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GIRL SCOUT COOKIE BOOTHS BEGIN FRIDAY

TAMPA (Feb. 23, 2010) – Girl Scouts of West Central Florida (GSWCF) is pleased to announce Friday, Feb. 26 marks the start of cookie booths for the 2010 Girl Scout Cookie Program. Cookie booths can be found throughout the council's eight-county jurisdiction of Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Marion, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk and Sumter counties.

Keep an eye out at your favorite businesses and stores and buy your favorite Girl Scout Cookie varieties, including Thin Mints, Do-Si-Dos, Samoas[®], Tagalongs[®], Trefoils, Dulce de Leche, Lemon Chalet Cremes, and the new Thank You Berry Munch, a cookie filled with dried cranberries and chunks of white chocolate. Booth sales end Sunday, March 21.

Don't know where the closet booth is? Starting Feb. 26, the public can visit www.gswcf.org and search for a Girl Scout Cookie Booth by zip code using the cookie booth locator system. It's easier than ever to satisfy your Girl Scout Cookie cravings!

Those who want to support Girl Scouting in their communities but don't want to enjoy the cookies themselves may want to contribute to the Cookies from Home Program. This unique program is a way for Girl Scouts to give back to their communities: donations of cookies through the Cookies from Home Program will be sent directly to our military troops serving in combat zones overseas through a partnership with Support Our Troops. Donations to the Cookies from Home Program may be made in person through a Girl Scout, or online at www.gswcf.org anytime through March 21.

Girl Scout Cookies are not only an icon of American culture, but also the world's leading entrepreneurial program for girls. Through the program, girls practice useful life skills such as planning, decision-making and customer service. During cookie activities, girls are members of a team working towards a common goal, with each girl striving to do her best.

For more information regarding purchasing Girl Scout Cookies and supporting Girl Scouting in your area, visit www.gswcf.org, or call (800) 881-4475, ext. 1838.

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts of West Central Florida serves nearly 30,000 girls in Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Marion, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk and Sumter counties. Did you know that more than 53 percent of all women business owners are Girl Scout alumnae? For more information on how to join, volunteer, reconnect or donate to Girl Scouts of West Central Florida, visit www.gswcf.org or call (800) 881-4475.

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