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WREC Sponsors ScoutReach Program at Fox Hollow Elementary

April 25, 2025 – With a longstanding commitment to community development, Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative (WREC) has announced its sponsorship of the ScoutReach program at Fox Hollow Elementary School. This partnership highlights WREC's dedication to empowering local youth by providing them with essential life skills, leadership opportunities, and a solid moral foundation, all made possible through a generous $10,000 donation.

The ScoutReach program, which currently serves 23 students at Fox Hollow Elementary, offers young learners the chance to experience the core values of Scouting in a supportive and inclusive environment. Through a mix of weekly lessons and hands-on activities, students learn important skills, including fire safety, leadership, and teamwork, while developing a sense of responsibility toward themselves, their peers, and their community.

WREC's donation covers all program costs, including student registration fees, materials for teachers and students, and funds for enriching weekend activities such as climbing, archery, and fishing. Additionally, the funds will assist in compensating the teachers who dedicate their time and effort to making the program a success.

Gary Steele, Manager of Member Relations at WREC, expressed the organization's pride in supporting the program, "At WREC, our commitment to community service goes beyond delivering resilient electricity. We are equally passionate about fostering opportunities for local youth to grow, learn, and develop leadership skills. We are incredibly proud of the ScoutReach program and the positive influence it will have on the students at Fox Hollow Elementary. This initiative is helping shape the future leaders of our community by instilling life skills and values that will last a lifetime."

Kyle Christmas, the ScoutReach Director, also praised WREC's involvement, acknowledging its profound impact on the program. "Thanks to WREC's generous support, the ScoutReach program at Fox Hollow Elementary has truly flourished. Our Scouts are gaining invaluable hands-on experiences that nurture their character, creativity, and problem-solving abilities. The dedication of our den leaders, kindergarten teachers Tammy Abremski and Jordan Gaidowsky, combined with WREC's commitment to making a difference, ensures that these young Scouts have access to opportunities that will build a strong foundation for their future success."

The ScoutReach program at Fox Hollow Elementary is more than just an extracurricular activity; it is a vital developmental initiative that helps students grow into responsible, compassionate, and confident individuals. With WREC's support, these young students are gaining the skills and values necessary to thrive both in school and in their future endeavors.

For more information on the ScoutReach program or to learn how you can contribute to this valuable initiative, contact Kyle Christmas at Kyle.Christmas@scouting.org.

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

Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc. is a not-for-profit electric Cooperative serving over 270,000 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.

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David Lambert, General Manager, Gary Steele, Manager of Member Relations, John McCarty, District Manager, and our dedicated employees, visited the ScoutReach program to share insights about our daily work and the importance of electrical safety.

WREC's donation has supported the entire program, including exciting events like the Pinewood Derby. The students handcrafted their cars, and we loved watching them race at the Pinewood Derby.