Extension of 2025 Cookie Program

We have heard your concerns about bad weather, slower sales, and troops with significant remaining inventory. To give more time for troops to sell their inventory and for Girl Scouts to reach their goals, GSNI will be extending the 2025 Girl Scout Cookie Program to Sunday, March 23. Continued participation in the 2025 cookie program extension is completely optional for troops and Girl Scouts.

Please carefully read through all the changes that relate to this extension below. If a troop's inventory is sold and Girl Scouts are no longer using Digital Cookie, Cookie Cravers or reaching out to customers, <u>Final</u> <u>Rewards may be submitted</u> at any time.

- Digital Cookie will remain open through Sunday, March 23. However, the last day Digital Cookie girl delivery orders can be placed will be Sunday, March 9. The ability to take credit cards at a booth with Digital Cookie in-hand orders and for customers to place Digital Cookie shipped orders will remain available through Sunday, March 23.
- No additional council cookie booths will be added, with the possible exception of Wendy's locations.
 Troops may continue to reserve cookie booths themselves through March 23. These must continue to be
 entered into eBudde for approval. Troops may not contact Walmarts, Sam's Clubs, or Walgreens for
 cookie booth sites.
- <u>Cookie Cravers</u> will continue to be available to pick up from GSNI Resource Centers during regular cupboard hours through Saturday, March 8. Starting Tuesday, March 11, Cookie Cravers can be fulfilled at Resource Centers during <u>regular store hours</u>. Please note: Resource Centers will return to <u>regular Saturday hours</u> on March 15 and 22.
- After March 9, <u>council cookie cupboards</u> will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 11-25, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 3:30-7 p.m. Limited volunteer cupboards may be open during this extension determined by availability and inventory. Troops may place orders for additional cookies or exchanges. See page 16 of the <u>eBudde Troop Manual</u> regarding exchanges.
- Submission for Final Rewards will be extended to Wednesday, March 26. It is important that cookies are added to Girl Scouts on the Girl Order tab in eBudde for all Digital Cookie orders and any additional cookie orders after Initial Order. See pages 10-15 of the eBudde Troop Manual.
- Final Sweep of troop accounts will be changed to Wednesday, April 9. If a troop is receiving a credit due to high use of Digital Cookie, this date will change to Wednesday, April 16.
- Pick up of cookies for donation (<u>GOC Opportunity</u>) will be changed to April 8-10, by appointment at Resource Centers during store hours.
- Additional date changes
 - The deadline for Parent Delinquency forms due to Finance Department from Troop Cookie
 Chairs will be changed to Wednesday, March 26.
 - The deadline to submit names for <u>Multi-Girl Scout Family Special Rewards</u> and entries due for <u>Cookie Business Challenge</u> will be changed to Friday, March 28.
 - o The deadline for NSF Check Notification to Finance Department from Troop Cookie Chairs will be changed to Friday, April 11.