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IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME! NEWEST COOKIE SAYS "THANK U BERRY MUNCH"

Pleasantville, NY — It's that time of the year again, when America's premier entrepreneurship and educational program for girls — the Girl Scout cookie sale — gets off to a delicious start. The 32,000 Girl Scouts throughout the seven counties of Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson (Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester) will be taking orders for cookies from Monday, **February 22**, through Sunday, **March 14**. Deliveries will begin the third week of April.

For those who can't wait until the cookies they've ordered actually show up, special cookie booth sales will swing into action during Girl Scout Week, March 6-14, and provide purchasers with just a teaser taste of those long-anticipated Thin Mints and Samoas. Check www.girlscoutshh.org/cookies for the location of one of these pre-season booth sales near you!

The cookies remain at \$3.50 per box and all eight varieties are kosher. Joining the line-up this year is an exciting new flavor, **Thank U Berry Munch**, which combines the tartness of premium cranberries with the sweetness of creamy white fudge chips. The remaining seven flavors are old favorites: Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs, Do-Si-Dos, Trefoils, and Lemon Chalet Cremes.

Gift of Caring

Strong-willed dieters and others who may want to support the Girl Scouts but may not want to take their cookies home can donate them to the Gift of Caring program which results in cookies being donated to local food banks, nursing homes, and other charitable organizations adopted by Girl Scout troops. A major council-wide effort, known as "**Operation Cookie Drop**," involves cookies being sent to military personnel deployed overseas and those recuperating in military hospitals stateside. Since its inception in 2002, Operation Cookie Drop has generated donations of over 174,000 boxes of cookies.

Learning Experience

As former Girl Scout cookie sellers such as newscaster Katie Couric and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton can tell you, the annual campaign gives girls the opportunity to learn from real-life experiences. It's a unique and valuable way for girls to learn the power of goal setting, develop self-confidence, and practice early leadership and business skills.

All cookie proceeds stay in the local community, helping to fund program activities, facilities and training opportunities. Truly, these are "great cookies for a great cause."

More

It's Girl Scout Cookie Time! *Add 1111*

If no one contacts you to place an order for Girl Scout cookies, email www.girlscoutshh.org/cookies or call the GSHH regional office nearest you:

Middletown – (845) 361-2989, ext.34

New City – (845) 638-0438, ext.23

Pleasantville – (914) 747-3080, ext. 236 or 244

Poughkeepsie – (845) 452-1810, ext.22