

GSNI Cookie Chat for Volunteers—3/22/2023

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:

- Thank you!
- Final Reward deadline—Saturday, March 25 @ 11:59 p.m.
- Enter in eBudde cookies for Digital Cookie girl delivery and in-hand orders received after Initial Order!
- See Sales Report tab in eBudde for financial review
- Pick up cookies for donation from a Council Cupboard
- Cookie Business Challenge and Sister Reward entry deadline—Monday, March 27.
- Rewards to be shipped to SU Cookie Coordinators the end of April.
- Booths after the end of the program.



As another Cookie Season winds down, we want to thank all our dedicated Troop Volunteers for your time and efforts to support the Girl Scouts in the troop and help them to achieve their goals and accomplishment things they may have thought undoable and unreachable! As we all continue to be challenged with mostly uncontrollable circumstances, it is your support and positive attitude that helps Girl Scouts learn how to work through difficult situations now and in their future.

Troop Final Reward submission deadline extended to Saturday, March 25, at 11:59 p.m. Troops must allocate all cookies to Girl Scouts in the troop and submit final rewards by Saturday, March 25 @ 11:59 p.m. See page 10 of the [Troop Cookie Manual](#) for more details on allocating cookies and final rewards. For more instructions on submitting final rewards, review pages 13-14 of the [Troop eBudde Manual](#). If a troop want to order cookie booth or volunteer patches, these must be added to the Final Rewards before submitting. There is no additional cost for these patches, but they must be manually added.

Entering cookies into eBudde for all Digital Cookie girl delivery and in-hand orders for Girl Scouts in your troop is critical! Go to the Girl Orders tab and enter these cookies as a +Order under the Girl Scout. **If this entry is not done in eBudde, the Girl Scout is NOT receiving credit for these sales** and her balance due will be incorrect! For additional instructions, view this [video](#), go to page 22 of the [Troop Cookie Manual](#) and pages 8-9 of the [Troop eBudde Manual](#). If cookies for these orders are still needed, please reach out to cookies4you@girlscoutsni.org NOW!

Initial Sweep has now been entered into eBudde for all successful sweeps. Go to the [Sales Report tab](#) and review **Amount You Owe Council** for the amount to be swept on the final sweep on Wednesday, April 5. If this number is negative, council owes your troop money. Credits will be deposited into troop accounts on Wednesday, April 12.

Notification of any Non-Sufficient Fund (NSF) checks, must be reported to council Finance Department via customercare@girlscoutsni.org by Friday, April 7.

Troops that are interested in picking up Gift of Caring (donation) cookies to donate to local organizations, first responders, military organizations, food pantries, essential businesses, etc. may schedule pick up times from a council cupboard March 30, 31, April 3, and 4, [during store hours](#). Please email cookies4you@girlscoutsni.org with your troop number, how many cases you would like to pick up, council location for pick up, preferred date/time of pick up and where donating. After donating, complete the [GOC Delivery form](#) by Monday, April 24 and Girl Scouts in the troop will receive the Shoe charm.

Deadline to submit entries for [Cookie Business Challenge](#) and [Multi-Girl Scout Family Rewards](#) (Sister Rewards) is Monday, March 27.

Both Initial and Final Rewards will be shipped to Service Unit Cookie Coordinators approximately the week of April 24. Your SU Cookie Coordinator will sort by troop and let troops know when/where to pick up. Rewards through 500 package level, blanket at 650 package level, and Beach Kit at 850 level will be included with these troop rewards. Parents of Girl Scouts earning Cookie Dough will be emailed e-codes in May. Parents of Girl Scouts earning an invitation to Super Seller-bration or High Adventure Seller-bration will receive an email in April regarding registration for the event. Parents of Girl Scouts earning the Walt Disney World or Universal Resort trips will be emailed directly with instructions for trip reservations in April. All other rewards will be distributed at the Seller-bration events or directly to Girl Scouts. Please distribute to the Girl Scouts in your troop as soon as possible and celebrate all their accomplishments.

GSNI understands troops may still have cookies to sell and want to hold additional cookie booths. **If a troop wants to hold a booth, please email cookies4you@girlscoutsni.org with the troop, date/time, location and contact person for approval.** Booths should not be held at major retailers like Jewel and may not be held at Walmarts due to GSUSA contract with Walmart. We suggest restaurants, local retailers, neighborhood, local events, etc. as places to hold additional cookie booths.

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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