



## Cookie Sale Funds Talking Points

After several email forward strings with misinformation about the Girl Scouts went around the country last year, some cookie buyers may have concerns that funding from the cookie sales is going to groups like Planned Parenthood.

These questions are usually based on people trying to find accurate information about Girl Scouting.

The council talking points (bullets below) can help volunteers, parents, and anyone involved in the cookie sale have the information to reply to these types of concerns.

- Girl Scouts of the USA and Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains do not have any collaboration or relationship with Planned Parenthood, nor do we provide any financial support to this organization. We believe that health and sexuality are private matters for girls and their families.
- Girl Scouts of the USA, including Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains, does not take a position on abortion or birth control, nor do we endorse or provide funding to organizations that advocate on these issues.
- All of the proceeds from the boxes of cookies your customers purchase stay within our council to provide girl-oriented programming such as summer camp, fun and educational girl events and training for our adult volunteers.
- In fact, some of the proceeds stay with the troop and the girls play a direct role in deciding how to spend their earnings. Many troops use funds for trips, events and fun, girl-led activities.

Below is a graph that outlines the distribution of proceeds from the Girl Scout Cookie Sale and Program:

