## GSNI Cookie Chat for Parents-2/22/2024

GSNI Product Program Team will be sending weekly Cookie Chats with reminders, tips, and resources to assist parents 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:

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<u>Cookie Cravers</u> are a great way for Girl Scouts with their parents to continue taking orders without assistance needed from the Troop Cookie Chair. Use the <u>Cookie Craver order card</u> to take additional orders, then bring in a <u>Cookie Craver submission form</u> to a <u>council cupboard</u> to pick up the cookies needed for those orders. Payment is due at the time of picking up the cookies. Then council takes care of giving the Girl Scout and troop credit! Final date to submit Cookie Cravers is Saturday, March 2. Digital Cookie orders cannot be submitted through Cookie Cravers. S'mores may not be available for Cookie Cravers.

The snow is melted and the sidewalks are clear! Now is the time for **Walk-about cookie sales**. Go out with your Girl Scout with a wagon full of cookies and hit the streets, safely of course! Going door-to-door with cookies in hand is a one stop shop, no having to go back and deliver orders. Use the in-hand delivery option on the Digital Cookie Mobile app, to make purchasing with a credit card quick and easy!

Not all customers want to buy cookies, but they do want to support Girl Scouts! **Customers can purchase cookies for donation through Cookie Cravers or during Walk-abouts!** Use <u>this flyer</u> to let customers know about this opportunity! A troop can donate packages to a specific organization, or packages received at council are donated to military organizations for care packages and local veterans.

**Council is running very low on S'mores.** 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 are available for Digital Cookie shipped orders again.** Currently Toffee-tastics packages are also still available from some GSNI cupboards.

Please check Digital Cookie every couple days for new orders to approve and keep in communication with your Troop Cookie Chair. Reminder, parents have 5 days to approve a new Digital Cookie girl delivery order or the order will change to the customer's second choice which is usually cancel. The last day to accept Digital Cookie girl delivery orders is Monday, March 4. Digital Cookie shipped orders can continue to be taken through the end of the program on Sunday, March 10.

**Did you know your Girl Scout can earn as many as 12 patches and 4 charms through the Cookie Program in addition to all the fabulous rewards?** Review the order card or <u>Family Newsletter</u> as well as <u>Cookie Business Challenge</u>, <u>Fall & Cookie Crossover patch</u>, and <u>Gift of Caring Opportunity</u> to see all rewards, patches and charms that can be earned by your Girl Scout!

Have you visited GSNI's own Build-A-Bear store located in the South Elgin Resource Center? **Girl Scouts can earn two Build-A-Bear rewards through the Cookie Program.** Troops can also plan a Build-A-Bear party with their troop proceeds and Girl Scouts will be able to use their Cookie Dough towards a furry friend and accessories!

Do you have multiple Girl Scouts in your immediate family participating in the GSNI Cookie Program. See our <u>Multi-Girl Scout Family Rewards</u> opportunities including a **Sister Patch!** Parents must enter the sisters on the <u>entry form</u> by Monday, March 18, to receive any of these rewards.

GSNI has many **resources** available to assist parents through the Cookie Program. Please go to <a href="https://www.girlscoutsni.org/cookieresources">www.girlscoutsni.org/cookieresources</a> or <a href="https://www.girlscoutsni.org/cookieresources">Rallyhood!</a> Some examples are the <a href="https://www.girlscoutsni.org/cookieresources">Family Newsletter</a>, <a href="https://www.gookieresources">Door Hanger</a>, <a href="https://www.gookieresources">Poor Hanger</a>, <a href="https://www.gookieresources">Door Hanger</a>, <a href="https://www.gookieresources">Door Hanger</a>, <a href="https://www.gookieresou

For assistance throughout the Girl Scout Cookie Program, reach out to your Troop Cookie Chair, Service Unit Cookie Coordinator or GSNI's Product Program Team at <a href="mailto:cookies4you@girlscoutsni.org">cookies4you@girlscoutsni.org</a>.

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