

April 21, 2010

\* \* \* **MEDIA ADVISORY** \* \* \*

**WHAT:** **Largest shipment of Girl Scouts Cookies being sent to Iraq and Afghanistan**

**WHY:** On Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup> the Girls Scouts of Southern Nevada will be shipping over 10,000 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies to Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. This will be one of the largest shipments of Girl Scout Cookie in the Country. Since 2005, the Nevada Benefits Foundation has sent the troops over 65,000 boxes of Girl Scout cookies from the Girl Scouts of Southern Nevada.

Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airmen crave a taste from home. Girl Scout Cookies can help fill that void. Defending Freedom.Org, a local non-profit that supports the military and their families, is in constant communications with the troops on the ground and this year requests for Girl Scout Cookies are at an all time high.

Toni Carey from the Girl Scout Frontier Council and the Girl Scouts of Southern Nevada worked for weeks asking local residents if they would like to donate a box of cookies to be sent to the troops. The Las Vegas community responded in astounding numbers by donating over 10,000 boxes.

The boxes will be shipped via priority mail on Saturday, May 1, 2010. The cost for postage has been donated by the Nevada Benefits Foundation. The cookies will arrive in the Middle East approximately two weeks after they are shipped.

**WHEN:** 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 1, 2010

**WHERE:** Summerlin Post Office, 1611 Spring Gate Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89134  
Summerlin Parkway – Town Center Drive

Nevada Benefits, 9525 Hillwood Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89134

**WHO:**

- Local and State Officials
- Local Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airmen  
(*Note: Girl Scouts may be interviewed during the event. You may ask to speak with them directly with their parent's permission.*)
- Phil Randazzo, Event organizer and founder of the Nevada Benefits Foundation and DefendingFreedom.Org, a local not-for-profit organization which raises money and supplies for Nevada's overseas and stateside military as well as their families.

**EVENT:** Girl Scouts will be addressing personal messages to the troops and shipping boxes. Boxes will be prepared at the Nevada Benefits location.

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