

Camp Mahachee Entrance Restoration

girl scouts 
of tropical florida

History of Girl Scouts

- Since 1923, Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida has been creating positive change throughout Miami-Dade and the Keys.
- Currently serving 2,500 girls ages 5-17 across every zip code in Miami-Dade and the Keys.
- Partner with Miami-Dade County, City Mayors & Commissioners, corporations, local foundations, and individuals to ensure ALL girls can access our premier leadership curriculum.

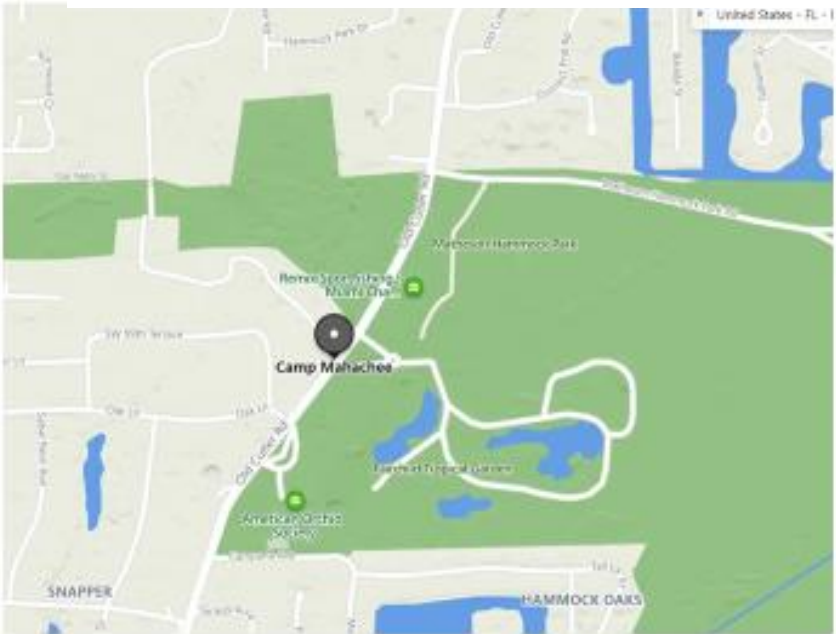


History of Camp Mahachee

- Purchased in 1945 for \$3,337 using money earned with cookie sales
- Lodge, bathhouse and 8 cabins dedicated in 1948
- In 2023, Camp Mahachee will turn 75 and Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida will celebrate its centennial



Partnership Opportunity – Front Entrance



Project Overview

- **Phase 1:** Remove Invasive Plants
- **Phase 2:** Restore Hardwood Hammock
- **Phase 3:** Plant Pollinator Garden



Phase 1 – Remove Invasives



Invasive Removal Process



Priority will involve the entrance area, specifically, the approximate 1-acre area of invasive *Paederia cruddasiana* (commonly known as Sewer vine or Skunk vine) west of the entrance road.

Requires hand removal of skunk vine + initial herbicides treatments along with 4 follow-up treatments approximately 1 month apart



Phase 2 – Restoring Hardwood Hammock

Full hardwood Hammock Restoration would require planting **2,000 3-gallon trees**.
Tree planting could be done in phases:

- **Phase 1:** Plant 10% of trees in 5,000 sq. ft. area which has been first cleared (rock material with very little organic material)
- **Phase 2:** Plant remaining trees with contractor + Girl Scouts and volunteers



Phase 2: Trees and Irrigation

Examples of Trees

- **June:** Krugs Holly, Strongbark, Mulberry
- **September:** Locust Berry, Jamaican Caper, Crabwood, Fire Bush

Irrigation Needs

- **Option 1** – Tap into neighbor well and set up series of 6-10 55 gallon drums. Pump would pull water into area.
- **Option 2** – Utilize city of Coral Gables water trucks



Phase 3: Pollinator Garden



- Could create in the shape of a trefoil with paths
- Plant native lantana mixed with pollinator nectar



Timeline

- **June/early July 2022** Invasive Removal
- **July – September 2022** Monthly Treatments of Removal Area
- **September 2022** Tree Planting (Initial 10%)
- **October 2022** Tree Planting (Remaining 90%)
- **Spring 2023** Pollinator Garden Planting



Proposed Budget

- **Phase 1: Invasive Removal + Treatment**
 - \$34,000 (\$24,000 for removal + \$10,000 for 4 treatments)
 - \$5,000 annual maintenance fee
- **Phase 2: Restoring Hardwood Hammock**
 - \$125,000 estimate for trees, planting, and irrigation (\$10 p/tree, labor costs, materials, etc.)
- **Phase 3: Pollinator Garden**
 - \$4,000 for trees and materials
- **Additional Front Entrance Improvements**
 - \$10,000 for gate, electricity and front entrance signage

Project Total Estimate = \$178,000



Program Partners/Potential Funders

- Adopt-a-Tree Miami Dade
- City of Coral Gables
- Coral Gables Community Foundation
- Coral Gables Garden Club
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission
- FPL
- Local Nurseries
- Miami-Dade County
- Million Trees Miami



Interested in donating/partnering?

For donations: Checks can be mailed to the Coral Gables Community Foundation with a note in the memo line for the PARKnership Fund or by online at [Donate to the Parknership Fund.](#)

For partnership: Contact Haley Karl, Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida's Development Director at hkarl@girlscoutsfl.org

