girl scouts of michigan shore to shore

Cookie FAQ

Q: How can I buy Girl Scout Cookies?

A: Girl Scout Cookies can be purchased from local Girl Scouts. To find them, contact Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore at 866.566.7434 or visit www.gsmists.org. GSMISTS staff can help you find a Cookie Booth or a Girl Scout group near you.

Q: Can I buy Girl Scout Cookies online?

A: Girl Scouts of the USA does not currently allow online sales, but by visiting www.gsmists.org we can help you locate girls selling in your community (Cookie Locator will be live in March 2013). There is also an official Girl Scout Cookie App available for download to locate a Cookie Booth in your area.

Q: Who can sell Girl Scout Cookies?

A: All girl members, including Girl Scout Daisies, may participate in the Girl Scout Cookie Program. Although parents and Girl Scout adults may assist the girls, it is the girl who closes the sale, sets learning goals and learns the business leadership skills that are part of the program. Participation in this Girl Scout program activity is voluntary.

Q: How do you ensure the safety of the Girl Scouts who sell cookies?

A: The safety and security of our members is always our main concern. We have strict guidelines for safety. Girl Scouts, depending on their age, must be accompanied or supervised by an adult when selling Girl Scout Cookies and always use the buddy system.

Q: Is the purchase of Girl Scout Cookies tax-deductible?

A: No and Yes. ***No***, if the customer keeps the cookies. Individuals who buy Girl Scout Cookies and take the cookies home, or consume them, have purchased a product at a fair market value. For this reason, no part of the price of a box of Girl Scout Cookies used in this way is tax-deductible.
Yes, if the customer leaves the cookies with Girl Scouts. Many Girl Scouts ask customers to pay for one or more boxes of cookies for use in their community service project or "Gift of Caring;" Michigan Blood is this year's council-sponsored Gift of Caring charity. The customers not receiving any Girl Scout Cookies do not benefit directly from paying for them. Those individuals may treat the purchase price of the donated cookies as a charitable contribution.

Q: Does any part of the cookie revenue go to support organizations other Girl Scouts?

A: No. Absolutely none of the money from any Girl Scout council-sponsored cookie sale is given to any other group. All of the revenue - every penny after paying for the cookies - from all cookie sale activities supports the local Girl Scout council where the cookies are sold, including a portion that goes directly to the troop or girl selling cookies. The purpose of selling cookies is to help girls develop a wide range of skills and to generate revenue to support Girl Scouting locally. All of the proceeds from the sale of Girl Scout Cookies goes to support girls in Girl Scouting. No money is given to any organization other than Girl Scouts. Girls may choose, however, to use money earned through product activities to purchase materials for a Take Action or service project to benefit the community.

Q: Are all Girl Scout Cookies kosher?

A: Yes. All Girl Scout Cookies are kosher.

Q: What are the best selling Girl Scout Cookies?

A: The biggest sellers are: Thin Mints (25%), Samoas® (19%), Tagalongs® (13%), Do-Si-Dos® (11%), Trefoils (9%). The other varieties combined account for the remaining 23%.

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