

K - Hi, I'm Kathy Johanson, Membership Director for Girl Scouts of Northern California.

G - Hi, I'm Gwen Shapiro, Product Sales and Retail Representative for Girl Scouts of Northern California.

K - The Girl Scouts of Northern California covers 19 counties from Gilroy to the Oregon border. Our regional area office is located here in Eureka.

G - Together, we're <sup>the local</sup> staff team working with the local Girl Scout communities of Humboldt and Del Norte Counties where we have over 700 girls and adults participating in Girl Scouts.

K - At Girl Scouts of Northern California, we continually work to provide opportunities for girls (and volunteers) to grow their strengths, passions, and talents. Activities range from teaching STEM concepts, to team building, outdoor cooking and getting ready for camp experiences and more.

G - From archery clinics to camp, girls love to explore the outdoors, especially in the beautiful North Coast.

K - One of the ways girls fund their experiences are through the Girl Scout Cookie Sale going on now through March 4<sup>th</sup>. You may have seen girls out and about with cookies in your local neighborhood or in front of a local grocery store. Did you know girls are building their entrepreneurial skills through the cookie sale?

G - That's right, our girls are learning key skills, like organization, decision making, people skills, business ethics, and money management. Goal setting skills help them decide their future activities and learn to budget. Great skills that help them plan their adventures for camp, community projects, travel and beyond.

K - Yes, Cookies and Camp make a great pair. Girls are empowered to make reasonable and attainable goals from the cookie sale, and this sets them up for success at resident camp where they can grow, explore and have fun outdoors.

G - Locate your next box with the Cookie Finder on [ilovecookies.org](http://ilovecookies.org). Not able to get online? That's okay, give us a call and we'll be happy to help you get in touch with a troop near you. You can also support the girls by joining their community service project to donate cookies locally to food banks and military like Veterans and the Coast Guard. Check with any troop about their Gift of Caring program or give us a call at 443-6641 ext. 7013.

K - Does someone you know want to join Girl Scouts? Available troops are listed in our online catalog at [www.gsnorcal.org/join](http://www.gsnorcal.org/join). If you have any further questions about joining or you'd like to volunteer, call 443-6641 ext. 3010.