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Girl Scouts and Volunteers are Driving Force behind 1.7 Million Boxes of Cookies for OR and SW WA *Girl Scout Cookie Bosses Hone Business and Entrepreneurial Skills during “Depot Days”*

PORTLAND, OR. – February 5, 2019 – Girl Scout Cookie “Depot Days” are some of the most impressive volunteer-driven operations in Oregon and Southwest Washington. More than 1000 volunteers and Girl Scouts throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington help transport 1.7 million boxes of Girl Scout Cookies in just seven days between February 7 and February 13, 2019.

While customers often remember the cookie sellers they see in front of area businesses like Fred Meyer, Safeway-Albertson’s, and Wal-Mart, they may never know about the countless hours contributed in support of the Girl Scouts by volunteers. Volunteers serve in a variety of important roles, including Booth Sales Coordinators, Cookie Inventory Managers, Cookie Rally Organizers, Incentive Organizers, Regional Volunteer Organizers and Warehouse Coordinators.

Girl Scouts that participate during Depot Days gain exposure to these operations and hone business and entrepreneurial skills including communication, customer service, logistics, math, and group management.

“It’s a tremendous amount of cookies to get out the door and into the girls’ hands, but it is so worth it,” says volunteer Cristin Rosenbaum. “The girls learn so many great skills selling cookies, as well as funding their Girl Scout adventures. As a veteran Depot Day coordinator, my favorite part is when a new volunteer walks in and sees the stacks of cookies for the first time. They’re always amazed to realize we sell so many cookies and to see it all in one place; it’s an impressive sight.”

Girl Scout Cookies are distributed on Saturday, February 9, at warehouses located in Eugene, Tualatin, and Vancouver, as well as fairgrounds locations throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington.

TUALATIN DEPOT DAY

Who | What: Girl Scout Cookie “Depot Day” at Tualatin Warehouse

Where: Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington’s Tualatin Cookie Warehouse, located at 19460 SW 118th Avenue, Tualatin, Oregon 97062.

When: Saturday, February 9, 2019, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. with peak hours 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Visuals: Girl Scouts, families, volunteers and staff from Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington will move 41,560 cases/498,720 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies. Lines of cars, vans, and even moving trucks waiting to be loaded. Loading docks staffed with people ready to load cookies. Hundreds of pallets of Girl Scout Cookies in the warehouse. Girls and volunteers loading cookies in to vehicles. See photos attached.

On-site Interviews: Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington troop leaders, girls and staff will be on-site available for interviews.

COOKIE BOOTH SALES AND COOKIE FINDER

Girl Scouts will sell cookies at booths in front of local retailers throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington from February 15 through March 10, 2019.

Customers can find a Girl Scout Cookie booth near their location with the Cookie Finder at girlscoutsosw.org or use the Girl Scout Cookie Finder app available for iPhone or Android.

ABOUT THE GIRL SCOUT COOKIE PROGRAM

A little more than a century ago, girls began participating in what would evolve into the largest entrepreneurial training program for girls in the world: the Girl Scout Cookie Program. To learn more about the history of the Girl Scout Cookie Program, please visit girlscoutcookies.org.

ABOUT GIRL SCOUTS OF OREGON AND SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON

In partnership with more than 8,000 adult members, Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington prepares 14,500 girls in grades K-12 for a lifetime of leadership, adventure and success. GSOSW's programs in civic engagement, financial literacy, the outdoors and STEM serve girls in 37 counties in Oregon, and Clark, Klickitat and Skamania counties in Southwest Washington. The Girl Scout mission is to build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. For more information, please visit girlscoutsosw.org.

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