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Girl Scouts Receive Grant to Begin Revitalization at Camp Telogia

Parkland, FL January 14, 2020 – Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida has received a grant from the Batchelor Foundation to begin revitalization efforts at Camp Telogia in Parkland. Camp Telogia is a 9.5-acre Girl Scout camp located on Holmberg Road and has been in operation since 1961, when Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida took ownership of the land through a gift from Broward County. The camp is in dire need of a full renovation, which will allow Girl Scouts to utilize the camp for generations to come.

The Batchelor Foundation grant will fund the majority of the first phase of the revitalization project, which includes a full site plan, the demolition of two structures that are no longer safe to use, and the removal of invasive vegetation from the property. Completion of the first phase of the project will allow Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida to look towards future phases which include the renovation of the main building on the property, the addition of a new bathroom structure, pavilions, and fire circles. The entire project is estimated to cost around \$1 million and the funds will need to be raised to complete the renovations.

Girl Scouting has a long, storied, and successful history of getting girls outdoors and one that can claim responsibility for much more than popularizing the delightful campfire treat called the “s’more.” The Girl Scout Research Institute study "More Than S’mores: Successes and Surprises in Girl Scouts’ Outdoor Experiences" (2014) reports that Girl Scouts benefit immensely from their time outdoors: they experience personal growth and empowerment, try new things, overcome fears, and learn teamwork and leadership skills. For many girls, camp is their first experience away from parents and home, and away from familiarity. Camp has unlimited potential to unlock or boost a girl’s confidence and is the ultimate character-building experience. Camp is essential to the mission of Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida.

For more information and to make a donation to the Camp Telogia Revitalization fund, please contact Sara Nunez, Chief Development Officer, at snunez@gssef.org or 561-815-1800.

About Girl Scouts

For more than 100 years, Girl Scouts has built girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. More than any other organization in our community, Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida empowers girls ages 5 to 17 with vision and voice—girls who command their future, engage their communities and inspire others.

Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida is committed to meeting the needs of today’s girls by providing the Girl Scout Leadership Experience that will help her develop skills and create a strong foundation for future success. Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida serves nearly 10,000 girls in

Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties. To explore opportunities to volunteer or partner with Girl Scouts, call 561-427-0177 or visit www.gssef.org.