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Camp Four Echoes Earns ACA-Accredited Camp Status

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SPOKANE, WASHINGTON (Tuesday, February 7, 2017) – The American Camp Association® (ACA) announced today that Girl Scouts of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho's Camp Four Echoes has received ACA-Accredited® Camp status for Summer 2017.

"ACA Accreditation means that Camp Four Echoes submitted to a thorough (up to 300 standards) review of its operation by the American Camp Association (ACA) — from staff qualifications and training to emergency management — and complied with the highest standards in the industry," said Cindy Moore, National Standards Commission.

"Parents expect their children to attend accredited schools. They also deserve a camp experience that is reviewed and accredited by an expert, independent organization," Moore said.

"Camp Four Echoes and ACA form a partnership that promotes summers of growth and fun in an environment committed to safety," said Pam Lund, CEO of Girl Scouts of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho, "ACA accreditation demonstrates our commitment to quality camp programming."

Camp Four Echoes was founded in 1938 and is located on the shoreline of Lake Coeur d'Alene. The camp is in operation from June to August and offers sessions lasting from weekend events to 2 weeks. For more information, parents can contact Girl Scouts at 509-747-8091, or visit the website at www.gsewni.org.

ACA is the only independent accrediting organization reviewing camp operations in the country. Its nationally-recognized standards program focuses primarily on the program quality, health and safety aspects of a camp's operation. ACA collaborates with experts from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Red Cross, and other youth-serving agencies to assure that currently practices at the camp reflect the most up-to-date, research-based standards in camp operation. For more parent-focused information about accreditation, visit ACA's www.campParents.org.



About Girl Scouts of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho

Girls are at the center of everything we do. Girl Scouts is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls, the leading authority on girls' healthy development and is working with girls and women to transform the leadership landscape for girls into the next century. Girl Scouts Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho serves more than 3,793 girls and 1,888 adult volunteers. The council region encompasses 67,000 miles that includes 20 counties in central and eastern Washington and 10 counties in northern Idaho. Girl Scouts Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho is committed to discovering, celebrating and fostering the leader in every girl