

GSNI Cookie Chat for Volunteers—2/21/2024

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](#).

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It's going to be an unseasonably warm February weekend, a great opportunity for Cookie Booths. **There are still many council booths available including many Walgreens locations.** Go to Booth Sales tab in eBudde to sign up for a council booth. See pages 19-20 of the [eBudde Troop Manual](#) for instructions on entering requests for Troop Booths and signing up for Council Booths.

Not all customers want to buy cookies, but they do want to support Girl Scouts! **Don't forget to put out a donation box at your cookie booths** and post [this flyer](#) to let customers know they can purchase a box of cookies for donation! If your troop is taking donation packages to a specific organization, share this with your customers. For packages received at council, these are donated to military organizations for care packages and local veterans.

Council is running very low on S'mores. They are no longer available at many cupboards or inventory is very small. If a troop is in need for S'mores for approved Digital Cookie girl delivery orders and they are not available at a cupboard nearby, please contact cookies4you@girlscoutsni.org if assistance is needed to get the S'mores needed. Also reach out to troops in the service unit to see if any troops have some and can do a troop-to-troop transfer. Parents can turn off just S'mores for Digital Cookie girl delivery orders using the [My Cookies tab](#) in Digital Cookie.

As of Thursday, February 22, at 3 p.m. ET **Toffee-tastics WILL be available for Digital Cookie shipped orders again.** Currently Toffee-tastics packages are also still available from some GSNI cupboards.

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.

Troops **may set up their Troop Links/Site.** Review the [Troop Site/Link Setup tip sheet](#) and [video](#) for assistance. 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.

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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