GSNI Cookie Chat for Volunteers—1/17/2024

GSNI Product Program Team will be sending weekly Cookie Chats with reminders, tips, and resources to assist volunteers with their journey through the 2024 Cookie Program. The Cookie Chats will also be posted on our <u>website</u> and <u>Rallyhood</u>. In this issue:

- Login to eBudde
- Initial Order submission deadline—Monday, January 22
- Order additional cookies on Initial Order
- Digital Cookie pause
- Council and Troop Booth
- Girl Scout Game Changer
- Manuals and Resources available



If you haven't already, **login to eBudde** and review the list of Girl Scouts in the troop to be sure all are listed. If you cannot find your eBudde Welcome email or its expired, go to the eBudde login page at https://ebudde.littlebrownie.com and click on Forgot Password go get started. Contact the Product Program Team if still having trouble.

Initial Order Troop Submission deadline is Monday, January 22 @ 11:59 p.m. Review pages 7-9 of the <u>eBudde Troop Manual</u> for detailed instructions or <u>watch this video</u>. New this year, parents can enter paper order card orders into Digital Cookie which will transfer to eBudde. Share this <u>tip sheet</u> with parents to assist them with procedures.

When placing Initial Order additional cookies for booths can be added to the order. Keep in mind money for 50% of all cookie packages ordered through the Initial Order will be swept from the troop account on Wednesday, February 21. We do recommend ordering any S'mores or Toffeetastics wanted for booths on the initial order as very limited quantities of these will be available at cupboards.

During the Initial Order submission process for troops, service units and council, the **transfer of online orders from Digital Cookie will be paused from Monday, January 22-Wednesday, January 24**. Customers can still place orders, but these will not transfer to eBudde until the pause has been lifted.

Council Booth first round sign-up through eBudde begins at 6 a.m. on Wednesday, January 24 through Sunday, January 28. During this time, troops may sign-up for a maximum of three booths at three different retailers. 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.

Do you know a GSNI Girl Scout redefining everything you thought you knew about the Cookie Program? This year, GSNI is accepting nominations for innovative, creative, and courageous Girl Scouts who demonstrate original thinking, embrace new ideas, lead with compassion, and model true entrepreneurship through the Girl Scout Cookie Program. If this applies to a Girl Scout in your life, now's the time to nominate your **Girl Scout Game Changer** using this form. GSNI staff will review all nominations and make selections. Girl Scouts will receive a special charm and may be featured on GSNI's social media channels throughout the cookie program from January 5–March 10, 2024.

If you missed the Virtual MicroTraining on Tuesday, January 16, you can view the <u>recording</u> which is also posted on <u>Rallyhood</u> and <u>www.girlscoutsni.org/cookieresoures</u>. Mark your calendars for upcoming Virtual MicroTrainings on February 7 and 27, meeting links and topics are posted on <u>Rallyhood</u> and <u>website</u>.

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 NEW 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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