

## Girl Scouts reject activist demands for GMO-free cookies, side with science

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This coming February, when the girls in green make their way from door to door, the season will also bring out anti-GMO activists, namely the Girl Scout moms who protest ingredients sourced from genetically engineered plants in the nationally beloved annual treats. Despite continued pressure from the “Remove GMOs from Girl Scout Cookies” [group](#), the beloved youth organization has quietly stood with evidence in the face of ongoing criticism from anti-GMO activists.

The campaign to bully the organization into dropping ingredients sourced from plants engineered with modern molecular techniques, better known by the rather unscientific term “GMO,” caused a stir in the summer of 2013 when a Southern California mother started the [Facebook](#) page advising scout parents to boycott the annual sales drive to persuade the organization to go GMO-free. Her daughter Alicia allegedly led the movement, and with boosts from anti-biotech sites GMO Inside and [Natural News](#), the movement gained momentum and a Change.org [petition](#).

Despite anti-GMO activist demands, the Girl Scouts continue to stand firmly with the scientific consensus on the safety of GMOs. The organization, which supports STEM education for girls and offers merit badges in “Science and Technology” as well as in “Innovation,” puts its money where its mouth is on the website’s [FAQ section](#).

“At the current time, there are GMOs in Girl Scout Cookies”, the website explains. “There is worldwide scientific support for the safety of currently commercialized ingredients derived from genetically modified agricultural crops.

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