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National Wildlife Federation and Girl Scout Troop 10717 helping kids learn, grow and care

Today's children spend 7 hours a day connected to electronic screens from computers to hand held devices to phones to television -kids are wired in and tuned out to nature outside their door. Girl Scout Troop 10717 took a step forward to having students get real with the real world by holding a **Trees For The 21st Century Event** at the Coral Springs Community Garden. Girls Scouts of all ages participated in activities to become Junior Forest Rangers and to earn their age level legacy naturalist badge. Girl Scouts experienced dirt under their nails and sweat on their brow by getting a truly "green" work out by planting over 130 trees. They took the oath of the Junior Forest Ranger and promised to "...save and faithfully defend from waste the natural resources of my country- it's soil and minerals, its forests, its flowers and trees, its waters, and its wildlife."

Girl Scout Troop 10717 organized the planting event as an opportunity to give back to their community. Over 130 participants took a tour of the Coral Springs Community Garden, ate snacks made from trees, learned to identify at least 5 different types of trees, made a craft from a "tree cookie" (not the edible kind), and took home a native tree to plant. As part of their badge work, the girls will plant the tree and tend to the tree for at least one month.

The girls also learned about flowers at this event. They learned about the different flowers growing at the community garden, learned that flowers are fruits in disguise, and made their own corsage. **Field of Flowers** in Davie donated carnations and gave the girls a floral design lesson.

NWF's Trees for the 21st Century program is a national effort to engage children to learn, plant and care for trees in their own community. NWF aims to connect 10 million children with nature and experience the joy and wonderment of the outdoors through learning and stewardship. Protecting wildlife through education and action since 1936, the National Wildlife Federation is America's conservation organization. For more information about NWF's Trees for the 21st Century initiative: www.nwf.org/trees

Girl Scout Troop 10717 has been volunteering at the Coral Springs Community Garden since October of 2011 as part of their Silver Award Project. They successfully planted vegetables from seed and donated the produce to a local food bank. This tree event was the troop's final event before earning their Silver Award, the highest award that can be earned for their age level.

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The Rotary Community Garden of Coral Springs
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Avacado Tree
Carambola
(Star-Fruit)
Jack Fruit
Tamarind
Mango
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Garden
Sidewalk

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