

It's Girl Scout cookie time!

It's time to support local Girl Scout entrepreneurs who are out and about in uniform selling their famous cookies.

This year's sale runs from December through Friday, March 9 during an important milestone in the history of Girl Scouting, which celebrates its 100th anniversary year in 2012.

North Reading's 2011 cookie-selling champion, Jillian Wallace, is eager to break her record of selling 500 boxes of cookies last year as a Brownie Girl Scout with Troop 71901. She is now a third-grader at the Hood School in Mrs. Cleary's class and enjoys making new friends through troop and camp activities.

The proceeds from the annual cookie sales will help girls like Jillian participate in a variety of troop activities such as attending

Camp Maude Eaton, going on field trips to try new activities like maple sugaring and doing community service work such as planting a tree at the Hood School. Jillian is the daughter of Jenn and Jim Wallace and the younger sister of Joseph.

The activity of selling cookies is directly related to the century-old organization's purpose of helping all girls realize their full potential by developing strong, confident and resourceful citizens who learn how to work toward a common goal as part of a team.

Through troop activities, Girl Scouts learn life skills and realize how to live up to their potential while also having fun together.

Girl Scout cookies cost \$4 per box and come in eight varieties which include thin mints, caramel delites, peanut butter patties, shortbread, lemonades and

thanks-a-lots.

Door-to-door sales will be held through Jan. 20 and cookies will be delivered in mid-February.

Weekend booth sales will also be held by North Reading troops on a rotating basis at three local venues.

Booth sales

A booth will be set up at the Post Office on Park St. this Saturday, Dec. 17. Walmart will host booth sales on weekends now through Feb. 5. Booths will then be set up at Stop and Shop on weekends from Jan. 7 through Feb. 12.

To support a specific troop, their assignments can be found on the Girl Scouts blog: www.northreadinggirlscouts.blogspot.com. Or call cookie coordinator Kerstin March (978-664-0998) to be connected to a troop.



JILLIAN WALLACE, a Brownie Girl Scout with Troop 71901 sold 500 boxes of cookies as the town's top seller in 2011. Sales of Girl Scouts cookies has officially begun and runs through March 9. (Transcript photo by Maureen Doherty)

