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Florida's International Society of Arboriculture Spruces Up Girl Scout Camp

February 18, 2009— Volunteers from the Florida Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (Florida ISA) donated their time and expertise to the Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida on Saturday, February 7. A team of 30 volunteer arborists arrived at Camp Telogia, a 13-acre Girl Scout campsite to spruce up and clean up the grounds as part of a statewide Work Day effort. Three other Girl Scout camps in Tallahassee and Orlando are also the recipients of arboricultural assistance by the Florida ISA.

At Camp Telogia, large scale equipment including bucket trucks, stump grinders, chipper trucks and grapple trucks was brought in. The team worked until late in the afternoon and removed Brazilian Pepper, Slash Australian pines at the entrance. They also cleared overgrown invasives, and elevated and pruned brush. Not only did this improve the camp's appearance, it will also encourage new growth and promote healthy trees and native eco-systems. Camp Telogia is one of three Girl Scout camps maintained by the Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida. The 13-acre property which sleeps about 75 campers, has two platform tent sites and a troop house.

"We are very grateful to the Florida ISA for their hard work in making improvements to our camp," commented Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida CEO, Denise Valz. "Maintaining the grounds is very important, because the camp provides outdoor educational opportunities throughout the year."

Also on hand to volunteer their equipment and time were Phil's Expert Tree Service Inc., Zimmerman Tree Service, Inc., Asplundh Inc., Brickman Group and Dynaferv Inc. All volunteers were treated to lunch served and provided by the Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida.

****Photos Available.** For more information on the Florida ISA, visit www.floridaisa.org or contact Norm Easey, Executive Director of the FloridaISA, at 941-342-0153 or floridaisa@aol.com.

About Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Through the Girl Scout Leadership Development Program, girls *discover* their personal best and prepare for a positive future, *connect* with others in an increasingly diverse world, and *take action* to solve problems and improve their communities.

A premier voice for girls and a leading expert on their growth and development, Girl Scouts is a highly regarded, contemporary organization. Girl Scouts offers girls ages 5-17 remarkable opportunities to develop values and contribute to society as leaders, thinkers and responsible citizens.

Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida serves 19,000 girls in Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, and Okeechobee Counties. For more information, visit www.gssef.org or call 866-727-GIRL (4475).

About Florida ISA

The INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ARBORICULTURE is a professional organization dedicated to continuing education for arborists, to tree care research, and to serving tree care consumers around the world. The FLORIDA CHAPTER of the ISA shares this same dedication, with a further commitment to serving the needs particular to Florida's professional arborists and tree care consumers.

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