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**Cherished Girl Scout Camp Marks 75 Years of Enchanting Summers
Celebration at Camp Four Echoes at Lake Coeur d'Alene August 24-25**

(Spokane, WA—June 27, 2013): More than 34,000 girls and women have spent their summers at Camp Four Echoes at Lake Coeur d'Alene since the camp opened in 1938. This summer marks the 75th anniversary for girls and women of all ages who have cherished memories of summers spent on the shores of Windy Bay at Lake Coeur d'Alene attending Girl Scout camp at Camp Four Echoes.

The celebration will be held at Camp Four Echoes August 24-25, 2013. Hundreds of girls, women and families who have spent countless days at Camp Four Echoes have been invited to attend. Many are traveling hundreds or thousands of miles to attend the celebration. The cost to attend is \$20 for August 24 and \$50 for both days. All prices include a t-shirt and a meal/s with overnight accommodations included in the two-day price. Guests may register to attend the event at www.gsewni.org/specialevents.cfm or call 800-827-9478.

“Our event committee has been hearing from women locally and from all over the U.S. who are excited to come to Camp Four Echoes this summer and reconnect with friends, see the new lodge (rebuilt in 2011) and be together to do traditional camp activities,” said Molly Pearson, a former camper, camp staff, alumna and chair of the Camp Four Echoes 75th Celebration Committee. “Many people who are coming also attended the 50th and 60th anniversary celebrations at camp. Camp memories hold a special place for Girl Scouts, alumnae and families. There are local Girl Scout alumnae who were in the first group of campers to attend Camp Four Echoes in 1938. This celebration is a family event and our activities offer something for everyone. Anyone who has a connection to Camp Four Echoes, including our Lions Club partners, knows how special this place is.”

The plan for Camp Four Echoes began in 1937. The Spokane Girl Scout council (now Girl Scouts Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho) was hoping to establish a waterfront resident camp. Fortunately, the Spokane Central Lions Club was looking for a major project and the two organizations met to collaborate on a plan to move forward with a committee to search for a suitable lake property for a Girl Scouts summer resident camp. The land at Windy Bay at Lake Coeur d'Alene was the preferred site and 127.2 acres purchased, which included more than a mile of waterfront. The Spokane Central Lions Club continues their financial and club support of GSEWNI and Camp Four Echoes with annual opening and closing camp preparation and seasonal camp clean ups. The ongoing support of the Lions Club, donors, alumnae and event sponsors enable Camp Four Echoes to remain a treasured camp for Girl Scouts, women and visitors.

Camp Four Echoes is owned and operated by Girl Scouts Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho. It operates as a summer resident camp for all girls in grades 1-12 each year from mid-June through mid-August and hosts other troop, volunteer and council related activities year round. Camp Four Echoes is also a location for volunteer training for adult leaders, council fund raising events, such as Women's Weekend, and is available for community and outside groups to rent for outings, youth group events and special events year round when not in use for council sponsored activities. The camp features six themed camp sites, a modern lodge (built in 2011), hiking, geocaching, water activities, archery range, certified ropes course, a mile of waterfront and 212 wooded acres to explore daily. For information about renting Camp Four Echoes contact, Lani Nachtsheim, building and services manager, at 800-827-9478, ext. 240 or lnachtsheim@gsewni.org.

About Girl Scouts Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho

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