2025 Cookie Family Guide

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Important Dates

December 9 Girls start taking orders

January 20 Initial Orders are due

January 31 Count and Go
-February 2

Cookies are picked up and delivered to troops and service units

February 3 Cookies on the Go
-March 3

Girls sell door-to-door and deliver orders received during the Initial Order. Earn a patch for participating!

February 7 Cookie booths
-March 16

March 16 Cookie program ends

Early May Girl rewards to troops

Gift of Caring Hometown Heroes

GSNCA hosts a **Care to Share** program to provide cookies to Hometown Heroes military, veterans, front-line workers, healthcare personnel, and essential workers throughout our communities. Simply collect a \$5 donation and turn it in to your Troop Cookie Manager! At the end of the program, GSNCA will coordinate with SUs and troops in the delivery of cookie packages purchased with a Gift of Caring donation to the amazing Hometown Heroes all around our council.



Families: Here's how you can support your Girl Scout's cookie program:

- 1. Attend her troop's cookie meeting.
- 2. Sign and return her permission slip before selling.
- 3. Help her set goals and track progress.
- 4. Help her create a Digital Cookie account.

Digital Cookie

Digital Cookie is a program developed by GSUSA with Little Brownie Bakers which allows girls to accept payment via a debit or credit card for cookies. Customers can pay for cookies online and have the option for the cookies to be shipped directly to them (shipping charges apply), delivered by the Girl Scout, or donated with no additional shipping fees. Use the app while selling door-to-door and at booths for a quick and easy process right on your phone!

Parents of registered Girl Scouts will receive an email to register for Digital Cookie.

Watch for your registration email from email@email.girlscouts.org with the subject line "Register for the Digital Cookie Platform today." Click the green button in the email to register.

Need help with Digital Cookie?

- Go to "For Girls"
- Informational Resources
- Digital Cookie



What does the Girl Scout cookie program do for my girl?

When your girl sells Girl Scout Cookies, she is learning new and amazing experiences! When a girl participates in the largest girl-led entrepreneurial program in the world, she is developing skills that will last her a lifetime! Running her own cookie business will help her understand and explore five basic skills.

- Goal Setting Setting cookie goals and making a plan to reach them
- **Decision-Making** Choosing how her troop will spend their cookie proceeds
- **People Skills** Talking to new people and listening to customers while selling cookies
- **Business Ethics** Girl Scouts need to be honest and responsible every step of the way
- **Money Management** Making a budget, taking orders, and handling money





How to Help Set Up Her Digital Cookie Store

- 1. Create a password.
- 2. Use your new password to login. Use the same email address where you received the registration invitation.
- 3. Guardians will be prompted to watch and review the "Safe Selling for Smart Cookies" safety video with their Girl Scout(s). You will not proceed any further until the video is reviewed in its entirety.
- 4. Read and accept the Terms and Conditions Agreement. Note: if you are a volunteer, you will see an additional Terms and Conditions for Volunteers.
- 5. The "Girl Scout Safety Pledge" will appear. Be sure to read it to/with your Girl Scout(s). Then check the box for "accept." Click "continue." You will be taken to a screen to register the Digital Cookie profile.

If the Girl Scout you are registering is 13 or older, you may enter her email address and she will complete her own registration process. You will receive an email alert prompting you to review the profile she has completed the setup process. Approve the profile to launch her online program!

Cookie Entrepreneur Family Pins

Each Girl Scout grade level will have its own set of requirements to help families guide their Girl Scout as she runs her own cookie business year after year. Girls can earn all 13 pins in the collection - one unique pin for every year they participate!

Bring the whole family together for tons of fun and learning with our Cookie
Entrepreneur Family Pin collection! Learn more at girlscouts.org/entrepreneurfamily.



Cookie season is more fun with family.





What Can a Cookie Do?

After paying the baker for the cookies, 100% of the proceeds from the Cookie Program stay local!

40% Council sponsored programs, events, training, scholarships, camps, property maintenance, and girl and volunteer support

3% Girl Rewards

36% Cost of cookies and collateral materials

20% Troop/SU proceeds

2% Digital Cookie processing and handling fee

1% Debt collection and unpaid balances