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2005-2006 FAQs

Q. What is Operation: Thanks-A-Lot?

A. Operation: Thanks-A-Lot sends “a taste of home” to U.S. troops deployed overseas. Local Girl Scouts team up with their cookie customers to send boxes of Girl Scout cookies and handwritten notes of support to service men and women far from home.

Q. Are Thanks-A-Lot cookies the only variety of cookies that will be sent?

A. No, troops receive all varieties of Girl Scout cookies. Although Thanks-A-Lot cookies send a great message to the troops (“Thank You” in five languages), they may not be everyone’s favorite!

Q. How many cookies have been donated?

A. Each year Girl Scouts across the country send hundreds of thousands of packages of cookies overseas. Last year, Girl Scouts of Erie Shores sent approximately 2,500 packages of cookies. The 2006 goal is 6,000!

Q. Who receives the cookies donated through Operation: Thanks-A-Lot?

A. U.S. servicemen and servicewomen deployed overseas in areas like Iraq and Afghanistan.

Q. How does Operation: Thanks-A-Lot work?

A. Area residents can purchase Operation: Thanks-A-Lot cookies during the annual Girl Scout cookie sale (December 24, 2005 – March 6, 2006). There is even a column on the order card to indicate purchased cookies for donation (it’s the first column just before Caramel deLites.) Girl Scouts deliver the cookies purchased for Operation: Thanks-A-Lot to one of the designated Girl Scout or Red Cross drop off points and the staff at the council arranges for shipping with donations from organizations and businesses in the area. Girl Scouts and the general public are also invited to write messages of support to the troops. Download notecards at www.loveGScookies.org, and return completed unsealed notes & cards to Girl Scouts of Erie Shores, OTL Cards, 6111 S. Broadway Ave., Lorain, OH 44053 to be included with the cookies at time of shipping.

Q. Has the military approved this operation?

A. Girl Scouts of Erie Shores is working with the International USO to reach deployed servicemen and servicewomen and to follow the guidelines issued by the United States Department of Defense.

Q. Does the cookie revenue still benefit the girls?

A. Operation: Thanks-A-Lot supports our military troops and local Girl Scout troops! All of the revenue—every penny after paying the baker—earned from cookie activities supports local Girl Scouts, including a portion that goes directly to the troop/group selling cookies. Cookie revenue supplies essential services to troops, groups, and individual girls, such as providing program resources, operating camp, training adult volunteers, conducting special events, and much more.



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