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**CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION OF ERIE COUNTY'S
SUMMER 2011 CAMPERSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE**

Buffalo, NY.....The Children's Foundation of Erie County is offering Girl Scouts residing in Erie County up to \$4,000 to attend camp this summer.

The Campership Assistance Fund is an annual program that reflects both the socioeconomic diversity of those actively involved with the Girl Scouts of Western New York and the vast array of financial barriers faced by members of the local community.

Last summer, the Girl Scouts of Western New York provided more than \$30,000 in financial aid to girls who otherwise would not have been able to attend camp. The Campership Assistance Fund offers assistance for a variety of activities, including year-round weekend troop camping, as well as summer resident and day camp.

A single campership costs between \$125 and \$250. This partial funding can give up to 40 additional girls the experience of a lifetime.

Girl Scouts of Western New York guides girls along lifelong paths to lead with courage when they speak out on issues they care about and take active roles in their communities; lead with confidence when they make the most of their strengths and feel empowered to make a difference in their lives and beyond; and lead with character when they act with integrity and compassion, making decisions that promote the well-being of themselves and others, as they continue to make the world a better place.

It is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls and young women, serving over 20,000 girls and 9,000 adult volunteers across the GSWNY jurisdiction, including Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming counties. The council's administrative headquarters is located in Buffalo, N.Y. GSWNY program and service centers are located in Buffalo, Batavia, Jamestown, Lockport, and Rochester.

Founded in Savannah, Georgia, on March 12, 1912, Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) strives to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Accordingly, GSUSA continues to be the leading authority on girls, with a membership of more than 3.7 million girls and adults. In November 2011, the organization will launch its' 100-year of service celebration.

For information about joining, volunteering, or making a donation contact 1.888.837.6410 or visit gswny.org for more.