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Girl Scouts Participate in Woodstock's First National Public Lands Day Event at Emricson Park

(Woodstock, IL) On Saturday,

September 29, 2007, Girl Scouts from Sybaquay Council joined other volunteers to help restore a woodland area in the city's Emricson Park. This is the first year that the City of Woodstock has participated in National Public Lands Day. Linda Balek, land protection specialist at The Land Conservancy of McHenry County spoke to the four Girl Scout troops and other volunteers about this year's theme for National Public Lands Day—removing invasive species from the woodland area and gathering acorns. From any viable acorns collected, Red Oak, Bush Oak and White Oak seedlings will be planted at Glacier Oaks Nursery in Harvard. Members of four Girl Scout troops participated in the effort: Girl Scout Brownie Troops 354, 751 and 599, as well as Girl Scout Junior Troop 553.

Lisa H., director at The Land Conservancy showed the Girl Scouts how to use the acorn caps as whistles in the event they were to get lost in a wooded area. Lisa credits her Girl Scout experiences to her career decision in the environmental field of land conservation. She remembers well the Girl Scout adage, "Girl Scouts leave an area better than they found it!"

Girl Scouts - Sybaquay Council is headquartered in Elgin and serves over 10,000 girls and close to 3,000 adults in 50 communities in McHenry County and parts of Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Lake, La Salle, and Kane counties. To find out more about Sybaquay Council's Girl Scout program, visit their Web site at www.gs-sybaquay.org. The Land

Conservancy is a private nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation and preservation of open space and natural lands in McHenry County. For more information on The Land Conservancy, see www.conservemc.org.

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