GSNI Cookie Chat for Volunteers—1/22/2025

GSNI Product Program Team will be sending weekly Cookie Chats with reminders, tips, and resources to assist volunteers with their journey through the 2025 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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Troops may begin entering **Cookie Cupboard orders in eBudde on Monday, January 27**. A cookie cupboard is where troops can receive more cookies for additional Girl Scout orders and cookie booths. Review <u>Cookie Cupboards</u>, <u>Guidelines and Policies</u> for a list of all <u>council</u> and volunteer cookie cupboards along with eBudde instructions on how to place an order and cupboard guidelines. This list is NOT posted on the website but is available on <u>Rallyhood</u> in the Files section.

As troops continue through the next phase of the Cookie Program, **all recording of additional packages sold and payments received from Girl Scouts is completed on the Girl Orders tab.** Please review pages 10-15 of the <u>eBudde Troop Manual</u> for instructions. As Girl Scouts continue to receive additional Digital Cookie girl delivery orders after Initial Orders, it is critical Troop Cookie Chairs follow the appropriate steps to get the Girl Scout the cookies needed and record in <u>eBudde</u> so the Girl Scout receives credit towards rewards.

Starting **Thursday, January 23, troops may set up their Troop Links/Site**. Review the <u>Troop Site/Link Setup tip sheet</u> and <u>video</u> for assistance.

Do you know of a community message board in your area that could use a little color and some Girl Scout cookie flyers? After getting permission from the management, you can use this flyer, or have your Girl Scouts make their own, to brighten up the board and spread the word about Girl Scout Cookies! It's a fantastic way to let your community know where to find their favorite cookies!

Initial Order deliveries are scheduled for January 30- February 3. Each Service Unit has an assigned date and time. Your Service Unit Cookie Coordinator should be contacting all troops in the service unit with details.

Delivery time sign-up, for service units using eBudde to schedule troop delivery times, sign-up begins Saturday, January 25 at 8 a.m. and must be completed no later than Sunday, January 26 at 11:59 p.m. or a time will be assigned to your troop. See Delivery tab instructions on pages 9-10 of eBudde Troop Manual. Please note, mostly only service units on the east side of the council use this feature.

Council Booth first round sign-up through eBudde began at 6 a.m. on Wednesday, January 22, and continues Sunday, January 26. During this time, troops may sign-up for a maximum of three booths at three different retailers. **Council Booth second round sign-up will begin on Monday, January 27, at 6 a.m.** Requests for approval for **Troop Booths** (booths reserved by the troop) can be entered now into <u>eBudde</u>. See pages 10-13 of the <u>Troop Cookie Manual</u> for more information about Cookie Booths and pages 19-20 of the <u>eBudde Troop Manual</u> for instructions on entering requests for Troop Booths and

signing up for Council Booths. **Discover our new <u>Cookie Booth Guide</u>** packed with tips and tricks for running a successful booth! Use the <u>Booth Inventory and Planning Sheet</u> to help ensure a seamless and stress-free booth experience.

Here's an incredible opportunity to celebrate the amazing Girl Scouts who are shaking things up with the Cookie Program! If you know a GSNI Girl Scout who's a true trailblazer—someone who thinks outside the box, embraces innovation, leads with heart, and shows the entrepreneurial spirit that defines a true Cookie Boss—now's your chance to give them the recognition they deserve! **Submit your nomination for a Girl Scout Game Changer** using this <u>form</u>. Selected Girl Scouts will not only receive the Do-Si-Dos Panda charm but could also be featured on GSNI's social media during the cookie program, running through **March 9, 2025.** Don't wait—shine a spotlight on their creativity and courage today!

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 Service Unit Cookie Coordinator or GSNI's Product Program Team at cookies4you@girlscoutsni.org.

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