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## **Who Will the Next Girl Scout Cookie Diva Be?**

Baltimore—Girl Scouts all across central Maryland are busy taking Girl Scout Cookie orders in hopes of becoming this year’s “Cookie Diva.” What’s a “Cookie Diva” you say? She’s the Girl Scout who sells the most cookies during the pre-order (before all those delicious Girl Scout cookies are shipped from the bakery to central Maryland) phase of the cookie sale. It’s an incentive Girl Scouts of Central Maryland put into play last year with their first Green Carpet event, to encourage girls to participate in the early stage of the annual Cookie Sale Program activity. This year’s Cookie Diva will be announced at the grand Green Carpet Event, held at the Harborplace Renaissance Hotel, on Thursday, November 13, 2008. Nancy Longo, Pierpoint Restaurant; Rodney Henry, Dangerously Delicious Pies; and Duff Goldman, Charm City Cakes and the Food Network’s ACE of Cakes will be among the local chefs making unique dishes with Girl Scout Cookies.

The Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program activity is the nation’s leading financial literacy program for girls. Through the cookie sale girls hone their customer service, marketing, money management and record-keeping skills. Success from the sale is just as sweet as the cookies. Troops use their proceeds to go on trips to places like New York City; NASA Space Camp—or to purchase supplies for community service projects. This year, many girls will be promoting the council’s Operation Thin Mint Gift of Caring Project while selling cookies. Through the project, customers purchase cookies and then donate them to Operation Thin Mint. Girl Scouts, in partnership with to the USO, hand them out to soldiers returning from and being deployed overseas at the Marshall/BWI airport. Anyway you look at it, girls and the communities they live in benefit from the Cookie Sale Program. To find troops selling cookies in your neighborhood or for information about Operation Thin Mint contact Terry Mercer, Product Sales Manager, at 410.358.9711 or [tmercerc@gscm.org](mailto:tmercerc@gscm.org). For information about the Green Carpet event visit: [www.gscm.org](http://www.gscm.org). # # #

Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts of Central Maryland serves 30,000 girls in Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford and Howard counties providing programs and activities that allow them to Discover, Connect and Take Action.

**Where Girls Grow Strong<sup>SM</sup>**