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A Spooktacular Morning of Giving: WREC Scouting Breakfast Raises \$30,000!

Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc. (WREC) proudly announces the success of its annual Scouting Breakfast Fundraiser, held at the Sand Hill Scout Reservation in Brooksville. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our Members and community partners, this year's event raised **\$30,000** to benefit local scouting programs.

The Scouting Breakfast brought together WREC employees, Members, community leaders, and scouting supporters for a morning of fellowship and purpose. This fundraiser reflects WREC's ongoing commitment to empowering youth and fostering leadership development within the communities we serve.

Funds raised will directly support local scouting initiatives, providing essential resources, educational opportunities, and experiences that help shape the next generation of leaders. Importantly, the money raised also helps fund scholarships, ensuring that every youth who wants to participate in scouting has the opportunity to do so—regardless of financial circumstances.

Gary Steele, Manager of Member Relations at WREC, shared his appreciation and perspective on the event:

"The overwhelming support from our community demonstrates the power of working together for a common cause. These contributions will make a lasting impact on local scouting programs, helping young people gain skills, confidence, and leadership experience. We are honored to play a role in building a brighter future for our youth."

"At WREC, we believe in servant leadership and in the purpose of providing more than just power—we're here to uplift and strengthen the communities we serve. I'm especially grateful to our local sponsors and participants whose generosity and involvement made this event such a meaningful success."

The event featured inspiring remarks from scouts and community leaders, including a moving testimonial from a local scout who shared his journey of overcoming disabilities. Through scouting, he gained confidence, built lasting friendships, and developed life-changing skills—highlighting the transformative impact of these programs.

Mike Butler, CEO of the Greater Tampa Bay Area Council of Scouting America, closed the ceremony by expressing heartfelt gratitude to WREC for its enduring partnership and support of Scouting America. He emphasized that WREC's leadership within the community reflects a shared commitment to the values and mission of the scouting movement, highlighting the strong alignment between both organizations in fostering service, integrity, and civic responsibility.

This collaboration underscores WREC's dedication to strengthening communities and investing in the success of future generations.

About Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc. (WREC):

Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc. is a not-for-profit electric cooperative serving over 271,000 homes and businesses in Pasco, Hernando, Citrus, Polk, and Sumter counties since 1947. WREC is dedicated to providing safe and resilient energy and services at the best possible value to its Members while actively contributing to the communities it serves.

About Scouting America:

Scouting America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations, providing programs for young people that build character, train them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship and develop personal fitness. Scouting believes that helping youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible and productive society. The Withlacoochee District of the Greater Tampa Bay Area Council proudly serves Citrus, Hernando and Sumter counties combined. We are dedicated to our scouts and families.

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