Can you name a couple of the most popular Girl Scout cookies?

If you answered: Thin Mints, Tagalongs, Samoas, Trefoils, Do-si-dos, Savannah Smiles, S'mores or Toffee-tastic, you are correct.

Chances are you can probably name your favorite cookie as well. But you should also know that by buying a box of Girl Scout Cookies, you are powering amazing, year-round experiences for every G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)™ in your community.

On Jan. 5, Girl Scouts of Ohio’s Heartland kicked off the 2019 Girl Scout Cookie Program. Throughout the program, which runs through March 24, Girl Scouts will be out knocking doors, setting up cookie booths, and finding other creative ways to meet their goals.

Through the Girl Scout Cookie Program®, girls not only discover their inner leadership potential but also use their proceeds to power amazing experiences for themselves and their troop, including travel; outdoor adventure; and science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programming. Many Girl Scout Troops also participate in impactful community projects, from supporting animal shelters and food banks to working with local and state legislators to change laws.

Through the Girl Scout Cookie Program, girls are developing key life skills, including goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics — all of which help them succeed today and in the future. Through the program girls grow their confidence and practice leadership.

So, when you see Girl Scout cookies, know that it is about so much more than the delicious cookie (although we know they are good). It’s about supporting girls’ success through the largest girl-led entrepreneurial program in the world.

These girls set big goals for themselves. In January 2016, the girls decided to take a trip to the Galapagos Islands and Quito, Ecuador. With this trip in mind, they set their cookie goals for the next three years.

The girls saved their cookie program proceeds, did a fall product program, and participated in money-earning activities, such as cleaning a high school football stadium after games.

This dream came true for the girls in June 2018. The trip was full of new experiences, such as flying, traveling internationally, going to the equator, snorkeling, and seeing new wildlife. They also met sister Girl Scout troops from Minnesota and California and formed new friendships. The girls earned new badges, from travel to budget to new cuisines.

Together these girls dreamed big, set goals, and made it happen. That is the power of Girl Scouts!
Sound Bites

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Girl Scouts of all ages are taking the lead and helping out in their community!

Shout out to these Girl Scout Daisies and Girl Scout Brownies from Troop 5989 who collected soda tabs and planned and served a meal at Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio. ❤️❤️❤️

Follow and tag us @GirlScoutsOH

Have a Girl Scout story to share? We want to hear about it! Submit your story online and it could be featured on social media: gsoh.org/gsstory

Girl Scouts Give Back: Troop 60468

During the holiday season, our Girl Scouts were in their communities making an impact. Working within their troops, Girl Scouts identified community needs and sprang into action. They organized food drives, sent care packages to our soldiers, collected toys for children, spread holiday cheer by caroling at local nursing homes, and collected warm clothes for the homeless. Together girls were the true embodiment of what it means to be a G.I.R.L.’s (Go-getters, Innovators, Risk-takers, and Leaders)™.

Coshocton-area Troop 60468 spent hours crocheting and knitting hats for local cancer patients. The troop of middle school girls then distributed the hats themselves at Coshocton Regional Medical Center.

But that wasn’t all. The troop also collected suitcases and duffel bags for children in foster care. The girls wanted children entering foster care to have the ability to prepare properly and pack their necessities when an emergency situation occurred and they needed to move from one home to another.

We are proud of our Girl Scouts that are doing amazing things all year long, way to go!

Donate Now!

Gifts to Girl Scouts of Ohio’s Heartland support girls in 30 counties and provide them leadership experiences that build their courage, confidence, and character and give them the tools to dream big and change the world. Make your gift today at gsoh.org/donate.

Leaving a Legacy

Ever consider making a planned gift to Girl Scouts of Ohio’s Heartland? Or have you already made that commitment, but not yet told the staff at GSOH? If you answered yes to either of these questions, please contact us at give@gsoh.org or 614-487-8101.

Your planned gift will make a lasting impact on girls in our community for generations to come.
WHAT’S NEXT?

MARCH 2 & MARCH 9, 2019
Maple Madness Festival
All Welcome
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Camp Ken-Jockety
$6 in advance, $8 at door
Visit gsoh.org/maplemadness for more info.

MARCH 5, 2019
State of the Girl
All welcome
8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Boat House at Confluence Park
Tickets $15 per person
To register visit gsoh.org/sotg

MARCH 12, 2019
Girl Scouts’ Birthday
APRIL 6, 2019
The Big Clean
Adult and girl volunteers welcome
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Camp Molly Lauman

APRIL 13, 2019
Alum Volunteer Day
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
All Girl Scout alum welcome
Camp Ken-Jockety
For information contact: give@gsoh.org

APRIL 27, 2019
Spring Work Day
Adult and girl volunteers welcome
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Camp Wakatomika

MAY 4 & 5, 2019
Mad Mud
Volunteers needed for this girl program
Volunteer times vary
Camp Crooked Lane
To register visit gsoh.org/madmud

AUGUST 10, 2019
Alum Brunch
All Girl Scout alum are welcome
For information contact: give@gsoh.org

SEPTEMBER 27, 2019
Urban Campout, GSOH Signature fundraiser
Adult-only
Camp Ken-Jockety
For information contact: give@gsoh.org

Mark your calendar and join fellow Girl Scout Alum and supporters!

For event details and registration instructions, please visit our website gsoh.org or contact Deirdre DeWeese, ddeweese@gsoh.org

WHAT A YEAR WE HAVE HAD AT GIRL SCOUTS OF OHIO’S HEARTLAND (GSOH)
and we could not have done it without our donors, alum, volunteers, parents and the community. Because of you, girls can participate in girl-led, girl-powered programming designed just for girls. These girls are learning to be big thinkers, ground-breakers, and community problem-solvers. With your help, girls are designing robots, building community gardens, improving their communities and so much more.

Thanks to generous contributions made in 2017-2018 GSOH was able to:

- Build a new amphitheater at Camp Ken Jockety.
- Host the Girl Scouts national convention G.I.R.L. 2017 and provide 170 girls financial assistance to participate.
- Welcome 600 girls and families to Camp Ken Jockey and show them the science behind making maple syrup.
- Develop the Generation RX patch program, designed to teach girls about prescription drug safety.
- Purchase a new commercial dishwasher at Camp Molly Lauman in the Bear Creek Lodge Dining Hall, which serves 3 meals a day to 1,000+ girls each summer.
- Open a Make Zone at the Zanesville Service Center, where girls can learn all about STEM in a fun, hands-on, interactive ways.
- Provide 132 girls financial assistance to go to camp.

These programs and additions were made possible thanks to gifts made to Girl Scouts of Ohio’s Heartland. Thanks to you, girls are learning the skills they need to be the next generation of business leaders, exploring their future, and building their confidence. Thanks to you, every girl can prepare for the lifetime of success and adventure they deserve.
Tuesday, March 5, 2019
8:30 a.m. start time, Registration begins at 8 a.m.
The Boathouse at Confluence Park
679 West Spring Street Columbus, OH 43215

You're invited to State of the Girl, a community conversation with Sylvia Acevedo, CEO of Girl Scouts of the USA, and Kathryn D. Sullivan, a former astronaut and the first American woman to walk in space.

From rocket scientist to space explorer, every G.I.R.L. is changing the world. Join community members and leaders as they explore issues affecting girls today including STEM literacy and help ensure the workforce of the future is filled with strong, confident women. Together we can unleash the power of G.I.R.L.s.

We invite you to be part of the conversation!

Tickets are $15 and include a light breakfast
To purchase tickets, visit gsoh.org/SOTG

Interested in becoming a sponsor? Contact Deirdre DeWeese at ddeweese@gsoh.org.