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500,000 Boxes of Girl Scout Cookies Arrive In Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho Region
Booth sales begin March 21 and only available until April 13

(Spokane, WA–March 17, 2014): The wait is almost over. Thousands of Girl Scouts are getting their cookie selling strategies in place as they gear up to begin booth sales March 21 in communities throughout eastern Washington and Northern Idaho.

Girl Scouts are preparing to sell the Super Six Girl Scout cookies (Thin Mints, Samoas, Trefoils, Do-si-dos, Tagalongs and Savannah Smiles) in all 30 counties of the council area beginning this Friday with their booth sales set up outside of stores and retail establishments. Through product sales, Girl Scouts earn money for troop activities which include community service, field trips to earn badges, resident and day camp and travel.

As the largest girl-led business in the world, the Girl Scout Cookie Program is not just about selling cookies. When a Girl Scout sells cookies, she's building a lifetime of skills and confidence. She learns goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills and business ethics—aspects essential to leadership, to success and to life.

During the cookie sale, local Girl Scouts also ask their customers to purchase and donate cookies for various Gift of Caring projects. Operation Troop to Troop is the largest such project in this area where the donated cookies are given to our local service men and women. Along with the donated cookies, Girl Scouts have included handwritten “thank you” letters and posters of encouragement to our service men and women.

The Girl Scout cookies are still $4 per box and $4.25 per box in Idaho. Booth sale cookies will be available until April 13. Go to www.gscookiebiz.com to find your Girl Scout cookies fast through the COOKIE LOCATOR. Just type in your zip code and it will tell you where and when to find cookies right in your neighborhood or call the council at 800-827-9478 ext. 212.

“Girl Scouts prepare for months learning to greet customers, set goals, and handle money during their troop meetings,” said Kelly Thompson, product sales manager for Girl Scouts of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho. “We utilize our troop leaders to teach these valuable skills to our future generation. Right now, we need more adults to volunteer. There are girls waiting to join Girl Scouts but there are not enough troop leaders to meet the demand.”

Girl Scouts of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho is seeking adult volunteers to work with troops forming in the summer and fall of 2014. More than 20 adult volunteers are needed to fill the gap for forming troops. Girls in kindergarten through 12th grade can join Girl Scouts in a traditional troop at any point during the year as long as there are five girls and two leaders in the troop. Contact local representative Jodi Walter at 509-747-8091 ext. 208, jwalter@gsewni.org to learn more about volunteering with Girl Scouts.

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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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