

GSNI Cookie Chat for Volunteers—2/1/2023

GSNI Product Program Team will be sending weekly Cookie Chats with reminders, tips, and resources to assist with your journey through the 2023 Cookie Program. The emails can also be reviewed on Messages on your troop eBudde dashboard and will be posted on our [website](#). In this issue:

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Digital Cookie Troop Links will be available for troops to [set up](#) starting on Friday, February 3. A Troop Link/Site has many uses. Troops can use at cookie booths to accept credit cards, all parents of Girl Scout with a Digital Cookie link can also access the Troop Link so it can be used at multiple booths by multiple users. Troop Links can also be used for [non-traditional booths](#) such as a Virtual Cookie Booth. Once Digital Cookie shipping opens on February 27, all published Troop Links will be available for customers to search on [Cookie Finder](#). Very important, once orders are received on the Troop Link, [use these steps to distribute](#) cookies sold to Girl Scouts in the troop towards their rewards.

For Service Units that use eBudde to schedule delivery pick-up times, Troop Cookie Chairs need to go to the Delivery tab in eBudde starting on Saturday, February 4, at 8 a.m. through Tuesday, February 7, at 11:59 p.m. to choose a delivery time slot. If a time slot is not chosen, one will be assigned to the troop. Deliveries will be February 15-20. Contact your Service Unit Cookie Coordinator for delivery date, time, and procedure details.

Cookie Cupboards are how troops can order additional cookies needed after initial order delivery. Additional cookies may be needed for cookie booths and additional Digital Cookie or in-person orders. Orders can be placed starting on Monday, February 13. Review the [Cookie Cupboard locations, guidelines, and procedures](#) information. Also see page 11 of the [Troop Cookie Manual](#).

[Cookie Cravers](#) are a great way for Girl Scouts with their parents to get additional cookies on their own and earn additional rewards! Using the [Cookie Craver order form](#), Girl Scouts can continue to take in-person orders and use the [Cookie Craver Submission form](#) to pick up cookies from a [Council Cupboard](#). Girl Scouts who submit Cookie Craver orders for 18+ packages earn the Goal Getter patch and 36+ packages earn the Action patch. Rewards are received at the time submitting the order! The cookies are paid for at the time of pick up. Girl Scouts receive credit towards rewards and troops receive credit towards troop proceeds. Digital Cookie girl delivery orders cannot be submitted as part of this activity.

NEW Pop-up Challenges

- [Digital Cookie shipped packages by Girl Scout](#) – Girl Scouts who sell 25+ packages through Digital Cookie shipped orders February 27-March 19, will earn a unique Rally Finale patch. Girl Scouts who sell 50+ packages through Digital Cookie shipped orders February 27-March 19, will earn a custom Bucket Hat.
- [Digital Cookie shipped packages by Troop Link](#) – Troops that sell 25+ packages through Digital Cookie shipped orders using their Troop Link February 27-March 19, will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 GSNI gift card. Ten troops will be randomly selected.

Troops can sign up on the Booth Sites tab in eBudde for more Council Booth sites. Now through the end of the program, troops may sign up for unlimited additional sites with a maximum of 15 sites at the

same retailer. For additional details on how to sign up, go to page 14 of the [eBudde Troop Manual](#). For additional details on Council Booths, go to page 14 of the [Troop Cookie Manual](#). Volunteers can also enter requests for Troop Booth sites. These are booth sites the troop arranges themselves and are entered into eBudde for approval from council. See page 14 of the [Troop Cookie Manual](#) for more details and watch this [instructional video](#).

Sometimes Troop Booth locations ask for a Certificate of Insurance from GSNI. To request this for a cookie booth, or any other needs, go to the [Online Support for Volunteers](#) webpage and scroll to the bottom of the page to complete the Requesting Certificate of Insurance from GSNI information.

Do you know a Girl Scout who is making this cookie season remarkable? Have you seen a Girl Scout excel at goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, business ethics—or maybe all the 5 Skills? Do you know a Girl Scout who is showing bravery by trying new things during the cookie season? Have you seen exceptional kindness from a special Girl Scout this cookie season? Nominate a Girl Scout (one Girl Scout per nomination) for the [Remarkable Raspberry Rally charm](#).

As a troop participate in the [Gift of Caring Opportunity](#) and encourage Girl Scouts to participate in [Cookie Business Challenge](#) or [Cookie Craver](#). Go to www.girlscoutsni.org/cookieactivities for more information on these [2023 Cookie Program Activities](#) and other fun things to do as a troop at a meeting to get excited about the Cookie Program!

As [emailed](#) on November 30, 2022, the ability for customers to place a Digital Cookie shipped order will not be available until Monday, February 27, 2023. This includes the ability to purchase the new Raspberry Rally cookie. For more information on this and future updates as needed, please go to 2023 Cookie Program UPDATES on the drop-down menu at www.girlscoutsni.org/cookiesresources.

Questions? Contact your Service Unit Cookie Coordinator or the GSNI Product Program Team at cookies4you@girlscoutsni.org.

Thank you for your continued support of the Cookie Program and Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois.
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