GSNI Cookie Chat for Volunteers—1/24/2024

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 website and Rallyhood. In this issue:

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Troops may begin entering **Cookie Cupboard orders in eBudde on Monday, January 29**. 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.

Starting **Thursday, January 25, troops may set up their Troop Links/Site**. Review the <u>Troop Site/Link Setup tip sheet</u> and <u>video</u> for assistance.

Initial Order deliveries are scheduled for February 1-6. 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 27 at 8 a.m. and must be completed no later than Sunday, January 28 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 24 and continues Sunday, January 28. 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 29 at 6 a.m.** 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.

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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