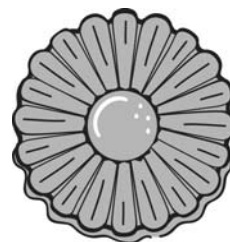




What parents need to know about the 2010 Girl Scout Cookie Program

GIRL SCOUTS OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS
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Cookie Order Dates:

Order taking begins—January 8, 2010
Order taking ends—January 24, 2010
Girl initial order due troop leader—January 29, 2010

Cookie Delivery Dates:

March 1 – 4, 2010

Girl Scout Cookies Cost:

\$3.50 per box (100% of the proceeds support girl programs in this council.)

Checks made payable to:

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois

Orders are **not** to be taken before **Friday, January 8, 2010!**

Keeping with this time-line allows all girls the opportunity to benefit from the Girl Scout Cookie Program. This is a girl program; girls sell cookies as a learning experience. Please do not assume the responsibility of selling cookies for the girls.

Safety

Remember the “buddy system” should be used during a door-to-door sale. Safety is always first in Girl Scouting.

Requirements

Parent Permission Slips (PRO 465) **MUST** be completed and returned to the troop leader **BEFORE** January 8, 2010. By signing the Parent Permission Slip, the parent/guardian agrees to be responsible for payment of all cookies received by their daughter/charge. Girls must be registered members of Girl Scouts to participate.



Purpose of the Annual Cookie Program

The annual Cookie Program: 1) gives Girl Scouts an opportunity to earn money for their troop activities 2) helps girls participate in the Girl Scout program opportunities beyond their troop or group 3) enables girls to learn new skills in working toward goals, finances, interacting with the public and marketing 4) gives direct services to girls, 5) helps purchase equipment and maintain council properties in their behalf 6) provides adult volunteer recruitment, training, and support.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is open to all girls in all grade levels.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is an optional activity for all girls.

Girl Scout Daisies are eligible to participate in the annual Cookie Program and should sell to family and friends.

What you can do to help your daughter

Attend you Girl Scout's cookie training with her.

Before she begins selling, review these safety rules together:

- *Always sell and deliver cookies with a buddy. Girl Scout Daisies through Juniors should have an adult with them at all times; Girl Scout Cadettes through Ambassadors should have adult supervision.
- *Don't carry a lot of money, and have a plan for turning money over to the troop leader.
- *Be careful crossing streets and walking in parking lots.
- *Don't give your full name, e-mail or phone number to anyone—use adult contact information.

Allow your Girl Scout to participate in a booth sale and volunteer to help.

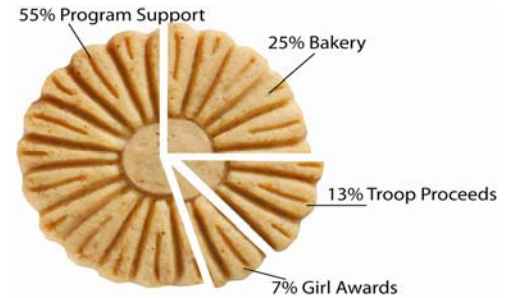
Encourage her to make a telephone or e-mail list of her friends and relatives to contact.

Coach her in selling techniques, including how to share her goals and suggest additional reasons to purchase cookies. It's a proven fact—girls who set personal goals sell 37% more cookies than those who don't set goals.

Show her you care by giving time and support to help her reach her goals. Goals don't have to be numbers; they can be character building, working with a team, getting paperwork finished on time, etc.

REMEMBER: Girl Scouts do not collect money in advance for Cookie sales.

HOW THE COOKIE CRUMBLES



If you have questions, or need more information, contact:
Holly at 815-235-8777 or e-mail hbartelt@girlscoutsni.org

Recognition Information

To help you and your Girl Scout, pictures of all girl awards are on the cookie order sheet. Encourage your Girl Scout to look at the sheet before the sale begins, and write her personal goal on the sheet.

Girl recognitions are cumulative **EXCEPT**: iPod shuffle – Digital Camera – iPod Nano – Cookie Dough. This means a girl will only get one (1) iPod or one (1) Cookie Dough slip.

iPods and Cookie Dough will be forwarded to each girl after April 12, 2010.

Cookie Dough and girl award questions or adjustments must be addressed by July 16, 2010. No adjustments or requests will be honored after July 16, 2010.

All girls who sell 141 boxes or more on the **initial** order will receive a *Leap 2 Lead* Patch Bracelet at cookie delivery.



All girls who go to www.abcsmartcookies.com and click on the “Girls” icon, then go to the drop down and select “Goal Setting”—and then “Catch Goals”—and set personal goals will receive a goal-getter patch at the end of the sale. Goals need to be set **BEFORE January 8, 2010**.

All girls who have a parent attend a troop Cookie Program training will receive a Family Participation patch.

Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador: \$.50

# Boxes	
12-49	Theme Patch
50-99	Eco Journal
100-124	Eco Tote OR \$10 Cookie Dough AND 100+ Bar
125-149	Theme T-shirt
150-199	Sitting Plush Frog
200-249	Peace Sign Necklace OR \$20 Cookie Dough AND 200+ Bar
250-299	Sports Bottle
300-399	300 Club Event OR \$30 Cookie Dough AND 300+ Bar
400-499	Fleece Blanket OR \$40 Cookie Dough AND 400+ Bar
500-599	iPod Shuffle OR \$50 Cookie Dough AND 500+ Bar
600-699	Messenger Bag AND \$25 Barnes & Noble Gift Card OR \$60 Cookie Dough AND 600+ Bar
700-799	Digital Camera AND 700+ Bar
1000+	iPod Nano OR \$100 Cookie Dough AND 1000+ Bar

Note: One achievement bar received at highest level sold, beginning at 100 boxes.

Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors have the option to choose no awards, but receive \$.60 per box in proceeds. The entire troop should make the decision about which award program they want (\$.50 with awards or \$.60 with no awards.) Everyone in the troop must agree to one plan.

Cadette, Senior, Ambassador: NO AWARDS - \$.60

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