

## It's Girl Scout cookie time

Girl Scouts began taking orders for cookies Saturday. Sales will continue through March 14, including all the favorites — Thin Mints, Caramel deLites, Shortbread, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Thanks-A-Lot, Lemonades, Daisy Go Rounds and Peanut Butter Patties.

The price per box is \$3.50, and all of the proceeds stay within the local area. In 2009, Girl Scouts-North Carolina Coastal Pines troops earned more than \$1.3 million in proceeds. That's an average of just more than \$1,000 per troop. Girl Scouts in central and eastern North Carolina hope to sell 2.6 million boxes of cookies in 2010.

Customers who purchase five or more boxes in a single purchase have a chance to win a year's supply of free Girl Scout cookies. Six winners will be selected and announced in May.

Cookies can be ordered online this year. Girl Scouts can e-mail friends and family who can order by replying.

During Super Bowl weekend, cookies will be sold at thousands of cookie booths throughout the 41 counties, from Feb. 5 to 7.

If you did not have a Girl Scout visit your home or ask you via e-mail to purchase cookies, you can visit cookie booths from Feb. 13 to March 14. To find a booth location, go to [nccoastal-pines.org](http://nccoastal-pines.org).

For the sixth consecutive year, the Girl Scouts will be participating in Operation Cookie Drop. Customer donations through March 14 will help purchase cookies to ship overseas to military personnel at Camp

Lejeune, Fort Bragg, Seymour Johnson AFB, and the North Carolina branch of Give2TheTroops based in Greenville.

