

GSNI Cookie Chat for Volunteers—3/1/2023

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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The first bank sweep of troop bank accounts for money owed to council is Monday, March 6. This is for 50% of initial orders, including any packages ordered for cookie booths with the initial order. For more details and the formula to help calculate and estimate the sweep amount for your troop go to page 9 of the [Troop Cookie Manual](#).

Cookie Cupboards across the council are running low on inventory, this is not due to a shortage! GSNI has placed an order for shipments from Little Brownie Bakers and expects to receive next week and re-supply most cupboards. This means, varieties of cookies currently unavailable for this weekend should be available for orders for the third weekend of booths. As explained in training and the [Troop Cookie Manual](#), the specialty cookies, S'mores and Toffee-tastics, are always limited in our cupboards and we do not order additional of these varieties. GSNI will likely turn off the ability to purchase S'mores and Toffee-tastics through Digital Cookie girl delivery in the next few days. Looking for a cupboard? Use the [Cookie Cupboard locations, guidelines, and procedures](#) information.

Troops can also find cookies needed through Cookie Exchange in eBudde. See pages 12-13 of the [eBudde Troop Manual](#) for more details. Once connected with a troop do a troop-to-troop transaction in eBudde to complete the exchange process. See page 12 of the [eBudde Troop Manual](#) for instructions.

Parents have the ability to turn off the Girl Delivery option in Digital Cookie or turn off just certain varieties of cookies available to purchase through Digital Cookie girl delivery. Follow these [instructions](#).

If a troop is no longer able to hold a scheduled cookie booth, please go to eBudde to cancel. Remember, all cookie booths are listed in [Cookie Finder](#) and customers use this feature to find booths!

Pop-up Challenges include [Digital Cookie shipped packages by Girl Scout](#) and [Digital Cookie shipped packages by Troop Link](#) for Digital Cookie shipped packages sold February 27-March 19.

Do you have Girl Scouts in your troop continuing to receive additional Digital Cookie girl delivery orders? You will need to give the Girl Scout the cookies for these additional orders from the troop's inventory. This may be from the extras received on delivery or the troop may need to get additional cookies from a cupboard. MOST IMPORTANT is these packages need to be entered into eBudde as a +Order under the Girl Scout on the Girl Orders tab. If these packages are not entered, the Girl Scout is not receiving credit towards rewards for these packages sold and her balance due is not correct. **NEW FEATURE to see the packages that need to be entered and given to the Girl Scout—click on the Girl Scout on the Girl Orders tab, then click on Girl Delivery in the right-hand drop-down menu.** For additional details on this process, go to page 21-22 of the [Troop Cookie Manual](#), pages 8-9 of the [Troop eBudde Manual](#), and/or review the [Troop Girl Order tab microburst](#). **Remember ANY TIME you**

are giving a Girl Scout additional cookies after initial order, whether for Digital Cookie girl delivery orders and additional in-person orders, these need to be entered into eBudde on the Girl Orders tab.

Many troops are using their Troop Link/Site at traditional and [non-traditional booths](#) such as a Virtual Cookie Booth. All published Troop Links are also 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.

[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 during cupboard hours](#). 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.

Troops can continue to sign up for Council Booth sites and enter approval requests for Troop Booths arranged by the council. For additional details on how to sign up, go to page 14 of the [eBudde Troop Manual](#). For additional details on cookie booths, go to page 14 of the [Troop Cookie Manual](#) watch this [instructional video](#).

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!

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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