



## News Release

**Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, Inc.**  
1577 Northeast Expressway  
Atlanta, GA 30329  
[www.girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org](http://www.girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org)

**For more information, contact:**  
Katie Bower  
Office: (404) 527-7387  
[kbower@girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org](mailto:kbower@girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org)

### **GIRL SCOUTS OF GREATER ATLANTA: FOREVER GREEN** **Atlanta Girl Scout organization chosen by Girl Scouts of the USA to pilot** **environmental community action project**

**ATLANTA, June 17, 2009** – Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta has been chosen as one of 30 Girl Scout organizations to pilot Girl Scouts of the USA’s Community Action Project: Forever Green, which encourages Girl Scouts to use their leadership skills to impact the environment by working with schools and communities to improve air quality, energy use, water use, waste management and use of green space.

Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta was chosen for the environmental education program they are creating during the construction of their new Girl Scout Service and Business Centers located in Cobb County. The new Girl Scout Business Center is on target to achieve a Silver LEED Certification while the pre-existing building, which will house the Girl Scout Service Center, was remodeled with green materials and environmentally friendly measures. In addition, Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta have formed a girl-led “Green Team,” to develop Girl Scout programming around the sustainability of the new facilities. Programs the girls are creating include the creation of an Environmental Patch, which Girl Scouts can earn while learning about environmental responsibilities and an educational podcast virtual tour at the site of the new buildings, which will teach girls about the environmentally friendly materials used during construction.

In addition, Girl Scouts will be encouraged to take the lessons they have learned while working on the Environmental Patch out into their communities to help educate others in their homes, classrooms and neighborhoods. The program will be monitored and graded for excellence by the U.S. Green Building Council.

-more-

As a pilot Girl Scout organization, the environmental impact of their project will be measured and reported annually by volunteers at the Environmental Protection Agency who are providing technical assistance to Girl Scout organizations involved in the Forever Green project.

**About Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, Inc.**

Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, Inc. serves approximately 40,000 girls and over 17,700 adult members in 34 counties in the greater metropolitan Atlanta area, northwest Georgia and Polk County, TN. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. For more information on how to join, volunteer or donate to Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, Inc. call (800) 771-4046, or visit [www.girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org](http://www.girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org).

**About Girl Scouts**

Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts of the USA is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls with 3.4 million girl and adult members worldwide. Girl Scouts is the leading authority on girls' healthy development, and builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. The organization serves girls from every corner of the United States and its territories. Girl Scouts of the USA also serves American girls and their classmates attending American or international schools overseas in 90 countries. For more information on how to join, volunteer, reconnect, or donate to Girl Scouts, call (800) GSUSA 4 U or (800) 478-7248 or visit [www.girlscouts.org](http://www.girlscouts.org).

###