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 75th anniversary
Building a Legacy Girl Scout Camp

The Main Lodge

The goal is $55,000

Wash House

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 Law

The Girl Scout Laws
1. A Girl Scout's home is to be trusted.
2. A Girl Scout is kind.
3. A Girl Scout'salter is to be trusted and to help others.
4. A Girl Scout is obedient to all and to a sister to every other Girl Scout.
5. A Girl Scout is a Christian.
6. A Girl Scout is kind to animals.
7. A Girl Scout always wears uniform.
8. A Girl Scout is cheerful.
9. A Girl Scout is truthful.
10. A Girl Scout is clean in thought, word and deed.

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

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!

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