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Girl Scouts spearhead “going green” with Girl Scouts Forever Green

Tallahassee, FL – Girl Scouts of the Florida Panhandle and across the nation are leading the way with becoming eco-friendly in the home through the Girl Scouts Forever Green initiative. Girl Scouts Forever Green is a national initiative which aims to lower energy use and help protect the environment. The Girl Scout Forever Green program will officially kickoff this November at the Girl Scout National Convention in Houston, Texas.

Girl Scouts of the Florida Panhandle have been promoting “going green” by handing out Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs (CFLs) at cookie booths, participating in Earth Hour, and making the world a better place with environmental-based service projects. Environmental weekend lock-ins for girls in grades 4-12 give Girl Scouts the opportunity to learn about topics such as water conservation, soil erosion, and air quality. Girls even plan ways to help educate the community on each topic.

“I am excited to help our environment,” said Girl Scout Brownie, Grace. “We get to save the planet and have fun.”

To celebrate 100 Years of Girl Scouting, this spring Girl Scout troops will continue to give away CFLs at cookie booths in 19 counties and ask people to participate in Earth Hour by turning off

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the lights and unplugging all non-essential electronics. Earth Hour is on March 31st, 2012 and participation will be tracked nationally at www.girlscouts.org/GSForeverGreen.

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 1,980 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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