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## Thousands of Girl Scout Cookie Booths Open February 16 Girl Scout S'mores™ cookies back by popular demand!

PORTLAND, OR. – February 13, 2018 – Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington (GSOSW) is about to launch the 2018 cookie booth season. And, back by popular demand are Girl Scout S'mores™! Cookies can be purchased from more than 30,000 Girl Scout Cookie booths between Friday, February 16 and Sunday, March 11 for \$5 per box.

"I'm excited for girls to have this business experience, and put themselves out there," says GSOSW Director of Product Sales Paige Walker. "A Girl Scout Cookie booth is basically a pop-up shop and these young women are entrepreneurs selling an iconic product. As they're talking with community members at booths, they're learning people skills. As they're making decisions about their cookie business, they're practicing skills that prepare them for a successful future."

While the girls ask for the sale, Walker has an ask for customers, too: "When you meet a Girl Scout at a cookie booth, ask her why she is selling cookies!"

## Cookie Finder

Signature Girl Scout Cookies, including Thin Mints®, Samoas® and Trefoils® will be offered among the eight Girl Scout Cookie varieties at all booths throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington. Girl Scout S'mores™ cookies and gluten free Toffee-tastic™ specialty cookies are available at select cookie booths while supplies last. Customers can find a Girl Scout Cookie booth near their location with the Cookie Finder at [girlscoutsosw.org/cookies](http://girlscoutsosw.org/cookies) or use the Girl Scout Cookie Finder app available for iPhone or Android.

## The Power behind the Girl Scout Cookie Program

The Girl Scout Cookie Program teaches girls the skills they need to become effective leaders, manage finances and gain confidence in handling money—skills that will stay with them for a lifetime. Each box of Girl Scout Cookies sold powers real-life experiences for thousands of local girls.

"We are so grateful to the stores, businesses and organizations that host Girl Scouts at cookie booths," says Walker. "The community partners that provide these spaces are making a valuable investment in girls' entrepreneurial experience."

## Keeping it Local

100 percent of the net revenue earned from cookie sales remains within the local region. Every purchase of Girl Scout Cookies helps provide for new and unique opportunities for local girls including valuable educational experiences that offer lifelong impact. Girl Scout campers in Oregon and Southwest Washington use cookie program proceeds to fund their own camp and travel adventures. And, nearly every Girl Scout troop uses some portion of their cookie proceeds to give back to their local communities.

## About the Girl Scout Cookie Program

A little more than a century ago, girls began participating in what would evolve into the largest entrepreneurial training program for girls in the world: the Girl Scout Cookie Program. To learn more about the history of the cookie program, please visit: [girlscoutcookies.org](http://girlscoutcookies.org).

### **About Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington**

Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington serves 13,955 girls in 37 counties with the help of over 10,000 volunteers. The Girl Scout mission is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Every opportunity in Girl Scouting, including the Girl Scout Cookie Program, develops essential skills in an all-girl, inclusive, safe environment. For information, please visit: [girlscoutsosw.org](http://girlscoutsosw.org).

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