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A parent stands by while two Girl Scouts wait on a customer outside a mall.

Thin Mints, Samoas and other cookies help girls in business

Girl Scout Cookie season has arrived.

Girl Scouts will sell cookies door-to-door, at booths and through a digital cookie platform, an innovative and educational web-based site that helps girls run and manage their Girl Scout Cookie businesses online.

Now in its fifth year, the Digital Cookie platform continues to bring Girl Scout programming into the future by providing girls with invaluable business and science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) skills that prepare them for 21st century leadership, scout officials said.

Local Girl Scouts will take orders from customers beginning Jan. 5 for delivery beginning mid-February.

COOKIE BOOTHS

Girl Scouts will sell cookies at booths in front of local retailers from Feb. 15 through March 10.

Signature Girl Scout Cookies, including Thin Mints, Samoas and Trefoils will be offered among the eight Girl

Scout Cookie varieties at all cookie booths.

Back by popular demand are Girl Scout S'mores cookies and the gluten-free Toffee-Tastic.

Locally, booths will be set up in front of Fred Meyer, Walmart and the Safeways in Astoria and Seaside.

Customers can find a Girl Scout Cookie booth near their location with the Cookie Finder at girlscoutsw.org or use the Girl Scout Cookie Finder app available for iPhone or Android.

All of the net revenue earned from cookie sales remains within the local region.

"As girls interact with prospective customers, they are explaining their cookie business and trying to initiate a sale," said Paige Walker, chief operational officer. "Just as important as getting to a 'yes,' is how the girls learn to process the 'no thank you' and keep trying."

Girl Scouts use their cookie proceeds for astronomy adventures, Horse Camp, snowshoe hikes and other activities.

Astoria logger named Operator of the Year

Jay Browning of J.M. Browning Logging of Astoria was named regional 2018 Operator of the Year by the Oregon Board of Forestry.

He was selected for the top award in Northwest Oregon. Other winners were Brad Clemens of B&M Logging in Burns for Eastern Oregon and Dave Wilkerson of Dave Wilkerson Logging in Eagle Point for Southern Oregon.

The three men will be honored at the Oregon Board of Forestry's March 6 meeting in Salem.

The Board gives the Operator of the Year awards to recognize those who, while harvesting timber, protect natural resources at a level that goes above and beyond requirements of the Oregon Forest Practices Act. The law requires people and companies to harvest responsibly, protect streams and water quality, protect and enhance habitat, and reduce landslide risks.

The law also requires landowners to replant forests after harvesting.

The awards honor operators who consistently meet or exceed Forest Practices Act regulations.

"These operators have shown how they can harvest needed wood products in Oregon forests while protecting natural resources," said Lena Tucker, private forests division chief. "We're pleased to honor the excellent care and diligence they demonstrate, often in challenging circumstances."

Browning earned his award for protecting a fish-bearing stream within Hampton Lumber's Big Creek Forest.

Browning removed aging alder to allow for regeneration by large conifer trees along the stream, making it a better habitat for fish in com-



Courtesy Oregon State Board of Forestry

Jay Browning stands in front of some of his equipment. The Astoria-based logger was named 2018 Operator of the Year by the state Board of Forestry.

ing years. His work reflected Hampton's long-term conservation strategy for Walker Creek.

The award also recognizes Browning for decades of consistently applying best management practices to safeguard forest resources, even under challenging circumstances.

"At Hampton, we're committed to the sustainable management and use of forest resources, and water quality and fish population management is a huge part of that," said Steve Zika, chief executive officer at Hampton.

"Our foresters are passionate about the land they manage and regularly lend their expertise to leave the land better than we found it," he said.

"We're thrilled that our

partners at J.M. Browning Logging were recognized for keeping working forests and the habitat they provide sustainable and healthy over the long-term."

In addition to the honors at the March board meeting, Browning and the others were expected to receive special recognition at the Associated Oregon Loggers training and education event Jan. 17 in Eugene and at next month's Oregon Logging Conference.

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