

Girl Scout cookies on sale again now

It's that time of year again for one of America's favorite treats. Girl Scouts are taking orders for cookies beginning now through Sunday, March 14th.

The price per box is \$3.50, and all of the proceeds generated from the Cookie Sale Program stay within the girls' local area and our 41-county council. In 2009, Girl Scouts - North Carolina Coastal Pines (GS-NCCP) troops earned more than \$1.3 million in proceeds. That's an average of just over \$1,000 per troop.

Girl Scouts in central and eastern North Carolina hope to sell 2.6 million boxes of cookies in 2010, and we need your help to achieve that goal.

• Back by popular demand is the BUY 5 promotion. Customers who purchase five or more boxes of Girl Scout cookies in a single purchase can enter their name in a drawing to win a year's supply of free Girl Scout cookies from Girl Scouts - North Carolina Coastal Pines. Six winners will be selected and

will be announced in May 2010.

• New this year: Girl Scouts cookies can be ordered online. Girls can send e-mail messages to friends and family who can order cookies by replying to the e-mail message.

• During the weekend of Super Bowl XLIV, Girl Scout cookies will be sold at thousands of cookie booths throughout our 41 counties from February 5th - 7th. What better sweets to serve at your Super Bowl party?

• 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 outside of your local businesses on the weekends from February 13th to March 14th. To find a booth location near you please visit our cookie booth locator at: www.nccoastalpin.es.org.

• For the sixth consecutive year we'll be participating in Operation Cookie Drop! Customers can make donations now through March 14th.

Those donations will be used

to 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, NC. Since the program first started more than 221,000 boxes have been shipped to our troops.

For almost 100 years the Girl Scout Cookie Program has helped girls develop skills they will use throughout their lives. Through this annual activity, Girl Scouts ages 5-17 learn time and money management, how to set and achieve goals, the value of teamwork, how to build communication skills and customer service. These skills can even be listed on job and school applications and on resumes.

For information on how to purchase Girl Scout Cookies in your area please visit, www.nccoastalpin.es.org.

Girl Scouts - North Carolina Coastal Pines serves more than 32,000 girl members and 9,500 adult members in 41 central and eastern North Carolina counties, including Chatham County.

For more information on membership or volunteer opportunities, call 919-782-3021.

