

Thank you for ordering Girl Scout cookies and supporting Girl Scouts in your community! By purchasing cookies from your neighborhood Girl Scout, you are helping her earn money for programs that help her learn new skills and that give her the opportunity to try a number of exciting new things.



Where does this money go?

One hundred percent of the money raised through the Girl Scout Cookie Program stays with our local Council and troops. Again, let there be no question: all of the revenue from cookie activities—every penny after paying the baker—stays with Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes. Girl Scout councils do not provide any portion of their cookie revenue to Girl Scouts of the USA.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is an important program for girls. Through this program, girls learn goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics; aspects essential to leadership, to success, and to life. Girl Scouts selling Girl Scout cookies set their own money-earning goals for the season individually and with their troops. They may decide to donate supplies to a local animal hospital or use their hard-earned money to fund a back-to-nature wilderness adventure. Whatever the specific goals and outcomes, we assure you that selling cookies does great things for girls.



Why do some people voice concern about Girl Scout Cookies?

In short, it's because they've been fed false information about the Girl Scout organization on the internet. As a worldwide organization whose mission is to empower girls to become leaders, Girl Scouts is occasionally a target for outside entities with clear agendas.

Girl Scouts of the USA and Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes do not have any relationship either formal or informal with any reproductive health organizations. Additionally, Girl Scouts does not advocate one way or another with regard to what we perceive as private issues best handled by families. Personal matters are just that—personal and private—and should be addressed accordingly.

So please, let's let the girls have fun! We ask that adults keep adult conversations and concerns to themselves. Approaching girls with salacious materials is inappropriate and unacceptable.



About Girl Scouts: In the United States, Girl Scouts serves 3 million members as part of a worldwide girl-serving family consisting of 10 million girls and adults in 145 countries. More than 59 million American women were Girl Scouts as girls, and through our century-plus history, our mission has remained constant: to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Your local Girl Scout Council, Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes, serves over 6,000 adult volunteers and 17,000 girls in 58 counties across northern Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula. To join, volunteer, reconnect, or donate to Girl Scouts, call 888.747.6945 or visit www.gsnwgl.org. GSNWGL is a proud United Way partner program.

