River Valley Community College helps kick off Girl Scout Cookie Season

CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE | Two hundred Girl Scouts and volunteers headed off to college this month, when River Valley Community College teamed up with Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains to kick off the 2016 Cookie Season.

On January 9, the Claremont college was the setting for the regional Girl Scout Cookie Rally, where girls and troop leaders from around the region gathered to gear up cookie sales, while enjoying fun activities, games, and fellowship. During the second weekend in January, Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains sponsored five such events in two states. In addition to the Claremont rally, events were held in Manchester and Hampton, NH; and in St. Johnsbury and Burlington, VT.

This was the first time a Cookie Rally was held at River Valley Community College, according to the school’s president, Dr. Alicia B. Harvey-Smith, but it won’t be the last. “It was truly an honor to host this event,” Harvey-Smith said. “I have very fond memories of my time in Girl Scouts, from the friends made to the exposure to new adventures and learning. Girl Scouts are simply an excellent way for young girls to learn independence, discover hidden talents and develop strong self-esteem.”

Dr. Susan Henderson, the school’s interim vice president of academic affairs, agreed the recent event stirred up plenty of fond Girl Scouting memories. A Lifetime Member and longtime leader, Henderson currently oversees two troops and is the acting Volunteer Support Coordinator for Community 221. “Participating in girl scouts prepared me for my adult role both as a parent, registered nurse, educator and administrator at River Valley Community College,” Henderson said. “The skills that I have acquired over the years began in my early years when I became a Brownie.”

Technical support during the Claremont Cookie Rally was provided by the “River Valley Tech Solutions” computer club: comprised of students studying Computer Technology and Cybersecurity at the college. Nine club members lent a hand by setting up tables, helping Rally participants connect to the Internet, and helping GSGWM staff connect computers and set up a PowerPoint presentation.

The 2016 Cookie Season is currently underway. Cookies will be sold door-to-door and in booths, as well as online via the Digital Cookie platform.

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About Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains:

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains is recognized throughout New Hampshire and Vermont as a leading expert on girls. Our innovative leadership programs help girls discover, connect and take action as they develop strong values, a social conscience, and a deep sense of self and their potential. With over 13,500 members throughout New Hampshire and Vermont, girls discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together. Visit www.girlscoutsgwm.org.