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Dr. Pamela Bird to be Keynote Speaker at Annual Sandpoint Girl Scout Community Leadership Luncheon

(Sandpoint, ID−October 16, 2013): Dr. Pamela Bird, founder and CEO for Innovative Product Technologies, Inc., will be the keynote speaker at the Annual Sandpoint Community Leadership Luncheon, October 23, hosted by the Girl Scouts of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho. Dr. Bird will speak about what Girl Scouting taught her and "Cultivating Leadership the Girl Scout Way."

The GSEWNI Community Leadership Luncheons, held in many communities throughout the council region, feature a local leader who is a role model for all Girl Scouts. This annual fundraising event in Sandpoint celebrates the impact of Girl Scouting on girls and young women the community. The event will be held at the Sandpoint Events Center. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with lunch and the program beginning at noon.

"I love Girl Scouts and have carried many things I learned as a young girl over into my adult life," said Dr. Bird. "From selling cookies door to door and helping seniors clean their homes to camping, car washes, cooking projects and community projects−I am a firm believer in Girl Scouts!"

Dr. Bird is an internally recognized commercialization expert. She is the Founder and CEO of Innovative Product Technologies, Inc. IPT is a product and technology based market commercialization corporation located in Gainsville, Florida with a branch in Sandpoint, Idaho. Dr. Bird is a key player in the technology-transfer process. She is a liaison between inventor organizations, entrepreneurial networks and research park facilities. Dr. Bird is also the founder of the Inventors Educational Foundation. This non-profit public charity assists in the educational, as well as commercialization needs of innovators and entrepreneurs with new ideas, products and technologies from all ages and walks of life. She co-branded the first credit card in the nation with MBNA.

Dr. Bird and her husband, Dr. Forrest Bird, are the founders of the Bird Aviation Museum and Invention Center in Sandpoint. This is the world's only aeromedical museum featuring more than 21 aircraft, rare vintage cars and a unique display of inventions from some of the greatest inventors in history who have impacted the world. The museum also includes over 100 medical inventions invested by Dr. Forrest Bird.

In addition to Dr. Bird, local Girl Scouts will describe Girl Scout projects that benefit the Sandpoint community. The luncheon program will include a presentation by Isabella a Girl Scout Junior whose troop earned their Bronze Award this summer by building a community picnic table and collect food donations for the "What Will You Bring to the Table?" initiative. The blue table was donated to Farmin Park in Sandpoint.

There is no charge to attend the luncheon, however **an RSVP is required** for all guests. To RSVP, please contact Lydia Duffy, events specialist, at 800-827-9478, ext. 204 or events@gsewni.org. As s fundraising event, guest registration and attendance is a commitment to make a suggested minimum $100 donation to support Girl Scouts Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho.

About Girl Scouts Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho
Girls are at the center of everything we do. Girl Scouts is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls, the leading authority on girls' healthy development and is working with girls and women to transform the leadership landscape for girls into the next century. Girl Scouts Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho serves more than 4,600 girls and 2,200 adult volunteers. The council region encompasses 67,000 miles that includes 20 counties in central and eastern Washington and 10 counties in northern Idaho. Girl Scouts Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho is committed to discovering, celebrating and fostering the leader in every girl. ***Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.***

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