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Girl Scout Cookies Available March 23

Still only $4 per box!

(Spokane, Wash−March 21, 2012): The cookies are almost here! It's Girl Scout cookie time and Girl Scouts throughout eastern Washington and northern Idaho will begin delivering cookies this week. Cookie sales outside local retail locations will begin Friday, March 23 and continue through April 15.

Local Girl Scouts will be delivering and selling Thin Mints, Samoas, Do-si-dos, Tagalongs, Trefoils, Savannah Smiles, Dulce de Leche and Thank U BerryMunch cookies. Samoas and Thin Mints continue to be the most popular cookies, but each cookie has a loyal following. All eight varieties of Girl Scout cookies are still just $4 per box.

The annual Cookie Program is the largest girl-led business in the country and generates $760 million for girls, their Girl Scout councils and communities. Girls set cookie goals to support their chosen activities for the year, to fund community service and leadership projects, attend summer camp, buy things in the Girl Scout store, travel to destinations near and far and provide events for girls in their community.

"The QR codes and the Cookie Locator app really make it easy to find the nearest Girl Scout cookies; there's even a countdown with the Cookie Locator that alerts you to when and where you can get your Girl Scout cookies," said Kelly Thompson, Girl Scouts Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho product sales manager. "We're piloting a credit card reader to make it more convenient for customers to purchase the cookies they want. Girl Scout cookies make a great gift for both personal and professional purposes."

Visit the Girl Scouts Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho Facebook page for recipes, cookie facts and trivia. Follow us on Twitter for interesting regional and national cookie news.

"Starting this Saturday it's going to be pretty easy to find a Girl Scout eager to sell cookies throughout our 30-county council area," Thompson said. "The Cookie Locator is the best way to find Girl Scout cookies fast!"

Find the nearest Girl Scout cookies at www.gscookiebiz.com. For help finding Girl Scout cookies in your community call 800-827-9478.

This is the Centennial year for Girls Scouts. The council has several events scheduled throughout the year and 2012 has been declared the *Year of the Girl*. Girl Scouts Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho serves nearly 8,000 girls and 2,600 adult volunteers in a region encompassing 20

counties in central and eastern Washington and 10 counties in northern Idaho. Follow and "like" us on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube (see easy links below). For more information about the council and the many ways to be involved with Girl Scouts Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho visit www.gsewni.org.

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