

# Passport to Pisa 2010 Live Green and make a difference

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# Girl Scouts®

# Life is a beach

Story and photos by Kelly Harris

Troop 14, Naples, Italy

What do you think of when I say beach? You might think of a warm, sunny day with palm trees surrounding you.

The Girl Scouts that went to the “life’s a beach” class during Passport to Pisa in Camp Darby, Italy had a different experience.

It was damp and cold. Everyone bundled up and no one really was having fun in the beginning. Once the adults got a fire going some girls had a crazy idea to take off their shoes, and jackets, and stand in the waves, shin high.

The fire was warm and cozy. The smells were not so good because some smelly socks were roasting by the fire for warmth.

Some girls enjoyed making smores. Some caught fire, but they still ate them even though they were burnt.

The International Boy Scouts had fun playing kick ball for the first time. The ball wouldn’t roll on the sand as well as it would if on asphalt.

Soon it as time to go, and as we were leaving I thought to myself, “if the whole event was about the three R’s (recycle, reuse, reduce), then why didn’t we clean up the beach?”

It will be something I think about the next time I can make a difference and the clean up the environment.



**Girls and Boy Scouts enjoy a day at the American Beach in Tirrenia as part of the Passport to Pisa Program**



## Remembering Da Vinci

Kelly wears a replication of one of Leonardo Da Vinci’s inventions. It was part of one of many classes held during Passport to Pisa Feb 12-14 at Camp Darby, Italy. (Photo by Sydnye Harris, Troop 14, Naples)

## *Biking adventures in Tuscany*

Story and photos by Emilie Colliar  
Troop 29, Geneva, Switzerland

On Feb 13, a group of extremely lucky Girl and Boy Scouts went on a refreshing tour of Pisa (not pizza!). Only this was no ordinary tour. This group of scouts were on bikes.

At the beginning, it seemed like it was going to be a disaster because the smallest girl's bike saddle came up almost to her shoulders! This girl and a few other unlucky scouts had to work the pedals with their toes only!

However, after this shaky start, the afternoon was a great success. Once the seven scouts got used to their bikes, they had a wonderful time. The buildings looked a bit like the ones in Geneva old-town, but without the silly signs distracting you from the road. There were also beautiful trees which looked like giant, green umbrellas.

Anna, 11 years, a taller Girl Scout (no bike size problems for her), said she really enjoyed this bike trip even though it was her second choice of activity. Her first was the Use Resources Wisely workshop. Anna was not disappointed when she heard she got in for biking, as it turns out, she really enjoys it. She has been biking since she was four or five years old. Anna's favourite part was going downhill in a park because she could go fast without having to pedal.

Maya, on the other hand, had chosen biking as her first option. She also enjoyed the ride in the park. Her bike was definitely too big for her but she still managed to ride it.

After the bike ride, the cyclists relaxed on American Beach in Tirrenia.



**Girls and Boy Scouts enjoy biking in Tuscany Feb. 13 as part of the Passport to Pisa Program**



Kelly originally from the United States, moved recently to Naples. She prefers the U.S. because she says Naples is dirtier and colder than her previous home. Kelly is a shell collector, she also likes beaches, sand and sea glass. She says she hopes to win this nametag competition because she used some of her collection (Photo by Emilie Colliar, Troop 29, Switzerland).

## Cynthia Panzani and the Girl Scouts: Resources we cannot afford to waste

Story and photos by Mary Kate Bean  
Troop309, Spangdahlem, Germany

Cynthia Panzani has been in Girl Scouts for fifty-three years. She was honored with the Girl Scout 50 year Longevity Pin for this accomplishment.

Ms. Panzani was a journalist as her day job, and stuck to girl scouts and other things. She loves all animals and loves girl scouts.

Unlike most people who are only friendly some of the time, she radiated happiness to others by being good and kind to them. She said, “You know all those girls who live in poverty and scrub the floors to feed their families? I want to make them Girl Scouts.”

Ms Panzani directed and helped a class called “Using Resources Wisely” at the Passport to Pisa 2010 Live Green and Make a Difference conference.

When she was asked what she thought what would happen if we didn’t use our resources wisely she replied, “ Just look at the results from the past hundred years of industrialization, now accelerate one hundred years forward, what do see if we don’t use our resources wisely?”

Under Ms Panzani’s good direction the Girl Scouts have succeeded in remaking jeans into sit upons and bags as a thank you gift for allowing them to use the school for their classrooms and other facilities. The Girl Scouts



Cynthia Panzani displays some of the cloths that part of the Passp Girl Scouts reused as past of the Passport to Pisa Program 2010: Girls Scout program.

used 100% recycled materials. The Girl Scouts themselves are a human resource for the world to call upon when it needs help.

Ms. Panzani with all her accomplishments and wonderful personality is a bountiful resource as well.



**Avelon had and has a very interesting life. She was named after a song her parents were listening to. She has two siblings and a pet goldfish. Avelon used to live in Virginia where she had a quiet, peaceful life with her family and friends, She enjoyed living in the small town. (Photo By Maya Ross, Troop 29, Switzerland)**

## The Bike Challenge

Story and photo by Maya Ross

Troop 29, Geneva Switzerland

Feb. 13, the biking group of Scouts went for a ride in the city of Pisa. When we got to the biking place we got the bikes out. We all try the bikes and they were HUGE for some of us.

We had to lower the seats, but the bikes were just too big. So then we took the back lights off and finally the bikes fit. Well, for some of the scouts the bikes fit.

The time had come, so we got on our bikes and started off. It started to be hard, but then it got easier and easier. We went up and down hill and also went in parks, it was so cool. All the girls got really comfortable with their bikes. It was super fun. Other things we saw were old buildings, strange trees that looked like bow bows, and little cafes that were really nice.

Elena, one of the girls biking had been biking since she was five. She decided to do this activity because she likes biking and wanted to see the Italian area. Elena also did other activities like the Leonardo Da Vinci, and Self defense. She doesn't really bike with her family, but she bikes with her friends.

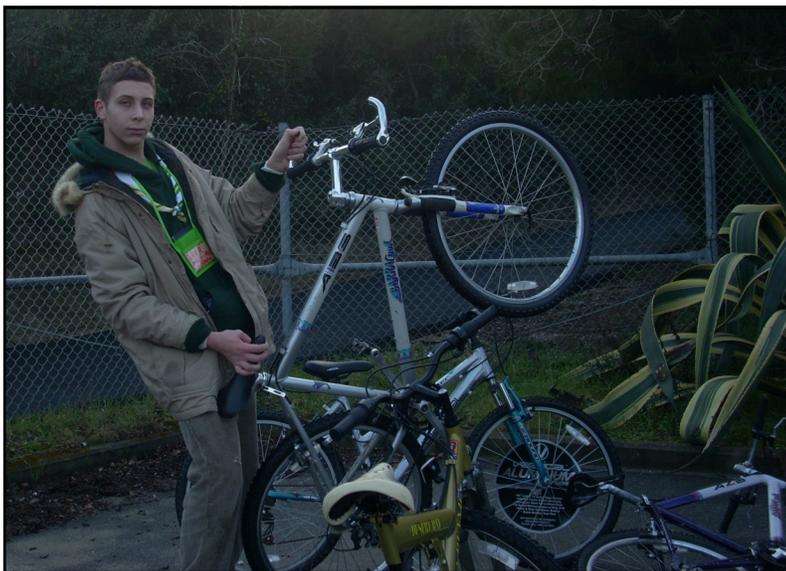
After all that biking, we walked to the American beach that was right near the biking place. The other scouts were doing another activity "Life's a Beach" so we didn't disturb them.

We relaxed on the sandy beach and the cool breeze blowing. It was quite soothing after all that biking in the city.

The beach was really nice and we got to make smores. We roasted the marshmallows over a little fire and when they were ready we took two chocolate-chip cookies and the marshmallows then, squished them together. They were not great, but we were very hungry.

After the smores we went out and looked for shells and shiny rocks. Then when the activity was done the two leaders put sand on the fire and buried on the beach.

It may have been a challenge to bike at first, but we all had fun in the end.



### Gabriela's Story

Gabriela was born in Italy. She lived there for two years and then moved to Japan, and lived there for three years. She likes soccer and she wants to find a place to play in Italy. She has a brother called Brandon who is four years older than her. She also plays soccer with him. (photo by Maya Ross, Troop 29, Geneva Switzerland)



## Jeans change the world

Story by Alyssa Taylor

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We always think that there is just recycling the plastic and paper and everything else, but there is more than that to saving the Planet. In the “Eco Action vs. Ego Action: Using resources wisely” class, they blended sewing and saving the Planet.

The first thing the Girl Scouts did was go outside and talk about how they could save the Planet by using their clothes. Some said, “We could save the Planet by, when we eat fruit or vegetables we just plant the seeds of the food we eat.”

“That is a fantastic idea!!!!” said leader, Miss Cynthia.

They then passed out jeans and one girl said, “What are we going to do with them?”

“We are going to save the planet by using our clothes to make bags and pillows, and seat cushions!” responded Miss Cynthia.

“How do we do that?” asked Cassandra one of the students in the class.

“You will find out in a little bit!” said Miss Cynthia.

In the class room, Miss Cyndi taught two girls how to sew and told them that some of the creations they make will be auctioned off to an organization called ALC.

“I didn’t know what the class would be like, but I like sewing and I like to learn how to save the Ecosystems,” said Cassandra.

Basically, they get taught how to sew and how to save the environment by using basic clothes and household items and making them into things that you can use forever. Miss Cyndi said that the other bags were going to be a thank you for the Italian scout.

Nicole added, “I like this class, it is fun to learn about the environment.”

This is how the class is saving the Planet with Jeans.



**Girl Scouts reuse jeans to make pillows (Photos By Mary-Kate Bean, Spangdahlem)**



## *Trips and vacations: Exploring Livorno*

Story and photos by Layla Davis

Troop 14, Naples, Italy

Trips and vacations come in all shapes and sizes. Some fun, some dull, some exciting, some memorable. There's no doubt that the trip to Livorno, Italy for me was absolutely memorable.

Girl Scout troops from all over Europe came to the 2nd Annual "Passport to Pisa" (POP). POP is a week-end-long Girl Scout activity set in Camp Darby, Italy. Many troops came this year to participate in the exciting activities POP had to offer. One activity was "Trip to Livorno" where Girl Scouts can meet other Italian scouts that give them a tour through the town.

"I think Livorno will be fun," one Girl Scout called Nicole said before the trip.

Other Scouts said that they were excited about shopping at the stores.

Ten minutes into the trip, the group saw a stray husky following us. Every minute or two, someone would see the dog trailing behind the group.

"He was too shy to approach," said a few scouts..

At the end of the trip, we were taking pictures and he walked up to us and barked away. The husky was surrounded by everyone on the trip petting him and taking pictures.

We also tried many different foods. Like a cinque-cinque, a sandwich which had burnt potato and cheese. At the very end of the trip, we went out to a local ice cream shop and had some fresh gelatos.

Although we didn't go to any local stores, our stomachs were full, and we were happy. I'm sure that everyone thought it was a memorable experience.



**Photos Top to bottom: Livorno was full of many dogs with and without their owners, Girl Scouts see what there is to do in Livorno, Italy, Layla tries new food in Italy.**

# Telling stories through photos



Learning how to make healthy meals with locally grown food.

- By Emilie Colliar



Enjoy learning new things; you don't know where it will take you.

- By Layla Davis



Do your part and keep our beaches clean.

- By Kelly Harris



Together we can build bridges

- By Mary-Kate Bean

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