

GSNI Cookie Chat for Volunteers—2/14/2024

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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The First Bank Sweep of troop accounts will be on Wednesday, February 21. This will be for 50% of Initial Order. For the formula to estimate the amount to be swept, see page 9 of the [Troop Cookie Manual](#). GSNI recommends depositing funds into the troop account by Saturday, February 17.

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 [eBudde Troop Manual](#) 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.

As of Wednesday, February 14, **Toffee-tastics are not available for Digital Cookie shipped orders.** Currently Toffee-tastics packages are still available from some GSNI cupboards.

Troops **may set up their Troop Links/Site.** Review the [Troop Site/Link Setup tip sheet](#) and [video](#) for assistance. Starting Friday, February 16, customers can look up troops by zip code using Cookie Finder to purchase Digital Cookie shipped orders. **NO WORK** on the troops part except to set up the Troop Site/Link!

Troops reaching a final PGA (per Girl Scout average of Girl Scouts selling) **of 375+ packages will earn a choice of Troop Reward.**

- ❖ Membership renewal for 2024/2025 Girl Scout membership year for all Girl Scouts in the troop that participated in the 2024 Cookie Program. **OR**
- ❖ Troops make a Girl Scout-led decision and arrange an experience of their choice to be taken by August 1, 2025. GSNI will reimburse the troop for up to \$25/Girl Scout for the Girl Scouts in the troop that participated in the 2024 Cookie Program and up to 3 trained Troop Volunteers (fees for additional trained Troop Volunteers will be reimbursed if required for ratios).

Troops opting out of rewards are not eligible to earn the Troop Reward.

GSNI recommends placing cookie cupboard orders by Sunday or Monday each week for pick up before the weekend to help ensure cookies are available at the desired cupboard. A cookie cupboard is where troops can receive more cookies for additional Girl Scout orders and cookie booths. Review [Cookie Cupboards, Guidelines and Policies](#) for a list of all [council](#) 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 [Rallyhood](#) in the Files section.

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 [Troop Cookie Manual](#) for more information about Cookie Booths and pages 19-20 of the [eBudde Troop Manual](#) for instructions on entering requests for Troop Booths and signing up for Council Booths.

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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