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LAST DAYS TO VIEW “A LOOK BACK AT OUR HISTORY” MUSEUM EXHIBIT

TAMPA (Sept. 8, 2009) – There are just over three weeks left to view “A Look Back at Our History,” a museum exhibit featuring materials from Girl Scouts of West Central Florida’s extensive archive collection dating from 1914. The exhibit runs through Oct. 4 at the St. Petersburg Museum of History (335 Second Ave. NE, St. Petersburg).

The exhibit, the council’s first, features a collection of vintage girl and adult Girl Scout uniforms dating from the early 1900s; a display of Girl Scout pins and badges dating from the 1920s; a Girl Scout doll collection, including a Russian nesting doll; an exhibit featuring Girl Scout history in Pinellas County; and much more.

“Girl Scouts will celebrate 100 years in 2012, and we’ll be celebrating 100 years of Girl Scouting in the Tampa Bay area in 2013,” said Ellie Paladine, chair, GSWCF Alumnae Association. “This exhibit is a terrific way to showcase some of that history, not only to Girl Scouts and alumnae, but the community as well.”

The first Girl Scout troop in the Tampa Bay area, and the second troop in the country, was founded in 1913 at Hyde Park United Methodist Church by Jessamine Flowers Link. Nine girls were in the troop.

For more information on how to join, volunteer, reconnect or donate to Girl Scouts of West Central Florida, please visit www.gswcf.org or call 800-881-4475.

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts of West Central Florida serves nearly 30,000 girls in Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Marion, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk and Sumter counties. Did you know that more than 53% of all women business owners are Girl Scout alumnae? For more information on how to join, volunteer, reconnect or donate to Girl Scouts of West Central Florida, visit www.gswcf.org or call 800-881-4475.

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