

## 2019 GIRL SCOUT YEAR IN REVIEW

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## Season's Greetings!

I hope you and your family are well. If there is one thing I know, it's I'm ready for our winter break, but if there is one

more thing I know, it's that as soon as break is over, Girl Scout cookie season starts again! I've had an amazing year, and so much of it is because of my Girl Scout cookie business. There have been so many exciting opportunities this year that I want to share a few of them with you, my amazing cookie customers!

Because of you and so many others, I've been able to fund an amazing year packed full of adventures.

Last year, I accomplished something I've never done before. I sold more than 1,000 boxes of cookies! That's pretty important, but the biggest accomplishment was by doing this, I was able to use my cookie business proceeds to pay for the cost of Girl Scout AIR CAMP.

During the summer, I spent a week at camp with other Girls Scouts learning about aerospace engineering from leaders across the Miami Valley. At the end of the week, I got to pilot my own flight. And, I got to be on TV! This is one of the coolest things I could ever imagine.

As the year continued, it truly only got better. During 2019 I bridged to the Cadette level of Girl Scouts. This meant I was able to begin doing even more in

Girl Scouts. I am now a part of a regional High Adventures group, I earned my Program Assistant Pin and can now help lead younger girls in outdoor activities, I met MAE JEMISON – one of my NASA heroes, and I just had a lot of fun with my Girl Scout sisters. It has really been an awesome year.



## TOP TEN GIRL SCOUT ADVENTURES THIS YEAR

1. Earning enough "cookie dough" to PAY FOR Air Camp
2. Spending a week learning about aerospace engineering and flying a plane at Air Camp
3. Bridging to Cadette Girl Scout
4. Earning the Program Assistant rank and becoming a PA for Springfield Summer Day Camp as well as working at Camp Butterworth for a week
5. Designing and assisting with Rocketry at Springfield's Service Unit Camp
6. Becoming a Canoe Junior Instructor and sharing the love of canoeing with more than 200 girls throughout Ohio
7. Learning the High Ropes Course at Camp Whip Poor Will
8. Being a part of the Girl Scouts of Western Ohio "How Girl Scouts Make a Difference" video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RL4jm4nQkQ0>
9. Designing the commemorative patch for the Mae Jemison The Sky's the Limit, Girls in STEM Girl Scout event and meeting Dr. Jemison.
10. Becoming a founding member of the High Adventures Girl Scout group and participating in a weekend long canoeing trip – and learning to throw axes.

## PLANS FOR 2020

1. Continue as a Springfield Girl Scout Cookie Captain – sharing cookie business lessons with younger girls – and sell 1,500 boxes myself!
2. Begin working on my Girl Scout Silver Award – focusing on inclusion of girls with autism in Girl Scout activities throughout the year.
3. Earn funds to assist with the cost of traveling to the Girl Scout International Convention in Orlando, Florida in October 2020.

Girl Scouts has taught me that I can set a goal and work to achieve it. Because of you, and all of my other cookie customers, I've been able to do things many kids my age haven't dreamed of doing. I'm excited for next year, and will remain committed to being your cookie pro! Thank you for your support throughout the years, and all the best for a Happy New Year!

Thank you for a year of adventure fueled by the Girl Scout Cookie Program, and amazing customers like you!