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Girl Guide Cookie Lovers Rejoice!

Chocolatey Mint Cookies are now at over 150 SmartCentres & Sears locations across Canada Just in time for Cookie Days: Saturday, October 17 & Sunday, October 18

Toronto, Ontario – Now cookie lovers can satisfy their Girl Guides of Canada–Guides du Canada cookie cravings at even more SmartCentres across Canada. During Cookie Days (Oct 17 & 18) thousands of girls and young women will be selling the delicious Chocolatey Mint Girl Guide treats at over 100 SmartCentres nationwide and numerous Sears Canada Inc. (Sears) locations across Canada. It is only for a limited time. Get them before they are gone.

At **\$5.00 a box**, Girl Guide cookies are a delicious way to support Girl Greatness in local communities. Cookie sales provide Girl Guide units with resources for activities and local community service projects, and funding for camps and travel. Cookie selling is an integral part of Guiding's leadership programming, allowing girls to gain confidence and valuable life and business skills in planning, goal setting, teamwork, communications and money management.

"SmartREIT is delighted to welcome the Girl Guides Cookie Campaign at our SmartCentres across Canada and at Toronto Premium Outlets in Halton Hills. Not only are the cookies great tasting but the proceeds from the cookie sales support programs and activities for girls and young woman," said Huw Thomas, President, SmartREIT.

Girl Guides is proud to continue working with Sears, our long standing supporter, to bring Canadians this time honoured treat. "Sears is very pleased to welcome Girl Guides of Canada to our stores at this special time of year," said Vincent Power, Vice-President, Sears. "Sears supports programs that help young people develop into healthy and responsible members of society and Guiding reflects long-enduring principles that help today's girls grow and contribute. Cookie Days are welcomed by Canadians everywhere and Sears is glad to be able to make it easy for its customers to pick up their Chocolatey Mint Girl Guide Cookies where they shop most frequently."





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Girl Guides' Chocolatey Mint Cookies are produced in a nut-free/peanut-free bakery with the cookie tradition starting in 1927. A Guider in Regina baked cookies for her girls to sell as a simple way to raise money for uniforms and camping equipment – and it caught on. Today Canadians eagerly await the arrival of Chocolatey Mint Cookies each fall and Classic Cookies each spring.

To find out where cookies are being sold visit <u>girlguides.ca</u> and checkout the <u>cookie-finder map</u>. Girl Guide cookies also have their very own Twitter account <u>@girlguidecookie</u>.

About Girl Guides of Canada–Guides du Canada:

Guiding provides a safe environment that invites girls and young women to challenge themselves, to find their voice, meet new friends, have fun and make a difference in the world. Girl Guides of Canada–Guides du Canada (GGC) strives to ensure that girls and women from all walks of life, identities and lived experiences feel a sense of belonging and can fully participate. Girl Guides is an organization with more than 105 years of history and a strong and growing future. Join Us.

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