

## Girl Scout cookies on sale through mid-March

Girl Scouts in the area are taking orders for cookies through Sunday, March 14. This year's flavors include 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 generated from the Cookie Sale Program stay within the girls' local area and 41-county council.

In 2009 Girl Scouts - North Carolina Coastal Pines (GS-NCCP) troops earned more than \$1.3 million in proceeds, or an average of over \$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 of Girl Scout cook-

ies 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 Scout 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.

Another new approach: during the weekend of Super Bowl XLIV, Girl Scout cookies will be sold at thousands of cookie booths throughout the regional 41 counties from February 5-7.

Anyone who did not have a Girl Scout visit their home or ask via e-mail to purchase cookies can visit cookie booths outside local businesses on the weekends from February 13 to March 14.

To find a booth location visit the cookie booth locator at: [www.nccoastalpines.org](http://www.nccoastalpines.org).

For the sixth consecutive year, local Girl Scouts will be participating in Operation Cookie Drop. Customers can make donations through March 14 to purchase cookies to ship overseas to military personnel from Camp Lejeune, Fort Bragg, Seymour Johnson AFB, and the North Carolina branch of Give2TheT-troops based in Greenville. Since the program first started, more than 221,000 boxes have been shipped to troops.

In existence for nearly 100 years, the Girl Scout Cookie Program gives Girl Scouts ages 5-17 skills in time and money management, how to set and achieve goals, the value of teamwork, how to build communication skills and customer service.

