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Blueprint 2000 to Host SciGirls Camp on Stormwater Improvements

Tallahassee – Blueprint 2000 will host SciGirls Camp on Stormwater Improvements Monday, July 21, 2008 from (9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and Tuesday, July 22, 2008 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. SciGirls Camp is for girls in sixth through tenth grade.

The event is being organized by the Florida Engineering Society, the American Society of Civil Engineers, Parsons Brinckerhoff, and Sandco. A tour of Blueprint 2000’s Capital Circle Southeast (Tram Road to Woodville Highway) Project will be led by J.W. Hunter, P.E. of Parsons Brinckerhoff and Victor H. Herrera, E.I., of PBS&J. Mr. Hunter and Mr. Herrera will explain the necessity for stormwater improvements and describe how stormwater storage ponds work. After the tour, the students will gather information to perform a hands-on exercise by conducting a double-ring infiltration test to determine infiltration rates of soils and digging up soil samples of their own using hand augers. Once the students gather information from the tests, they will perform a hands-on geotechnical engineering stormwater exercise, creating their own stormwater conveyance system.

SciGirls Camp is in its third consecutive year and its goal is to keep girls interested in math and science through their middle and high school years. It is sponsored by the Magnet Lab in partnership with WFSU. Funding resources within the community are being explored and this year PBS&J donated $5,000 for the next 3 years for a total of $15,000 to the Camp. For more information on SciGirls, visit the following websites:

http://www.magnet.fsu.edu/

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