

Fairies & gnomes secret garden

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The theme for the 2016 Gals & Girls campout was “Fairies & Gnomes Secret Garden”, hosted by Debbie Camp and Krissy Romero.

Mothers, grandmothers, aunts and friends brought their Jr Gg’s to Lake Conroe to enjoy a weekend of games, crafts, great food, swimming, a “Rockette” dance lesson, fishing, and last but not least, friendship.



It’s so touching to watch these little girls reunite with friends they made from the year before and then add a new friend or two to reunite with, the coming year. Each time they just pick up where they left off and are always excited to see one another again.

Debbie & Krissy (along with June & Bella, their Jr Gg’s) did a great job to insure the weekend was filled with plenty of things for the GG’s & their Jr’s to do and

the weather was beautiful all weekend.

On Thursday, arrival date, we received our welcome bags and name tags. The name tags were so cute and were hanging on a hand-made tree with the trunk & limbs wrapped in burlap. Attached to the limbs were artificial leaves and flowers. The name tags were thin wood, sawed at an angle and had a hole drilled in them for the string that hung around our neck. Each tag was embellished with a tiny flower which had a shiny stone in the center. We ended the day with a “pizza party” and games.

We had a fun and busy Friday making crafts. First craft, we were given a picture frame made from cardboard. Brown paint had been dabbed on them and our job was to use tiny sticks (from tree limbs), little pine cones, dried leaves, bark, moss, etc. to glue onto the frame and also had silk flowers to use on them.

They all turned out to be so cute and it showed just how creative our Jr Gg’s truly are.





After lunch we returned to the clubroom to work on another craft, a “magic wand”, something every Fairy has to have! There was a pile of sticks from tree limbs that we could choose from, to use for making our wand. All colors of yarn, beads, and sparkles of all kinds were there to use for embellishments.



That evening we had pulled pork sandwiches that the hostesses prepared for us, with salty sides, fruity sides and sweet treats. The sides were provided by the attendees. Games were played and prizes were given. Game winners were Cenzie (Karan Meridith), Addisyn (Barbara Williams) and Ripley (D’Nette Kelley). There was also a coloring contest and the winners of that were Cenzie and Cassidy (Glenda Rusin).

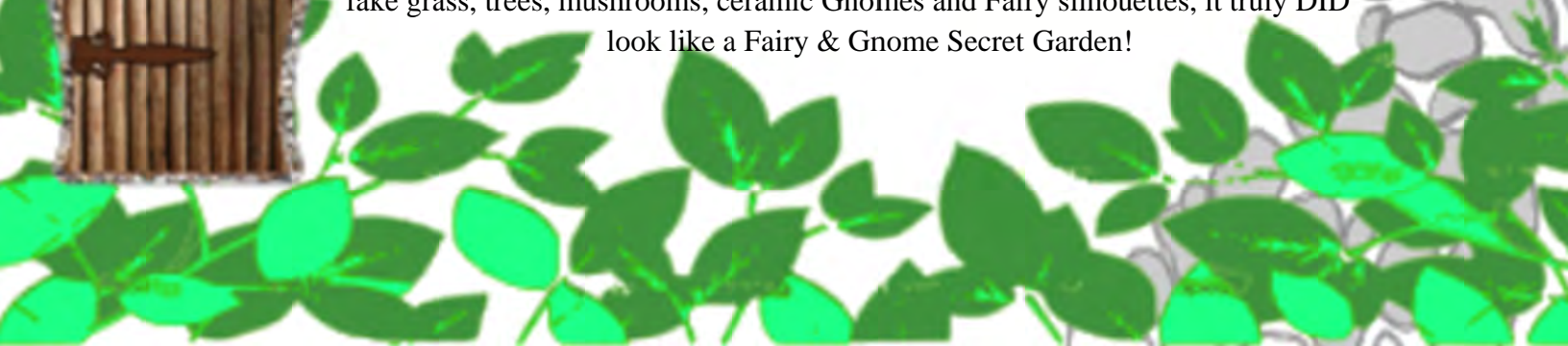


Saturday arrived and it was a free day. At 6:00 PM we had to be dressed and ready for a group photo in our Fairy & Gnome costumes in front of two GIANT chairs on a hillside at the campground. It was a perfect setting for our theme!

We then went to the clubroom where we walked into a “MAGICAL” garden filled with Fairy & Gnome paraphernalia. Tiny candle lights in frosted & embellished fruit jars were on all the tables and in each jar was a black silhouette of a fairy. These were sitting on fake grass runners that Debbie had made with red polka dot ribbon sewn around the edges to represent the red mushrooms that were also part of the decorations. The



mushrooms were red buckets with big white dots placed upside down on tree stumps and on top were birds nest with birds in them. There were lots of huge flowers attached to the walls and these were beautifully crafted from tissue paper. With all the flowers, fake grass, trees, mushrooms, ceramic Gnomes and Fairy silhouettes, it truly DID look like a Fairy & Gnome Secret Garden!





Once everyone finished taking pictures and was seated, it was time for a dance lesson. Sandra Nail, my granddaughter, who was a former Radio City Rockette and lives near the campground, came over by invitation to give the little girls and grownups who wanted to participate, a simple dance lesson and do the Rockette kick. The little girls looked so cute and learned really fast what she was teaching them. It was just something fun and different to do.



Last on the agenda for the evening was passing out membership certificates and assigning numbers to the Jr Gg's who joined while at the campout. They are Ripley-Gg-47 (D'Nette Kelley). Payten-Gg-48 (Debbie Huff). Cenzie-Gg-49 (Karan Meredith). Chloe-Gg-50 (Nina Hudson). Kylee-Gg-51 (Nina Hudson). MacKenzie-Gg-52 (Debbie Venden). Ellie-Gg-53 (Rosann Boynton).

THANK YOU! Debbie, Krissy, June, and Bella for a "Fairy Fabulous" weekend!

Until next month, stay safe and cool and "Happy Camping"!
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