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GIRL SCOUTS LEARN ABOUT LOCAL AGRICULTURE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP FROM KAUA'I BUSINESS OWNER

HONOLULU– On their mission to complete Girl Scouts' Senior "Sow What" Journey, girls from Troop 174 partnered with Rudy Perez of Granny's Goat Kaua'i to provide their group the opportunity to learn about farming and what it takes to run a business. The collaboration gave the girls an introduction to local food system issues while fostering their entrepreneurial spirit.

Perez taught the girls about starting a new business, government regulations, working with the Department of Health, local and organic production, branding, marketing, and sustainable practices. As a local business owner, Perez's presentation emphasized aloha 'āina (love of the land) and giving back to the community.

"It was a great honor to help the Girl Scouts earn another badge," said Perez. "A big mahalo to the Girl Scouts for allowing us to be a part of their community and contribute to positive growth here on Kaua'i."



Granny's Goat Kaua'i is a food product wholesaler and manufacturer that sells fresh salsas made on island with local produce. The business sources its ingredients sustainably and uses containers that are reusable, dishwasher and microwave safe. The production of Granny's Goat Salsa seeks to minimize waste production and the state's reliance on imported food. Perez's presentation to the Girl Scouts demonstrated various ways that many of Hawaii's food issues can be addressed.

Girl Scout Journeys are multi-session experiences in which girls dig deeper into their interests and use the skills they gain along the way to make a difference in their community. The two senior Girl Scouts from Troop 174 on the North Shore of Kaua'i chose the "Sow What" Journey to gain a better understanding of the food system issues in their community and around the world. The Journey connects girls to local programs, businesses and resources, and encourages them to take action by advocating for change in food production, security, waste or workers. For more information, visit <https://www.gshawaii.org/>.

Photo caption: Girl Scouts from Troop 174 learned about local agricultural and entrepreneurship from Granny's Goat Kaua'i owner Rudy Perez. Pictured from left to right: [name], Rudy Perez, [name], and [name].

About Girl Scouts of Hawai'i

Supporting over 5,000 girl and adult members statewide, Girl Scouts of Hawai'i (GSH) builds girls of courage, confidence, and character to make the world a better place. GSH's headquarters is located on the island of O'ahu, with three neighbor island service centers on the islands of Hawai'i, Kaua'i and Maui. GSH is chartered by the national office, Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) and is responsible for the leadership, administration and supervision of Girl Scout programs in the state of Hawai'i. For more information about GSH, visit www.gshawaii.org or call (808) 595-8400.

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