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Enjoy Girl Scout Cookie Desserts

Local chefs from Jackson, Cape and Kelso to create Girl Scout Cookie Desserts to help raise funds for Girl Scouting

Join us for a fun evening with three local chefs, Ray Ressel of *Ray's* in Kelso, Michael Reitman of *Chartwells* in Cape, and Palmi Henry of *Lil Miss Muffin and Stuff* in Jackson. They will be creating desserts made with Girl Scout Cookies and competing for your votes during the *Just Desserts* fundraiser to support the Girl Scout Leadership Experience for girls. The event is sponsored by Southeast Missouri Hospital and will be held on Tuesday, March 15 at the Dempster Hall Atrium on the SEMO campus in Cape Girardeau from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Participants will be able to sample all of the yummy Girl Scout Cookie creations and purchase \$1 votes for their favorites. "We are very excited about this event," states Jennifer M. Orban, CEO for Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland. "It is support from our local communities that allow us to provide high-quality, educational events for girls, safe and secure program properties, and financial assistance to families in need."

Tickets for the event are \$25. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Renee Trout at 877-312-4764 x 1418. Tickets will also be available at the door.

About the Girl Scout Leadership Experience

Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts of the USA is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls in grades K-12. With 3.3 million girl and adult members worldwide, Girl Scouts is the leading authority on girls' healthy development. Today's Girl Scout Leadership Experience has evolved to fit a wide variety of interests of schedules. With six program pathways – events, series, camp, troops, travel, and virtual – girls have more options and more

reasons to join than ever before. Through hands-on learning opportunities and a girl-led decision-making process, the Girl Scout Leadership Experience empowers girls to discover a strong sense of self, connect with others in a changing world, and take action to help make the world a better place.

About Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland

Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland has a membership of approximately 16,000 girls and 6,000 adults across 68 counties in central and southern Missouri, southeast Kansas, and northeast Oklahoma. With the support of community partners, donors, and volunteers, we mentor and support girls as they develop crucial life skills and prepare to take the lead – today, tomorrow, and for the rest of their lives.

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