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## IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME! TWO NEW VARIETIES AVAILABLE

Pleasantville, NY — Get those glasses of milk ready because Thin Mints and Trefoils and [insert your favorite Girl Scout cookie here] are headed your way with the help of Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Inc! Then again, maybe you'll settle down with a hot beverage and a couple of the two newest Girl Scout cookies: **Lemon Chalet Cremes** (a vanilla sandwich cookie with a zesty lemon crème filling) or **Sugar Free Chocolate Chips** (self-explanatory).

Either way, you'll soon have a chance to enjoy those once-a-year treats as the more than 34,000 Girl Scouts throughout the seven counties of the lower Hudson River valley — Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester — begin taking orders for their annual cookie sale on Friday, **February 1**. Cookie deliveries throughout Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Inc., will begin in mid-March.

At \$3.50 per box, cookie sale proceeds help support a wide range of traditional and contemporary Girl Scout programs and activities throughout the year. They are truly “great cookies for a great cause.”

If you'd like to place an order and no one contacts you, there are regional numbers you can call for more information. In Dutchess County, it's (845) 452-1810. In Orange and Sullivan, it's (845) 361-2898 or (845) 794-0264. In Putnam and Westchester, call (914) 747-3080. In Rockland, call (845) 638-2804, and in Ulster it's (845) 338-5367.

There are eight varieties in the Girl Scout cookie selection produced by Little Brownie Bakers of Louisville, Kentucky. Aside from the **Lemon Chalet Cremes** and the **Sugar Free Chocolate Chips**, there are: **Thin Mints** (the quintessential Girl Scout cookie), **Samoas** (a blend of caramel, coconut and chocolate) **Trefoils** (delicately flavored shortbread), **Do-Si-Dos** (peanut butter sandwich cookies), **Tagalongs** (chocolate-covered peanut butter patties), and **All-Abouts** (a vanilla cookie with a Girl Scout message embossed on top and a rich fudge coating on the bottom). Yum!

All eight varieties are trans-fat-free, contain no preservatives, and are kosher.

The annual cookie program has been an important activity for generations of Girl Scouts. It gives girls the chance to practice their communication, financial, and entrepreneurial

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skills, as well as learning about planning, goal setting, and teamwork, while exhibiting responsibility and self-reliance. All that and great cookies, too — quite a bargain!

Continuing this year is the **Gift of Caring** program, which benefits area charities through boxes of Girl Scout cookies donated by the public. Each participating troop selects a local agency to be the recipient of its Gift of Caring cookies. A similar program, **Operation Cookie Drop**, provides cookies for soldiers deployed overseas as well as those in stateside hospitals and veterans' facilities.

Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson serves 34,000 girls and 15,000 adult volunteers throughout its seven-county jurisdiction. Its central administrative office is in Pleasantville, with regional offices in Kingston, Middletown, New City, and Poughkeepsie.

Founded in Savannah, Georgia, on March 12, 1912, Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) strives to build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. Accordingly, GSUSA continues to be the world's pre-eminent organization for, and leading authority on, girls, with a membership of more than 3.7 million girls and adults.

For information about joining, volunteering, or making a donation to Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Inc., contact (914) 747-3080 or visit [www.girlscoutshh.org](http://www.girlscoutshh.org).