

Girl Scouts recognize top cookie sellers

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GLEN CARBON - Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois (GSSI) recently wrapped up its annual Girl Scout Cookie Program. The cookie program was a tremendous success with over 7,800 girls selling more than 1,038,000 boxes of delicious Girl Scout Cookies.

“This year’s Girl Scout Cookie Program was a huge success! I’d like to thank all of our girls, their parents and the fantastic volunteers who contributed to the success of the cookie program,” said Kelly Jansen, Director of Product Program for GSSI. “The dedication and commitment of all those involved allow us to provide girls throughout southern Illinois with a great Girl Scout Leadership Experience.”

The top sellers for each county/region can be found below:

Service Unit

Name

Boxes Troop Hometown

Alton / Godfrey / Wood River / Roxana	Alyssa Herbst	804	00047	Alton
Belleville / Swansea	Kalayna Beskorovany	1297	00093	Belleville
Bethalto	Hope Rosales	1116	00577	Bethalto
Bond County	Dalani White	514	08800	Greenville
Centralia	Madaline Ruez	500	08338	Centralia
Clark / Cumberland Counties	Anastasia Turner	707	02170	Marshall
Clay County	Elizabeth Lagle	1266	08829	Rinard
ClinClair	Lynn Shirley	1035	00734	Summerfield
Clinton County	Kaleigh Voegeli	1018	08834	Carlyle
Collinsville	Elise Thomlinson	1503	00302	Collinsville
Crawford / Jasper Counties	Kaylynn Paddick	750	02484	Willow Hill
East Marion County	Vanessa Dodson	600	08572	Salem
East St Louis / Cahokia / Centreville	Carre Webster	261	00874	Granite City

East Williamson County	Jaycee Hill	410%	08073	Marion
Eastern Coles County	Ariana Sluder	908	02643	Ashmore
Edgar County	Kadrienne Henry	426	02080	Paris
Edwardsville / Glen Carbon	Jayden Henschen	668	00954	Hamel
Effingham County	Jeavenlee Lira	1251	02300	Effingham
Fairview Heights / Caseyville	Mackenzie Watson	326	00043	Fairview Hgts
Fayette County	Delaynee Ward	400	08383	Vandalia
Granite City / Madison / Venice	Hannah Groetecke	984	00521	Granite City
Highland	Emmah Reppond	503	00496	Highland
Jackson County	Abigail Fields	1098	08158	Carbondale
Jefferson County	Sydney Fenton	1473	08653	Mt Vernon
Jersey / Calhoun Counties	Claire Meininger	2115	00235	Shipman
Johnson / Pope Counties	Sadie Hinkle	506	08649	Cypress

Lawrence County	Zoe Booth	601	08704 Bridgeport
Massac County	Addyson Johnson	819	08695 Metropolis
Millstadt / Columbia / Dupo / Smithton	Alexandria Kampmeinert	501	00303 Columbia
New Athens / Marissa / St Libory / Freeburg	Chelsea Sinn	601	00356 Freeburg
North Franklin County	Paige Jennings	606	08924 Benton
North Randolph County	Alaina Smith	549	08081 Ruma
O'Fallon / Shiloh	Erin Hanny	1155	00595 O'Fallon
Perry County	Ellyette Ralston	501	08124 Du Quoin
Richland County	Alexandra Lomas	1000	08345 Olney
Shawnee	Elizabeth Marshall	751	08287 Shawneetown
South Macoupin County	Kayleigh Trimm	382	00628 Bunker Hill
South Randolph County	Addison Gottschammer	754	08791 Ellis Grove
Troy St Jacob	Leah Connelly	506	00258 Troy

Union / Pulaski / Alexander Counties	Karleigh Ellis	752	08528 Alto Pass
Wabash / Edwards Counties	Presley White	519	08505 Mt Carmel
Washington County	Susan Kressin	314	08736 Okawville
Waterloo	Addison Koppeis	363	00745 Valmeyer
Wayne / Hamilton / White Counties	Kayli Kohn	658	08779 Fairfield
West Frankfort	Katie Arview	751	08017 West Frankfort
West Williamson County	Laney Baltzell	750	08062 Carterville
Western Coles County	Madison Parks	574	02462 Mattoon

The Girl Scout Cookie Program helps girls gain five valuable skills – ***goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills*** and ***business ethics*** – that will benefit them throughout life. In addition, proceeds from the cookie program help Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois recruit and train adult volunteers, provide financial assistance so Girl Scouting is available to all girls, improve and maintain camp properties, and develop and deliver extensive program activities for girls.

Girl Scouts and cookies share a rich history. While recipes and box designs have changed over the years, selling cookies remains an important part of today’s Girl Scout program. The activity of selling cookies is directly related to the Girl Scouts’ purpose of helping all girls reach their full potential and helping them become strong, confident and resourceful citizens. All cookie proceeds stay right here in southern Illinois.

Many successful businesswomen today say that got their start selling Girl Scout Cookies. While participating in cookie activities, girls are members of a team working toward a common goal, with each girl striving to do her best. Customers had the opportunity to not only choose from a variety of cookies for themselves, but they could also purchase cookies to benefit GSSI's Gift of Caring program. GSSI's Gift of Caring program, called *Operation: Sweet Treats*, allowed customers to purchase and donate cookies that will be sent to military members serving overseas as well as local military organizations in southern Illinois.

Girl Scouting has inspired more than 50 million girls and women since its founding in 1912. Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois is a high-capacity Girl Scout council serving approximately nearly 12,500 girls and over 5,000 adult volunteers in 40 ½ counties in southern Illinois. GSSI is the premier organization providing all girls in southern Illinois a Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

The mission of Girl Scouting states: ***Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.*** Girl Scouts is the world's pre-eminent organization dedicated solely to girls - all girls - where, in an accepting and nurturing environment, girls build character and skills for success in the real world. In partnership with committed adults, girls develop qualities that will serve them all their lives - like strong values, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self-worth.

Today's Girl Scouts not only enjoy camping and crafts, but they also explore math and science and learn about diversity, good citizenship, leadership and teamwork. Girl Scouting is the place where girls experience the fun, friendship and power of girls together.

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