

USAGSO SPANGDAHLEM NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and
Girl Scouts,

Happy New Year! As we head into the next few (very busy) months, I wanted to briefly share with you why Girl Scout



Cookie sales are so important. As stated on the Girl Scouts website, "Sure, they're awesomely delicious, but beyond the sweetness, Girl Scout Cookies are an opportunity for girls to do extraordinary things. You're helping the next generation of girl entrepreneurs get an important taste of what it takes to be successful—teamwork, planning, and a positive outlook. You also help girls learn essential life skills such as setting and achieving goals, problem solving, trying new things, financial literacy, and social entrepreneurship."

Thank you so much for your ongoing support. Let's make amazing memories during our 2018 cookie season and show our local Spangdahlem community we're proud to be a part of Girl Scouts!

Your's in Girl Scouting,
Courtney Adkins

HOLIDAY PARTY OPEN HOUSE

This year our community celebrated the holiday season with a magical unicorn party, open house style. Girl Scouts and their families were able to stop in at anytime to enjoy ornament and swap making, hot cocoa and treats, and for Girl Scouts to receive a very special gift: their own community t-shirt! For those who would like to order a shirt, please contact Courtney Adkins through email: spangdahlemgirlscouts@usagso.org. We wish you all a magical new year!



"The biggest adventure you can ever take is to live the life of your dreams." -Oprah Winfrey

COOKIE SEASON 2018 Q&A

What cookies will we get this year? How much are they?

This year we will be selling Samoas, Thin Mints, Tagalongs, Do-si-dos, Trefoils, Savannah Smiles, and S'mores. Cookie prices have gone up, each box will cost \$5.00 except S'mores which will cost \$6.00.

What percentage of the money goes to our Girl Scouts?

Spangdahlem troops will make \$1.00 from each box sold. The Spangdahlem Community will earn 38 cents for each box sold. The rest of the money goes back to the Girl Scouts USA program. To learn more about how this money is used nationally, please visit girlscouts.org.

Where can you sell cookies?

Spangdahlem Girl Scouts can only sell cookies **ON OUR BASE** at three locations: the Commissary, the BX, and the Post Office. We are **ONLY** allowed to sell inside the buildings at our booths and **ONLY** during our allotted time. To break these rules would cause our whole community to lose their cookie selling privileges.

How long is Cookie Season?

This year the season starts on February 3 and ends on March 3. Every troop will get an opening day booth slot and will also be able to sell the last of their cookies at the Thin Mint Sprint as well as the designated locations on Saturday, March 3. Leftover cookies will come out of troop funds.

Are there incentives for Girl Scouts to sell their share of cookies?

Yes. Each girl must volunteer a certain amount of time (troop specific) at their troop's cookie booth, and they will receive an art journal and artist roll, a s'mores theme keepsake box, and a USAGSO cookie fun patch.

How can I help?

Parents and guardians are encouraged to volunteer with their Girl Scouts during Cookie Season (especially those who have Girl Scouts in grades K-3). Please talk with your Troop Leaders to see how you can help.



2018 Cookie Rally

**Thursday, January 25, 2018
1645 to 1930 at SES**

Get ready for Cookie Season this year at our annual **Cookie Rally!** Girl Scouts will enjoy crafting posters, a cookie fashion show, cookie taste testing, commercial making, goal setting, and financial literacy and customer service booths. **RSVP Today!**

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VOLUNTEER POSITIONS 2018

We are in immediate need of a **Registrar** to prepare for this upcoming recruitment season. Our next Girl Scout year is quickly approaching, and we have several volunteer positions opening up. Please consider volunteering with our Spangdahlem Girl Scout community - you won't be sorry!

- **Treasurer** (Term would begin June 2018-Sept. 31, 2019)
- **Secretary** (Term would begin June 2018-Sept. 31, 2019)
- **Marketing and Publicity** (Term would begin June 2018)
- **Troop Leaders** (Starting in Oct. 2018-Sept. 31, 2019)

Please contact the Spangdahlem OCC, Courtney Adkins: spangdahlemgirlscouts@usagso.org.

WORLD THINKING DAY

Celebrated since 1926, World Thinking Day is a day of international friendship. It is an opportunity to speak out on issues that affect young women and fundraise for 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 150 countries. Every year, World Thinking Day has a different theme that Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world can learn about and take action on. This year's theme is Impact: understanding the power you have to bring positive change. For more info visit waggs.org.



SAVE THE DATE

Jan. 13

Family Ice Skating at the Bitburg Eissporthalle

Jan. 25

2018 Cookie Rally at SES

Feb. 3

Cookie Sales Start

Feb. 22

World Thinking Day at SES

March 3

Thin Mint Sprint - 9am - BX
End of Cookie Sales

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

I'm Lindsey Nichols, a leader for Cadette Troop 56076. While I'm a Girl Scout alumnae, this is my first year volunteering as a troop leader, and I'm super excited! I'm from Lynchburg, Virginia, but have traveled all over the place during my Air Force career as a logistics readiness officer. I have one fur-baby, a Tabby Point Siamese cat, named Bella. My hobbies include reading, drawing, and comics.

I just recently moved to Spangdahlem and jumped at the opportunity to join the Girl Scouts program. I believe Girl Scouts offers so much to young women: learning how to tackle challenges head-on, building positive, collaborative relationships with peers, developing leadership skills, and most importantly, having a ton of fun along the way!



THIN MINT SPRINT & THE DO-SI-DO DASH

Gear up for our 2nd annual Thin Mint Sprint Run/Walk 5k. This year we will be adding the Do-Si-Do Dash, a 1k run for the littles in our community. Families can sign-up together for \$25 and will receive two boxes of Thin Mints. Individual participants can sign-up for \$10 and receive one box of Thin Mints. T-shirts will be available for \$10.00.

The Thin Mint Sprint and Do-Si-Do Dash will begin promptly at 0900. Both runs will start and end at the Spangdahlem BX on Saturday, March 3, 2018. To sign up you can register at runsignups.com, at any cookie booth, or by emailing spangdahlemgirlscouts@usagso.org.

If you don't feel like running but still want cookies, Girl Scouts will be selling the last of their stock at the BX for the entire Saturday.

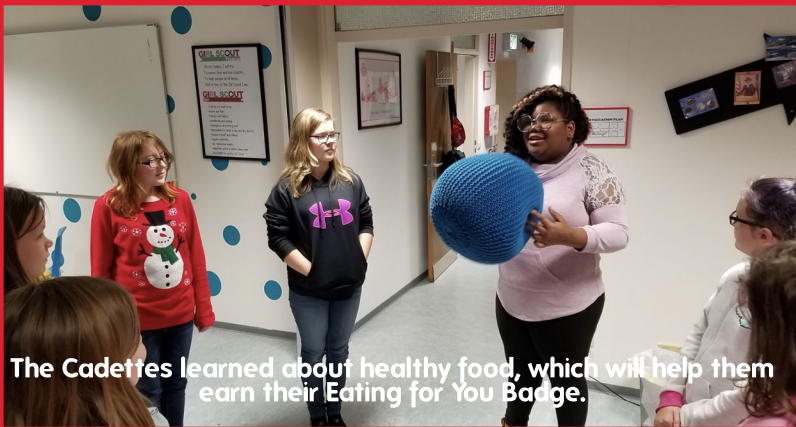


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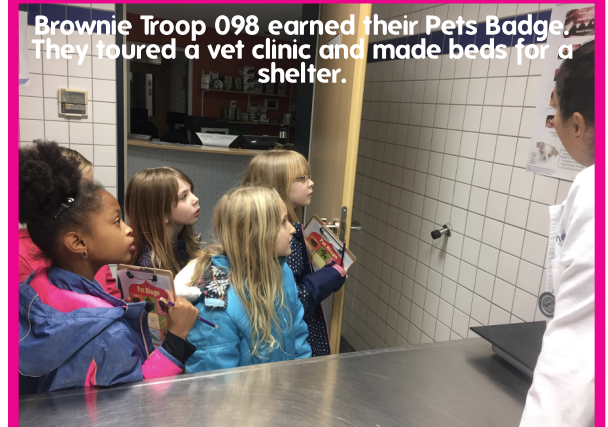
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TROOP HAPPENINGS



The Cadettes learned about healthy food, which will help them earn their Eating for You Badge.



Brownie Troop 098 earned their Pets Badge. They toured a vet clinic and made beds for a shelter.



The Daisies earned their Honest and Fair petal by playing fun indoor games.



Brownie Troop 020 delivered holiday gift baskets to the Spangdahlem Post Office.



The Juniors crafted German snowflakes and made cookies in a jar with a special Girl Scout Alumnae guest.