## GSNI Cookie Chat for Volunteers—1/29/2025

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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**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. Once cookies are received, sort by Girl Scout. We suggest sorting everything before distributing to catch any potential errors. Count off the packages with each Girl Scout/parent when picking up and use a receipt of some kind for parents to sign-off. For a report of what each Girl Scout receives, we suggest one of these options.

- Print blank <u>bubble sheets</u> and fill in packages from the total line for each Girl Scout from the Initial Order tab.
- Use your receipt booklet, and on a separate receipt for each Girl Scout fill in the packages from the total line for each Girl Scout from the Initial Order tab.
- OR go to the Reports tab and under Initial Cookie Order Reports, select the Girl IO. Use the Total Order line for each Girl Scout to sort cookies for each Girl Scout.

The next **Virtual MicroTraining will be Tuesday February 4** at <u>12-1 p.m.</u> or <u>7-8 p.m.</u> TOPICS will include, Troop Links, Cookie Booths, Cookie Cravers and Walk about selling method. Training links can be found on <u>website</u> and <u>Rallyhood</u>.

GSNI is thrilled to announce an exciting new partnership with Wendy's restaurants! In celebration of National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend on February 21, Wendy's will debut a special Thin Mintsinspired Frosty. As part of this partnership, Wendy's is offering Cookie Booth opportunities at 32 locations within GSNI council boundaries. The GSNI Product Program team has scheduled council booths at these locations from February 22 to March 9. Starting Monday, February 3, at 6 a.m., a special sign-up for Wendy's locations will be available in eBudde. For more information, click here

**Troops may enter Cookie Cupboard orders in eBudde now**. 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 eBudde so the Girl Scout receives credit towards rewards.

We were just notified by Little Brownie our council has exceeded its overall allotment of Toffee-tastics. Toffee-tastics will still be available to order from GSNI cookie cupboards. Toffee-tastics have only been turned off for customers to purchase for a Digital Cookie shipped order. Thank you for your understanding.

**Troops may set up their Troop Links/Site**. Review the <u>Troop Site/Link Setup tip sheet</u> and <u>video</u> for assistance.

**Council Booth second round sign-up continues now through the end of the program.** Requests for approval for **Troop Booths** (booths reserved by the troop) can be entered now into eBudde. 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.

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 <a href="www.girlscoutsni.org/cookieresources">www.girlscoutsni.org/cookieresources</a> or <a href="Rallyhood">Rallyhood</a>! Volunteers can find answers to many questions in the <a href="Troop Cookie Manual">Troop Cookie Manual</a> and <a href="manual">eBudde Troop Manual</a>. Both volunteers and parents can review the <a href="Digital Cookie Manual">Digital Cookie Manual</a> for assistance navigating this system. Or just have some fun making a <a href="manual">3D Panda</a> like, Mei Lan and send a picture of your Girl Scout with her panda to <a href="manual">cookies4you@girlscoutsni.org</a>!

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 <a href="mailto:cookies4you@girlscoutsni.org">cookies4you@girlscoutsni.org</a>.

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