



February 8 is National Cookie Day!
Cookie season is here! Girl Scout Cookies go on sale Friday

(Spokane, Wash–Feb. 7, 2013): The wait is almost over. Girl Scout Cookies go on sale February 8, throughout eastern Washington and northern Idaho. Friday is National Cookie Day and Girl Scouts will begin taking cookie orders in neighborhoods, businesses and from friends and family. The Girl Scout Cookies ordered from February 8-23 will be delivered to customers in mid-March.

Girls Scouts USA has declared February 8 National Girl Scout Cookie Day to increase awareness of what the Girl Scout Cookie Program does for girls and their communities and to highlight the amazing fact that is a \$790-million business, the largest girl-led business in the world!

Girl Scouts who participate in the Cookie Program learn five essential skills:

Goal Setting: Girls set cookie sales goals and, with their team, create a plan to reach them.

Decision Making: Girls develop a basic business plan for cookie sales and work as a team to decide when and where to sell cookies and what to do with the money they earn.

Money Management: Girls develop a budget, take cookie orders, handle customers' money, and gain valuable practical life skills.

People Skills: Girls learn how to talk to, listen to, and work with all kinds of people while selling cookies.

Business Ethics: Girls are honest and responsible during every step of cookie sales.

The cookie boxes have a new design this year but the cookies inside are still the Girl Scout Cookies customers know and love. The cookies available this year are the six most popular cookies: Thin Mints, Samoas, Trefoils, Do-si-dos, Tagalongs and Savannah Smiles. Each box of cookies is still only \$4 per box in Washington state and \$4.25 per box in Idaho (includes Idaho state sales tax).

If you need help connecting to a Girl Scout selling cookies please contact our council office at 800-827-9478 and we will connect you with a Girl Scout in your community or neighborhood.

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 8,200 girls and 2,600 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 Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.*

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