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### **Girl Scouts and Volunteers are Driving Force behind 1.6 Million Boxes of Cookies for OR and SW WA** *Girl Scout Cookie Entrepreneurs Hone Business Skills during "Depot Days"*

PORTLAND, OR. – February 5, 2020 – 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 1.6 million boxes of Girl Scout Cookies in just seven days between February 6 and February 12, 2020.

While customers often remember the cookie sellers they see in front of area businesses like Fred Meyer, JOANN (*fabric and craft stores*), Safeway-Albertson's and Wal-Mart, they may never know about the countless hours contributed in support of 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.

"The amount of Girl Scout Cookies moved during Depot Days is truly amazing. It's a huge endeavor, and volunteers, girls and their families make it happen," says Victoria Foreman, Director of Product Sales for Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington. "We love that girls get to see behind the scenes of Girl Scout Cookie inventory management, from planning to organization to execution. These are key skills needed to run a business, and girls get unique, hands-on practice through the cookie program."

Girl Scout Cookies are distributed on Saturday, February 8, at warehouses located in Eugene, Tualatin, and Vancouver, and deliveries are made throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington from February 6-12.

Media are invited to join us during peak hours in Vancouver, WA and Redmond, OR this year:

#### **VANCOUVER WASHINGTON DEPOT DAY**

**Who | What:** Girl Scout Cookie "Depot Day" at Vancouver Cookie Warehouse in Vancouver, Washington

**Where:** Lile North American Moving and Storage 5720-B NE 121st Ave, Vancouver, WA 98682

**When:** Saturday, **February 8, 2020**, peak hours are between **11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**Visuals:** Girl Scouts, families, volunteers and staff from Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington will move **40,735 cases** containing **488,820 boxes** of Girl Scout Cookies. **205 Girl Scout Troops** will pick up Girl Scout Cookies from this warehouse on Saturday, **February 8**. 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.

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

The on-site GSOSW staff contact on the day of this event is **Tiffany Patton**.

Interested media should R.S.V.P. in advance via email to: [communications@girlscoutsosw.org](mailto:communications@girlscoutsosw.org)

## **DESCHUTES | REDMOND OREGON DEPOT DAY**

**Who | What:** Girl Scout Cookie “Depot Day” at Deschutes Cookie Warehouse in Redmond, Oregon

**Where:** Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center 3800 SW, SE Airport Way, Redmond, OR 97756

**When:** Monday, **February 10, 2020**, peak hours are between **1-4 p.m.**

**Visuals:** Girl Scouts, families, volunteers and staff from Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington will move **5,938 cases** containing **71,256 boxes** of Girl Scout Cookies. **49 Girl Scout Troops** will pick up Girl Scout Cookies from this warehouse on Monday, **February 10**. 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.

**On-site Contact and Interviews:** Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington troop leaders, girls and staff member Melissa Stanley, from the Product Program team, will be on-site and available for interviews.

The on-site GSOSW staff contact on the day of this event is **Melissa Stanley**.

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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 14 through March 8, 2020.

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**

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is the largest entrepreneurial training program for girls in the world. Girl Scouts learn five essential skills: goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills and business ethics. 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 (GSOSW)**

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 35 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](http://girlscoutsosw.org).

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