



## **Idaho *FIRST*® LEGO® League Competition Hosted at Camp Four Echoes** *Girl Scout Camp at Lake Coeur d'Alene to host event for second year*

(Worley, Idaho–November 21, 2013): Girl Scouts Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho is pleased to once again host the Idaho *FIRST*® LEGO® League (FLL) competition Saturday, December 7, 2013 at Camp Four Echoes at Lake Coeur d'Alene.

*FIRST*® LEGO® League (FLL) is an exciting international robotics and innovation program that ignites enthusiasm for science, engineering, and technology in boys and girls ages 9 to 14. Youth solve real-world challenges by building LEGO-based robots to complete tasks on a thematic playing surface. FLL teams, guided by their imaginations and adult coaches, discover exciting career possibilities and, through the process, learn to make positive contributions to society.

This year's competition will include 14 teams from the north Idaho region who will be competing in a qualifying tournament at Camp Four Echoes. This competition will not be open to the public due to space limitations, however, families of the teams are encouraged to attend. The competition will begin at 8 a.m., and will finish around 3:30 p.m. GSEWNI has five Girl Scout teams (40 girls) councilwide participating in *FIRST*® LEGO® League competitions this year.

The theme this year for the International *FIRST*® LEGO® League is NATURE FURY where students will research problems and solutions related to natural disasters. The teams will compete in four areas: Robot Design, Core Values, Project Presentation and Robot Games. Can *FIRST*® LEGO® League teams help us master natural disasters? In the 2013 NATURE'S FURY Challenge, over 200,000 children ages 9 to 16 from over 70 countries will explore the awe-inspiring storms, quakes, waves and more that we call natural disasters. Teams will discover what can be done when intense natural events meet the places people live, work, and play.

A team of five Girl Scouts from the Tri-Cities, Washington area advanced to the World Championship *FIRST*® LEGO® League (FLL) Competition in St. Louis, Missouri in April 2013. The "Geek Squad" team developed a unique accessibility device for senior citizens and programmed a Lego robot to navigate a four by eight foot table of challenges related to senior living. Geek Squad Coach Tiffanie Eyre was honored to be awarded one of two Coach Awards for exhibiting Core Values at the International Competition.

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**WHEN:** Saturday, December 1, 2012, from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Camp Four Echoes, 22270 South Camp Four Echoes Road, Worley, Idaho

*About Girl Scouts 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 4,600 girls and 2,200 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. ***Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.***



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