

## GIRL SCOUTS

# Cookie sales are back

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"Girl Scout cookies! Girl Scout cookies! Girl Scout cookies!"

Girl Scouts from Troop 72667 shouted as they practiced their cookie fundraising pitch during last Thursday's troop meeting.

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts (GSEM), along with Concord's Troop 72667, kicked off their annual cookie fundraiser last Saturday and will continue to be around town selling them until March 9.

Whether your taste buds enjoy chocolate, caramel, peanut butter or mint — or all four, there are eight different types of cookies, at \$4 a box, to choose from.

The money the Girl Scouts raise will help go towards trips and activities for the troops. Past activities have included whitewater rafting and camping trips.

According to the GSEM's website, girls set cookie sales goals to support their chosen activities for the year, to fund community service, leadership projects, attend summer camps and travel to different destinations.

Troop 72667 Scout Leader Maureen Lewis said last year 308 registered Girl Scouts in Concord sold 13,728 boxes of cookies collectively.

Caitlyn Lewis, a member of Troop 72667, has sold more than 3,000 boxes of cookies in the past three years and has been the town's top cookie seller for the past four years.

Lewis said a lot of hard work goes into selling the

cookies and added the sales come from door-to-door marketing, booth sales, repeat customers and help from mom and dad.

This year, the girls have personal goals and troop goals they will be discussing together during their weekly troop meetings.

Celebrating their 100th year anniversary in March, GSEM makes sure more than 75 percent of the price of each box of cookies sold stays within Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts.

On March 3, Girl Scouts from Troop 72667 and troops from GSEM will be heading to Hanscom Air Force Base for the sixth annual cookie donation celebration from 9 to 11 a.m.

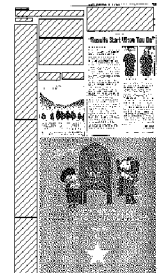
American troops deployed overseas received more than 30,000 boxes of Girl Scout cookies last year thanks to the event.

Girl Scout Dana Tilton, 10, who is part of Troop 72667, said it feels great to do something good for the community.

If people aren't interested in buying cookies for themselves, they have the opportunity to purchase a box and have it donated to local organizations and military through "Cookies for a Cause."

Troop 72667 also works closely with Open Table, a community supper and food pantry in Concord, to provide donations and community service.

Tilton and the girls in the troop said the most difficult



thing about selling cookies is learning how to deal with rejection.

"But how have we learned to deal with that?" Lewis asked the troop.

"We say 'thank you for supporting the Girl Scouts anyways,'" the girls said in unison.

Lewis said through the cookie sales, the girls learn to do math, practice interacting with the community and learn how to set goals and reach them.

Another important aspect of being a part of the Girl Scouts, according to both Lewis and the troop, is that they are a family.

"They are there for each other," Lewis said. "They stick together."

The most popular Girl Scout cookies, according to the troop, are Samoas or Caramel deLites and Thin Mints.

For more information about [Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts](http://www.girlscoutseasternmass.org) and to find out where the nearest cookie booths are, visit [www.girlscoutseasternmass.org](http://www.girlscoutseasternmass.org).



#### ONLINE EXTRA

Video of Girl Scouts talking about cookie sales at [wickedlocalconcord.com](http://wickedlocalconcord.com).

## Girl Scout cookies for sale this year

■ **Thanks-A-Lot** Heart-warming shortbread cookies dipped in rich fudge and topped with an embossed Thank You message in one of five languages

■ **Shout Outs!** Light and crisp, these Belgian-style caramelized cookies are a sensibly sweet treat

■ **Lemonades** Savory slices of shortbread with a refreshingly tangy lemon icing

- **Shortbread** Traditional favorite with a buttery, light flavor
- **Thin Mints** Thin chocolate wafers dipped in a rich chocolaty coating with a burst of pure peppermint
- **Peanut Butter Patties** Crisp vanilla cookies layered with real peanut butter and blanketed with a chocolaty coating
- **Caramel deLites** Delicate vanilla cookies drenched in caramel, sprinkled with toasted coconut and laced with cocoa stripes
- **Peanut Butter Sandwich** Deliciously smooth peanut butter sandwiched between crunchy oatmeal cookies

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**Concord Girl Scout Troop 72667, along with Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts are selling Girl Scout cookies now through March 9. From left are Rebekah Parise, Caitlin Terpstra, Avery Little, Caitlyn Lewis, Sarah Lyons, Rachel Zou, Victoria Clamp and Dana Tilton. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO BY KIMBERLY A. HOOPER**