

Girl Scout Cookie sales go off a bit differently this year

Girl Scout Cookie season has arrived and, like so many other things this year, it will be handled a bit differently.

Girl Scouts are selling in creative, socially distant, and contact-free ways to keep themselves and their customers safe, national leaders say.

Even in light of the pandemic, girls are adapting their sales

methods to share cookies through the largest girl-led entrepreneurship program in the world — including taking contact-free pickup and delivery orders through a



Courtesy Girl Scouts of America
Cookies can be purchased directly from Girl Scouts or ordered online this year.

national collaboration with Grubhub.

Additionally, Girl Scout USA began taking orders online Feb. 1 so consumers who don't know a Girl Scout

personally still can purchase cookies from a local troop for direct shipment to their homes or by donating cookies to a local non-profit group.

Proceeds from cookie purchases stay with the local troop and its council.

"The cookie program has always given girls one-of-a-kind opportunities to build valuable skills like goal-setting and money management," said Karen Hill, CEO of Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington. "This year, they get to add resilience and innovation to

that list."

This year, Girl Scouts is providing new cookie badge program materials to support girls as they run their cookie business online and via social media, helping them be best equipped to sell during these tough times.

To order online, go to

girlscouts.org and click on the yellow bar to order cookies. You'll type in your ZIP codes. In Clatsop County, cookie sales will benefit Astoria Troop 11924.

Boxes of cookies are \$5 and \$6 plus shipping.

The website also allows people to make donations of cookies to their local Meals on Wheels location.

Upcoming events

Eavesdropping in name of science

Samara Haver likes to eavesdrop on the ocean.

The Oregon State University researcher uses underwater microphones to study ocean sounds. Sounds in marine environments are generated by marine life such as whales, natural phenomena like sea ice,

and man-made sources such as vessel traffic.

Haver will explain how she and her colleagues listen to the ocean, and what they have learned by eavesdropping in underwater ecosystems around the United States during a free online event Thursday, Feb. 11.

Her talk is part of the Nature Matters lecture series, which is sponsored by Lew-



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is and Clark National Historical Park in partnership with the park association, the North Coast Watershed Association, and Fort George Brewery.

To listen in, go to Fort George Brewery's Facebook page and click on the live link when it becomes available.

For more information, call the park at 503-861-2471.

Coastal meadows is topic of lecture

Most people picture waves, sandy beaches, and rocky cliffs when they think of the Oregon Coast.

But Braden Elliot will present a more complete picture of the local environment through his lecture on Coast Range small meadows of the past and present.

His talk is at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, through the Lower Nehalem Watershed Council's online speaker series.

Small meadows in mountainous regions at temper-



Braden Elliot

ate latitudes are wonderful places to forage or hunt, says Elliot, a botanist, ecologist, and ethnobiologist. His doctoral and master's studies focused on meadows on the Oregon Coast.

Meadows represent an ecosystem that offers insights into climate, soil, plants, and animals from the Ice Age through today and into the future, according to Elliot.

The council will have its board meeting at 5 p.m. via Zoom, followed by Elliot's presentation.

Both are free and open to the public and can be accessed from the council's website, lnwc.nehalem.org.



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