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Girl Scouts host 19th annual “Run for the Cookies”

Tallahassee- Runners, walkers, and cookie lovers your wait is over! On Saturday, February 12, 2011 the Girl Scout Council of the Florida Panhandle, will host the 19th Annual Run for the Cookies 5K and One-mile Run/Walk. Keeping with tradition, this race coincides with the arrival of Girl Scout Cookies to the Florida Panhandle.

There is still time for early registration, with a fee of \$15 for the 5K that includes the runners’ choice of Girl Scout cookies and a tank top. Early registration for the one-mile is \$10 which includes a tank top. Early registration ends February 9th and can be completed online at www.active.com or by visiting www.gscfp.org.

The one-mile walk/run begins at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K at 9 a.m. Day of participants are encouraged to arrive at 7:30 a.m. for registration. Both races are being held at the Tallahassee Community College, behind the Lifetime Sports Complex; 444 Appleyard Dr. Tallahassee, FL. “This is Gulf Winds Track Club’s 19th year working with the Girl Scouts on the Run for the Cookies,” said Tom Perkins, race director and Gulf Winds Track Club member. “We are delighted to continue supporting the Girl Scouts by organizing the logistics of the race.”

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The Run for the Cookies 5K and One-Mile Run/Walk proceeds provides resources to continue programs across the Florida Panhandle; as well as support national and international travel opportunities and scholarships for local Girl Scouts.

“Supporting national and international travel gives girls the chance to experience a new culture while meeting other girls from around the world,” said Raslean M. Allen, CEO of the Girl Scout Council of the Florida Panhandle. “Traveling to a foreign country enables our girls and young women to develop to their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the United States, and of the world.”

The Girl Scout Council of the Florida Panhandle invites girls from kindergarten to twelfth grade, to join the adventure and empower themselves through courage, confidence and character, to make the world a better place. Currently, the council serves 6,024 girls and 2,200 volunteers across 19 counties of the Florida Panhandle. To volunteer or join Girl Scouts, contact the local council office at 1-888-271-8778 or visit www.gscfp.org. Girl Scouts of the Florida Panhandle is a United Way Agency.

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