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**Broward County Girl Scouts to Earn Special Badge
at 33rd Annual Waterway Cleanup**

Ft. Lauderdale, FL (March 2, 2010)- Girl Scout Troops from Broward County are ready to lend a hand at the Marine Industries Association of South Florida's 33rd Annual Waterway Cleanup presented by the Florida Inland Navigation District on Saturday, March 6, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 26 designated locations throughout Broward County. The scouts will do a shore-side cleanup of waterways in their hometowns and will receive a special Waterway Cleanup patch recognizing their efforts.

This year's patch, designed by MIASF and approved by Girl Scouts of Broward County, will be awarded to the participants after the Waterway Cleanup by their troop leaders. Over 100 Girl Scouts are expected to participate in this year's cleanup.

In addition to the Waterway Cleanup patch, Brownie Troop 10466 is actively pursuing their Eco Explorer try it patches. "We are ready to learn about our environment, keeping it clean, and helping in any way we can," said Brownie Troop leader, Heidi Miller.

The Annual Waterway Cleanup involves volunteers who work along the shorelines and in their boats picking up trash and debris from the waterways. Last year over 2,000 volunteers scoured approximately 300 miles of waterways to collect close to 41 tons of floating and submerged trash and debris.

The Marine Industries Association of South Florida is a not-for-profit trade organization created to promote and protect the sound growth of the marine industry in South Florida for the benefit and education of its members, the community and the environment.

For more information about the 33rd Annual Waterway Cleanup or the MIASF, contact Melanie Daily, Public Relations and Event Coordinator at (954) 524-2733 or visit www.waterwaycleanup.org.