



## 2012 FAQs

### ***Celebrating 11 years of “A taste of home and a note to show we care”***

#### **What is Operation Thin Mint®?**

Operation Thin Mint® (OTM) sends America’s favorite cookies and notes of support to U.S. military troops far from home. Girl Scouts and their cookie customers team up for this program developed by Girl Scouts San Diego in 2002.

#### **Who receives cookies? How many?**

This year, San Diegans will send the two millionth box of Girl Scout cookies and tens of thousands of notes to troops serving in places like Afghanistan, Iraq, Africa, Japan, Korea, and aboard ships in many locations, including the Persian Gulf, Western Pacific, Red Sea and Indian Ocean.

#### **How does the public participate?**

During the annual cookie program (Jan. 29-March 11, 2012), San Diegans purchase OTM cookies from Girl Scouts. The cookies are earmarked for OTM, and customers receive a receipt.

#### **How do the military and APL assist?**

The Secretary of the Navy authorizes Operation Thin Mint®, and the Army and Navy help distribute the cookies to members of all services. Because APL, a commercial shipping firm, generously provides refrigerated shipping overseas, every dollar donated for cookies purchases cookies.

#### **Are Thin Mints the only cookies sent overseas?**

No, troops receive every variety of Girl Scout Cookies.

#### **Are Operation Thin Mint® donations tax-deductible?**

Yes, as customers do not receive the cookies or benefit directly by paying for them.



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