

GSNI Cookie Chat for Volunteers—3/18/2026

GSNI Product Program Team will be sending weekly Cookie Chats with reminders, tips, and resources to assist volunteers with their journey through the 2026 Cookie Program. The Cookie Chats will also be posted on our website and Rallyhood. Hola! Para obtener más información o asistencia en Español envíe un correo electrónico a customercare@girlscoutsni.org. ¡Gracias!

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VERY IMPORTANT! Before submitting rewards, be sure all packages are allocated to Girl Scouts. This includes packages for all Digital Cookie girl delivery orders and any additional packages given to Girl Scout after initial orders. If all packages are sold and allocated to Girl Scouts towards their rewards, the Difference line at the bottom of the Girl Orders tab should be zero. See pages 9-14 of the [eBudde Troop Manual](#) or watch the the [MicroTraining](#) from March 2.

Final Rewards must be submitted in eBudde by **Tuesday, March 24 at 11:59 p.m.** To submit, go to the **Rewards tab** and click **Fill Out**. If any Girl Scouts in your troop earned a reward level with a choice, click on the Girl Scout's name, make the selection, and click **Submit Girl Order** to save it. If your troop would like **Booth patches**, please enter the number of patches needed for Girl Scouts who participated in cookie booths. If **Volunteer patches** are desired, please enter the number requested as well, with a **limit of 5**. There is no additional cost for these patches, but they must still be ordered. Once everything is complete, click the **Submit Reward Order** button at the bottom of the page.

Final sweep will take place on April 7, so please ensure all cookie money has been deposited into your Troop account prior to that date. You can view your balance due on the eBudde dashboard or under the Sales Report tab. If your balance appears as a negative amount, that indicates Council owes your troop funds, and that amount will be deposited into your Troop account on April 21.

There are still many **council booth** spots open if your troop still has inventory to sell! One of our favorite parts of the cookie season is getting out on the weekends to visit booths and see Girl Scouts shining in their cookie businesses. Help us fill those spots so we have booths to visit. Let's finish this season strong! If the troop has a booth reserved and it no longer using, please remember to delete or remove the troop from the reservation.

If a troop has remaining inventory and wants to continue selling after March 22, please contact the Product Program Team at cookies4you@girlscoutsni.org for additional instructions.

We are heading into the **final weekend of cookie booths**, and it's time to go out strong! Our Bling Your Booth theme for March 20-22 is **Brave. Fierce. Fun.** — just like this year's 2026 Girl Scout Cookie theme. Girl Scouts have shown incredible courage, confidence, and entrepreneurial spirit all season long, and this is your moment to celebrate it. Take inspiration from our fierce little mascot, **Shirley the Black-Footed Ferret**, and create a booth that shows just how brave, fierce, and fun your cookie business can be. Decorate your booth to match the **Brave. Fierce. Fun.** theme, snap a photo, and

submit it for a chance to win a **Cookie Booth Fun Bundle**. We cannot wait to see all the creative booths out there. Let's finish this cookie season strong and make this last weekend one to remember!

Council Cookie Cupboards will be open on **Tuesday, March 24** from **11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.** and **3:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m.** for any final cookie orders or exchanges. If you need to complete a cookie exchange, please refer to page 15 of the [eBudde Manual](#).

Troops can now request to pick up [2026 Gift of Caring](#) donation cookies to donate to local first responders, service organizations, military organizations, food pantries, essential businesses, and more. To request cookies, please email cookies4you@girlscoutsni.org and include your troop number, the number of cases requested, your preferred Council Cupboard (Oswego, Rockford, or South Elgin) or McHenry volunteer cupboard for pick up, the pick-up date and approximate time, and where the cookies will be donated. Also, please remember to complete the Gift of Caring Opportunity [delivery form](#) so Girl Scouts in your troop can receive the custom 2026 Gift of Caring patch.

GSNI has many resources available to assist parents and volunteers through the Cookie Program. Please go to www.girlscoutsni.org/cookieresources or [Rallyhood!](#) Volunteers can find answers to many questions in the [Troop Cookie Manual](#) and [eBudde Troop Manual](#). Both volunteers and parents can review the [Digital Cookie Manual](#) for assistance navigating this system.

For assistance throughout the Girl Scout Cookie Program, reach out to your Troop Cookie Chair, Service Unit Cookie Coordinator or GSNI's Product Program Team at cookies4you@girlscoutsni.org.

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