

Have a hankering for Girl Scout cookies?

Booths return this year for Scout cookie sales

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HERMISTON — Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs and Do-Si-Dos — after a year hiatus, Girl Scout Cookie booths are back.

Dubbed “the largest girl-led entrepreneurial program in the world,” the Girl Scout Cookie Program has been teaching girls business skills for more than 100 years, but it has only had to deal with one pandemic.

In the 2021 cookie season, the local council, Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington, opted not to have in-person booths because of risks associated with the spread of COVID-19. Although Girl Scouts could sell cookies, they only had two options: directly to people they knew or online through Digital Cookie.

This year, though, those booths stocked with brightly colored boxes will be in front of stores around Eastern Oregon during cookie season. In Umatilla County, crews of volunteers unloaded and sorted more than 11,000 boxes of cookies last week — and that’s just the initial order.

The return is, however, not without its challenges as Girl Scouts are facing shipping delays and delivery challenges. Although the cookie season could last until March 20, troop leaders said that will depend



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on availability of some of the popular cookies, including Samoas and Adventurefuls, a caramel-brownie cookie debuting in 2022.

No matter how long the season lasts this year, Girl Scouts across Eastern Oregon are learning about goal setting and money management as young as kindergarten. Elementary-age

girls learn about finding customers and making business decisions while high school students practice making a resume and portfolio to show off cookie

business accomplishments. The girls also choose where to spend the money they earn, including attending camp and giving back to the community.

In Hermiston, troop leader Jamie Wiseman has been working with cookie booths for eight years because she sees the value for the girls.

“Girl Scout cookies booths teach the girls valuable skills, preparing them for the job market,” she said.

“Local Girl Scouts do incredible things with their cookie earnings,” Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington CEO Karen Hill said in a press release. “Whether earning their

way to camp or funding a service project, they’re setting goals and serving as leaders in their own lives and in their communities.”

This year, Girl Scouts is again offering an option to donate cookies to Meals on Wheels.

For 2022, cookie season began Feb. 18. To find a local troop or booth location, visit the Girl Scout Cookie Finder at girlscoutcookies.org and enter your ZIP code.

Find more information about the Girl Scout Cookie Program at girlscoutcookies.org or more about joining or volunteering with Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington at girlscoutsw.org.

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