

GSNI Cookie Chat for Volunteers—3/11/2024 FINAL

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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Thank you for your support of your Troop and Girl Scouts throughout the 2024 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. **For all Digital Cookie girl delivery orders received 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.** Watch the recording from the [Virtual MicroTraining on 2/27/2024](#) to review allocating cookies and the Girl Orders tab.

Final Rewards must be submitted in eBudde by troops by deadline of Wednesday, March 13, at 11:59 p.m. See pages 18 and 19 of the [eBudde Troop Manual](#) for instructions.

- *Distribution tip*—When rewards arrive and its time to sort, go to Reports tab and choose Girl Rewards HTML. This will provide a packing slip style list for each Girl Scout to make sorting and distributing rewards easy!

Troops may participate in the [Gift of Caring \(GOC\) Opportunity](#). Donate packages of cookies collected by the troop or pick-up packages from council to donate to local first responders, essential businesses, schools/teachers, service organizations, etc. Then complete the [entry form](#) by Monday, April 17 for Girl Scouts in the troop to receive the Heart charm. To pick up cookies from a council cupboard, email cookies4you@girlscoutsni.org ASAP to make an appointment March 19-22. In the email include the troop number, contact person, date/time and location requesting to pick up, how many packages of cookies requesting, and where the troop will be donating.

Troops earning the **Troop Reward (Membership or Experience)** will be contacted by GSNI in April to confirm your choice of Troop Reward and how to redeem.

Approximately mid-April, all rewards received from Little Brownie Bakers will be shipped to the Service Unit Cookie Coordinator who will then sort and distribute to troops. Reminder, Cookie Dough e-codes are emailed directly to parents. *(Please note: Cookie Dough is not cumulative. Only the amount at the reward level reached is earned.)* The Shoe That Grows patch will be mailed directly to the Girl Scout. Rewards at levels 1050 packages and above will be distributed to Girl Scouts directly at Seller-bration events or by special arrangements. Invitations to Build-A-Bear event, Seller-bration events and Disney/Universal trips will be emailed directly to parents. Other activity rewards will be mailed directly to troop (GOC Opportunity) or Girl Scout (Cookie Business Challenge, Sister patches). Cookie & Fall Product Crossover patch will be mailed directly to Girl Scouts earning from M2 (fall product vendor) in June/July.

Other Important Dates and Deadlines

- [Parent Delinquency payment form](#) submission deadline—Wednesday, March 13

- **Final Bank Sweep—Wednesday, March 27**
 - Remainder of Initial Order plus any additional cookies received. See “Amount You Owe Council” at bottom of Sales Report tab in eBudde.
- NSF Check Notifications due to Finance Department via customercare@girlscoutsni.org,—Friday, March 29
- Troop Proceeds Credit deposit—Wednesday, April 10
 - Only for troops which are owed money from council due to primarily having online orders. If “Amount You Owe Council” at the bottom of the Sales Report tab in eBudde is negative, that amount (changed to positive) will be deposited into troop account.

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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