girl scouts of northern illinois



Gift of Caring Opportunity

GSNI encourages troops to deliver Gift of Caring (GOC) cookies. All Girl Scouts in the troop who sold donation cookies and/or participated in the delivery date will receive the Cookie Bundle charm!



Entries due by Monday, April 14, 2025

Gift of Caring Opportunity Guidelines

- Contact one or more local first responder organizations (fire department, police department, etc.), military organization (VFW, American Legion, etc.), service organizations (Lion's Club, Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, etc.), food pantry, essential businesses (teacher appreciation week, hospitals, doctor offices, post offices, bus drivers, etc.) or another local organization to donate cookies.
 - GSNI recommends donating 1-2 cases (12-24 cookie packages) to an organization depending on the size or number of employees at an essential business. If the organization will be distributing cookies beyond their organization, such as sending military care packages, ask how many packages of cookies they would like to receive.
- At the end of the Cookie Program, arrange a date for Girl Scouts in the troop to deliver donated cookie packages.
- Donate cookie packages set aside by the troop during cookie booths or pick-up cookie packages from council to donate.
 - To pick-up from GSNI, email a Product Program Manager for an appointment at your preferred cupboard or email <u>cookies4you@girlscoutsni.org</u>. Cookies must be picked up by appointment, weekdays during <u>Resource Center hours</u> Tuesday-Thursday, April 8-10.
- Take photos of Girl Scouts delivering cookies.
- Submit the <u>GOC Delivery form</u> available at <u>www.girlscoutsni.org/cookieresources</u> or <u>Rallyhood</u> and follow the instructions to submit a photo (if available) with the <u>form</u>. All <u>forms</u> must be submitted by Monday, April 14, for Girl Scouts to receive charms.
 - If a troop delivers GOC cookies to multiple organizations, a <u>form</u> may be submitted per organization. However, each Girl Scout will only receive one charm.
- Charms will be mailed to the troop contact person entered on the form in June.

Questions? Contact the Product Program Team at <u>cookies4you@girlscoutsni.org</u>.