

# Camp Mahachee: 75 Years Supporting a Girl Scout Legacy



# History of Girl Scouts

- Since 1923, Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida has been creating positive change throughout Miami-Dade and the Keys.
- Currently serving nearly 3,000 girls ages 5-18 across every zip code in Miami-Dade and the Keys.
- Partner with Miami-Dade County, City Mayors & Commissioners, corporations, local foundations, and individuals to ensure ALL girls can access our premier leadership curriculum.



# History of Camp Mahachee

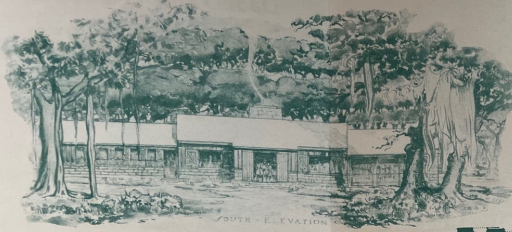
- Purchased in 1945 for \$3,337 using money earned with cookie sales
- Lodge, bathhouse and 8 cabins dedicated in 1948
- In 2023, Camp Mahachee celebrates its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary



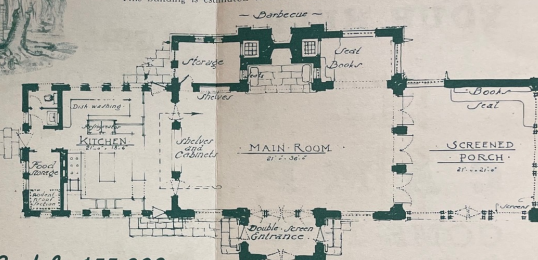


# Building a Legacy Girl Scout Camp

*You Can Help Make This* **GIRL SCOUT CAMP** *a Reality*



**THE MAIN LODGE**  
Designed by Architect August Geiger, the main lodge will be a large and sturdy permanent structure to serve as the hub of the camp activities. The large assembly room, 21 feet by 36 feet, will do double duty as a dining hall. The large screened porch, 21 feet by 21 feet, will constitute one wing. The other wing of the lodge will contain the cafeteria style kitchen, 21 feet by 18½ feet. In addition there will be storage rooms and library nooks. This building is estimated to cost \$25,000.



**CAMP SITE OF 11½ ACRES ALREADY ACQUIRED**  
With its entrance on Ingraham Highway, opposite Fairchild Tropical Gardens, this large camp site already has its activities field scarified and graded and the roadway cleared. Areas are open for group meetings now. Electric pump is installed and outdoor wash stand is already erected. This camp site is the property of Dade County Girl Scouts and is surrounded by over 600 acres of Matheson County Park, making an ideal location for the outdoor activities of these fine young women.

**The Goal Is \$55,000**  
This amount is necessary as a capital fund for the building, as soon as war restrictions permit, of the complete Girl Scout camp. In addition to building this camp, a portion of this fund will be set aside to acquire a suitable downtown property for use as a permanent headquarters for all Dade County Girl Scout activities, including office space and rooms for council meetings, training courses, leaders' meetings and workshops. Good citizenship for the women citizens of tomorrow is very important and we should all do our part to the utmost to give these young women the tools they need to carry on their character-building activities.

**WASH HOUSE**  
Designed with wash stands, showers and toilets arranged in units of six to comply with the National Girl Scouts' camp standards for accommodating 60 girls. This unit will cost approximately \$3,500.

**SLEEPING CABINS**  
Eight cabins are planned, each with sleeping accommodations for six girls, so that two entire troops can be accommodated at the camp at one time. Their cost is estimated at \$1,500 each.


*Make Your Check Payable to*  
**GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL OF DADE COUNTY, INC.**  
127 N. W. Second Street

**DADE COUNTY GIRL SCOUTS**

**NEED YOUR HELP**

*To Make Their Dream of a*

**CAMP COME TRUE**



*The*  
**GIRL SCOUT CODE OF LIVING**


*The Girl Scout Promise*  
ON MY HONOR I WILL TRY:  
To do my duty to God and my country  
To help other people at all times  
To obey the Girl Scout Laws

*The Girl Scout Laws*

- 1.—A Girl Scout's honor is to be trusted.
- 2.—A Girl Scout is loyal.
- 3.—A Girl Scout's duty is to be useful and to help others.
- 4.—A Girl Scout is a friend to all, and a sister to every other Girl Scout.
- 5.—A Girl Scout is courteous.
- 6.—A Girl Scout is a friend to animals.
- 7.—A Girl Scout obeys orders.
- 8.—A Girl Scout is cheerful.
- 9.—A Girl Scout is thrifty.
- 10.—A Girl Scout is clean in thought, word and deed.

**Dade County's**  
**2,300**  
**GIRL SCOUTS**

*Citizens of Tomorrow*



**HAVE NO PLACE TO GO . . .**





# 75 Years of Getting Girls Outdoors





# Your investment will allow us to:

- Support Camp Mahachee **front entrance restoration and property maintenance**
- Maintain **minimal program fees** for 100+ annual girl programs
- Fully **subsidize 500 girls** in low-income communities
- Provide **more training and increased support** to 1,500 adult volunteers
- Increase **girl membership** to serve ALL girls who want to be Girl Scouts!



# Partnership Opportunity 1: Front Entrance Restoration





# Restoring Front Acre of Camp Mahachee



# Project Overview

- **Phase 1:** Remove Invasive Plants
- **Phase 2:** Restore Hardwood Hammock
- **Phase 3:** Plant Pollinator Garden





# Phase 1 – Removing Invasives

In July 2022, GSTF hired Environmental Equality to remove the the approximate 1-acre area of invasive *Paederia cruddasiana* (commonly known as Sewer vines) west of the entrance road. This required hand removal of vines, initial herbicide treatment and 4 follow-up treatments.





# Phase 2 – Restoring Hardwood Hammock

To prepare the site to restore the hardwood hammock, GSTF worked with a variety of community partners through Summer 2022 to:

- Safely remove beehives from the front entrance area
- Remove site debris
- Install a well for irrigation needs
- Install electricity for fence and irrigation needs
- Purchase an irrigation system
- Purchase 1,100 trees
- Auger 1,100 holes



# Phase 2 – Tree Planting

On Sunday, October 2, 2022, hundreds of Girl Scouts and community partners came together and planted 1,100 trees in Camp Mahachee's front entrance area. Girls learned from experts how to plant a tree and received their own tree tags to label their trees.



# Phase 3 – Pollinator Garden

To prepare the site for Phase 3, GSTF worked with The Coral Gables Garden Club, Miami Dade County and the UF Extension Center. These partners helped to:

- Design the pollinator garden
- Create coral rock benches and a coral rock bridge
- Identify and purchase pollinator plants
- Install crushed seashells
- Install mulch
- Remove weeds





# Phase 3: Pollinator Garden Planting

On April 16, 2023, nearly 200 Girl Scouts and community partners attended the Butterfly Garden Planting event at Camp Mahachee. Attendees planted 300 pollinator plants and girls also learned about the habitat and butterflies from community partners including Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Miami Blue, Miami-Dade County's EEL Department, and the UF/IFAS/Extension Miami Dade County Office.



# Front Entrance Restoration Budget

- **Phase 1:** Invasive Removal + Treatment = \$62,000
- **Phase 2:** Restoring Hardwood Hammock = \$28,000
- **Phase 3:** Pollinator Garden = 45,000
- **Total Project Cost** = \$135,000

**Left to Raise: \$25,000**



# Support Front Entrance Restoration

- Any donations of \$1K+ will be listed on permanent front entrance plaque
- Plaque Dedication in Fall 2023
- To donate, visit: <https://www.girlscoutsfl.org/en/support-us/donate-locally/donate-to-gstf.html>





# Partnership Opportunity 2: Cabin Campaign



# Dedicate a Cabin for \$125,000

## Marketing & Recognition Benefits

- Plaque dedication ceremony
- Prominent logo placement on GSTF Website Home and Supporter Pages
- Recognition on all material for signature girl and adult programs
- Recognition at Campfires to Cocktails, GSTF's fall fundraiser (Nov. 4)
- Logo inclusion in all e-newsletters
- Opportunity to issue co-branded press release
- 2 social posts

## Programmatic Engagement Opportunities

- Opportunity to develop co-branded Girl Scout patch for 1 Girl Scout program
- Customized employee engagement event at Camp Mahachee





## Let's Connect!

For more information on Camp Mahachee opportunities, please contact Haley Karl, GSTF director of development, at [hkarl@girlscoutsfl.org](mailto:hkarl@girlscoutsfl.org).

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