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Girl Scouts Discover Ways to Save Energy through Trane Grant Project

SACRAMENTO – Girl Scouts Heart of Central California (GSHCC) was selected by Girl Scouts USA (GSUSA) as one of the six councils nationwide to take part in a grant project funded by Trane, a leading global provider of indoor comfort systems and services. The project explores the importance of energy efficiency and conservation and helps girls discover ways to make an impact on the environment today.

“Thanks to this wonderful new collaborative agreement between Girl Scouts and Trane, we have the opportunity to let girls explore the energy in and around them while learning about various energy-related careers. Girls will work side by side Trane employees, learning how to conduct an energy audit in their home or school and have the chance to make a difference in their communities. We hope that this collaboration will form a new productive relationship between our two organizations,” Liz Williams, Assistant Vice President of Program and Adult Development for Girl Scouts Heart of Central California.

On Tuesday, March 30, Girl Scouts from Heart of Central California council’s outreach program will partner with Trane employees and begin their three-day camp that will explore the importance of conserving energy, teach the girls how to conduct an energy audit and discuss how the body needs and uses energy. They will also take a trip to the Exploratorium, a science museum with a hands-on approach to educating children about modern technology, energy and science basic.

“Girl Scout outreach programs serve communities where a lack of resources prevents many youth from accessing opportunities; support like we have received from Trane is invaluable in allowing us to provide these young women with experiences and opportunities which expand their worlds,” said Anne Eychaner, director of outreach for Girl Scouts Heart of Central California.

The newly implemented Girl Scout leadership Experience program engages girls in discovering themselves, connecting with others and taking action to make the world a better place. The first series of books for Girl Scouts that incorporates the leadership model, known as Journey books, were introduced in 2008. The second series of Journey books, *It’s Your Planet – Love It*, had an environmental theme and was published in the summer of 2009.

In addition to the collaboration with Trane employee volunteers, the grant from Trane supported the development of the *It’s Your Planet – Love It* Journey book for Girl Scout Juniors that focuses on energy and helps girls perform a simple building energy audit, analyze the results and present their findings and possible solutions.



About Girl Scouts

Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts is still the leading authority on girls' healthy development, and builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. The local council, Girl Scouts Heart of Central California is headquartered in Sacramento and serves nearly 29,000 girls in 18 counties* in Central California. For more information, visit www.girlscoutshcc.org.

* Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Mariposa, Merced, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tuolumne, Yolo, and Yuba.

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