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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 6, 2018 – 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 move 1.7 million boxes of Girl Scout Cookies in just six days between February 7 and February 13.

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 girls 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.

"Depot day is the day you really get to see what girls in our area are capable of," says volunteer Katje Johnson Jacobs. "The sheer volume of cookies is amazing, and you see it stacked on pallets—it's a lot. You look back at the empty warehouse at the end of the day and you feel really good about it. We really appreciate all of the volunteer help, because it's hard work."

Girl Scout Cookies are stored at warehouses located in Eugene, Medford, Pendleton, Salem, 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 10, 2018, 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 48,644 cases/583,728 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.

#### **VANCOUVER DEPOT DAY**

**Who | What:** Girl Scout Cookie depot day at Vancouver Cookie Warehouse

**Where:** Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington's Vancouver Cookie Warehouse, located at 5720-B NE 121st Ave, Vancouver, WA 98682.

**When:** Saturday, February 10, 2018, 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 42,735 cases / 512,820 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.

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### **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 16 through March 11, 2018 for \$5 per box.

Customers can find a Girl Scout Cookie booth near their location with the Cookie Finder at [girlscoutsosw.org](http://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](http://girlscoutcookies.org).

### **ABOUT GIRL SCOUTS OF OREGON AND SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON**

Our council serves 13,955 girls in 37 counties with the help of over 10,000 volunteers. The Girl Scout mission is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Every opportunity in Girl Scouting, including the Girl Scout Cookie Program, develops these essential skills in an all-girl, inclusive, safe environment. For more information, please visit [girlscoutsosw.org](http://girlscoutsosw.org).