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Chefs Get Creative with Cookies in Mankato

(Mankato, Minn.) Chefs from Mankato area's fine restaurants will get creative on Thursday, March 27 as they prepare an array of delectable treats with one key ingredient in common... Girl Scout cookies! Join families and friends of area Girl Scouts to sample appetizers, entrees, and desserts at *Cookie Creations*, a Girl Scout culinary event held at the Best Western Hotel (1111 Range Street, on Highway 169 in North Mankato), 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for children. Purchase tickets by calling the local service center at 800-332-4475 or visiting www.girlscoutsrv.org. Proceeds from *Cookie Creations* benefit local girl members of the Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys with thousands of leadership development programs and resources.

This year's culinary masterminds hail from LeMays Humphrey's Street Grill in Lake Crystal, Roadhouse Bar & Grill in Wabasso, and Wabasha Creek Restaurant at Jackpot Junction's Dacotah Ridge Golf Club in Morton, among others. Edible innovations from past events have included Hot Samoa Shrimp, Peanut Butter Cream Puffs, Trefoil Crusted Salmon, and much more. Local chefs can still get involved by calling the local service center. *Cookie Creations* also includes live entertainment and a silent auction. Cookbooks are available for \$20 each at the event or pre-order online now.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program Activity kicked off on January 19. There is still time to place cookie orders with local troops for that key ingredient, be it Thin Mints, Tag-a-longs, Samoas, Do-si-dos, and Trefoils, or the new varieties this season – Lemon Chalet Cremes, Sugar Free Chocolate Chips, and All Abouts. Purchase cookies from Girl Scouts at *Cookie Creations* or get in touch with a troop in your area to place a cookie order by calling 800-845-0787 or e-mailing cookies@girlscoutsrv.org and we will connect you with a troop in your area. Girl Scout cookies will be available for purchase through March 30.

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Cookie Creations will also be held in Rochester at the Radisson Hotel (150 South Broadway), 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by calling 800-598-5516 or visiting www.girlscoutsrv.org.

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For more information about *Cookie Creations* or the Girl Scout Cookie Program Activity, contact the Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys at 507-332-4475 or 800-845-0787, or online at www.girlscoutsrv.org.

About Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys

In partnership with nearly 18,000 adult volunteers, the Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys helps 49,000 girls each year—in all or portions of 49 counties in southern Minnesota and western Wisconsin—to discover new abilities, connect with new friends, and take action to improve their communities. Girl Scouts is the world's preeminent leadership development organization for girls, building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

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Editor's note: Photos and interviews available upon request.