children ages 2 to 5 years, this storytime and craft is an excellent way to introduce important listening and early literacy skills to young children.

Drop-in program - no registration required.

Lego Club (Ages 5-10)

Tuesday, January 15, 4:00 p.m.

Join us for Lego Club!

We provide the Lego Bricks - you bring the imagination! Registration required for this event.

All the Presidents' Gardens

Tuesday, January 15, 7:00 p.m.

Come learn about the history of the gardens at The White House with New York Times Bestselling author Marta McDowell. Marta McDowell brings you through the history of the changing grounds at the White House and discusses the presidents, first ladies and the gardeners. Please register online for this program.

Teen Book Arts (5th grade-12th grade)

Tuesday, January 15, 7-8:30 p.m.

Have you ever wanted to make a secret compartment in a book? Join us for a fun workshop to learn how! Registration is required. We will be meeting in the Rushmore Room.

Tween Craft: -Tassel/Pompom Backpack Charm (ages 8 and up only)

Wednesday, January 16, 4:00 p.m.

Join us for a special afternoon craft series at the library. Please register in advance.

Ready... Set... Go! To College (6th-10th grade)

Wednesday, January 16, 4-5:30 p.m.

A workshop for Middle School students and Ninth and Tenth grade students on how to prepare for the Eleventh Grade College Search process. We will explore, explain and discuss Resumes, Transcripts, Report Cards, SAT- ACT Testing, The Essay, The Interview, Teacher Recommendations, Campus Visits, The Application, and other College Preparation/Search Topics. Handouts will be given. The format is an interactive discussion on how the student can make him/herself a better candidate for college acceptance. Anticipated workshop length: 1½ hours. Parents of 6th-10th graders are also welcome! Registration is Required.

STEAM Storytime (ages 2-5)

Thursday, January 17, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Join Miss Paige for 45 minutes of themed learning for your preschooler. Each session will include one to two books, felt board or finger plays, and various stations for individual learning. It's never too early to introduce your children to the concept of STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art & Math)!

Drop-In in the Picturebook Room.

Unplugged Gamers (4th grade+)

Thursday, January 17, 4-5 p.m.

It's time for some old fashioned gaming! Join us for an hour of fun games without a screen.

Snacks provided. Meet in the Chase Room.

No registration required.

Advanced Beginner/Intermediate Chess Class (Ages 6+)

Saturday, January 19, 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a Saturday morning chess class led by Coach Rob of Diplomat Chess! Students will improve their chess abilities, as well as develop strategic thinking skills, foster good sportsmanship, improve concentration, build self-confidence, and have fun! Class time will be split between an interactive group lesson and playing time. All equipment will be provided by Diplomat Chess.

This class is for advanced beginners (players that can complete a game of chess to checkmate).

Registration required. Sponsored by Friends of the Madison Public Library.

Art for Tots (Ages 18 months - 3 years)

Monday, January 21, 10:30 a.m.

Experiment with art! Toddlers will learn a basic artistic concept each program and get a chance to experience it hands-on. Remember to wear play clothes - things might get messy! Registration required for this program.

Maker Monday:

Drop-in Activity - Melted Crayons (ages 5+)

Monday, January 21, 4:00 p.m.

Drop by the library's lobby between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. for a fun Maker related activity!

This afternoon's activity will be using melted crayons to make artwork. These programs are recommended for children who are 5 years old and up.

Stories and Songs (ages 2-5)

Tuesday, January 22, 10:30 a.m.

For children ages 2 to 5 years, this storytime and craft is an excellent way to introduce important listening and early literacy skills to young children. Drop-in program - no registration required.

Go, van Gogh! Armchair Art Tour

Tuesday, January 22, 7:00 p.m.

Pastor and painter Vincent van Gogh produced more than 2,000 works of art in his last decade. Van Gogh wrote to his brother Theo that, as he had no children, he viewed his paintings as his progeny. Let's explore some of these "brilliant children," especially those at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Come spend an evening with art historian Michael Norris to learn about van Gogh's art and life. Registration required.

Tween Craft: No-Sew Fleece Pillow (ages 8 and up only)

Wednesday, January 23, 4:00 p.m.

Join us for a special afternoon craft series at the library. Please register in advance.

Bad Art Night (5th grade+)

Thursday, January 24, 4-5:30 p.m.

What is 'bad art'? Well... bad art is what you make of it! It's gaudy... it's outrageous... it's absolutely fun to make! Join us in the Chase Room for an evening of creations beyond anyone's belief. Will you take home the Madison Public Library Bad Art trophy? Registration is required. This program is only for Teens.

Anime & Ramen (Grade 8+)

Friday, January 25, 4-5 p.m.

Your favorite anime + noodles = the perfect after school hangout! Meets in the Chase Room. No registration required.

Sensory Storytime

Saturday, January 26, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Join Miss Paige for a storytime specifically tailored to individuals with special needs or who are uncomfortable with regular storytime. This structured storytime will incorporate literacy education, fine motor skills, socialization, and sensory-friendly activities for your children. Lights will be dimmed, any music played will be at a moderate to quiet level, and the group will be small for those who are easily overwhelmed. Please inform Miss Paige of any requests for accommodations and she will be happy to see what she can do for the comfort of your child.

This storytime is open to families.

Registration is required.

Science Explore (families)

Saturday, January 26, 1:00 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of exploration! We will have stations with various activities, crafts, and more. The first of our Science Explore series will focus on weather. Learn about weather, make a rain/snow gauge, and more. Drop-in program. No registration required.

History of the Super Bowl

Sunday, January 27, 2 p.m.

The Super Bowl is much more than a football game. It's the Super Bowl, as you might know, it is the only sports event that impacts every community in the United States.

But, did you know that the Super Bowl rose out of the civil rights movement, specifically the African American Boycott of the AFL All Star Game in New Orleans. Evan Weiner, a veteran sports broadcaster will take us on a journey from the birth of the Super Bowl to talk about the halftime shows and everything in between including how the famed football game got its name!

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Chair Yoga

Monday, January 28, 11:15

Come join a certified yoga instructor and do yoga from your own chair. No registration.

Teen Treats & Good Eats (5th grade+)

Monday, January 28, 4-4:45 p.m.

Join Torey from the Chatham Library to learn how to make a special, tasty snack.

Registration required for this event.

Do You Want to Build a Snowman?

DIY Plush Snowman (ages 3-7)

Monday, January 28, 6:30 p.m.

Please register for this program.

Do you want to build a snowman? Take home this snuggly and warm snowman friend that won't melt away in the spring! We will be reading a story, stuffing our snowman, and making a small craft. Sponsored by Friends of the Madison Public Library.

The Revolutionary War

Tuesday, January 29, 7:30 p.m.

Historian Joel Farkas will take you on a journey through the history of the Revolutionary War in 1 hour! This lecture spans 50 years of extraordinary people, and their achievements, presented in a "visual history" manner. Just in time to honor the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln!

Tween Craft: -Penguin Sock Craft (ages 8 and up only)

Wednesday, January 30, 4:00 p.m.

Join us for a special afternoon craft series at the library. Please register in advance.

Movie Morning: Curious George (toddlers and preK)

Thursday, January 31, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a short video in the picture book room and a simple themed craft.

Drop-in program - no registration required.

After School Art: Mosaic Art (ages 5-10)

Thursday, January 31, 4:00 p.m.

Create a work of art with torn colored paper. Registration required for this event.



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