

September 2009

Irish Girl Guides run Taster Days

For two weeks in September the Irish Girl Guides ran 'Give Guiding a Go', Taster Days around Ireland from Ballybay, Co. Monaghan right down to Cork City, stopping in a different town each day. They ran free, fun-filled workshops which gave girls from throughout the community a chance to come and try out some Guiding activities such as games, team challenges, arts and crafts, songs and lots, lots more. In total over 200 girls and 60 parents came along.

The younger girls, Ladybirds, enjoyed parachute Games, T-shirt painting, making handprint poems and playing lots and lots of games.

The Brownie age group took part in various games and activities, with the highlight of the night being a colourful crepe paper fashion show for all parents and leaders to enjoy.

The Guide age group took part in team challenges, group activities and even tried a Girl Guide favourite, "S'mores". Great fun was had by all and some girls described the evening as; "fun", "learned loads", "I'm definitely coming back next week", "I had a great night" and "Guides are excellent"

Parents who stayed to watch their girls enjoy the sessions described the evening as "Very enjoyable and worthwhile" and "Something I think my daughter will really benefit from".

The Taster Day road-show visited the following towns: Carlow, Ballybay, Navan, Ballymote, Ballintogher, Galway city, Cloughjordan, Cork city and Limerick city.

The workshops were run by the Outreach Development Officer, Catherine O'Connor, and her capable team of Senior Branch girls aged 18-21 yrs.