



2019 Girl Scout Cookie Program Participation Agreement

Through the Girl Scout Cookie Program, girls learn five key skills that will last a lifetime: goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics. Plus, girls help fund local Girl Scout experiences like troop activities, camp and other Girl Scout programs, and volunteer training. The family’s encouragement and guidance is key to ensuring a positive, safe experience. In order for girls to participate, parents/guardians need to read **both sides of this agreement** and sign below, then give it to the troop cookie manager (TCM).

Girl Scout eligibility

- Girls must be registered for the 2018-2019 Girl Scout membership year, with a signed Participation Agreement submitted to TCM.
- Families with parents/guardians in more than one household must provide separate signed Participation Agreements. Each household will share the same Digital Cookie login, but will handle its own product and money to protect both parties from incurring each others’ cookie program debt.
- Girls/families must be in good standing with the council and have no unresolved matters.

Sunday, Jan. 27, 9 a.m.—Cookie program starts! Marketing and collecting money prior to this date is not permitted. Girls may communicate with family, friends, and former customers to let them know the start date.

Sunday, Jan. 27-Sunday, March 10

Standabouts. Girls may market cookies at lemonade-style stands in front of private residences. Marketing in front of stores or commercial properties is not permitted until cookie booth time (see below).

Door-to-door marketing. Troops/girls, with an accompanying adult, may walk about in any residential neighborhood within San Diego and Imperial counties. Girls **may not market on private commercial properties** or sites used by the general public (shopping centers, parking lots, schools—including **university or college campuses**—religious institutions, business/retail locations, etc.).

Friday, Feb. 8-Sunday, March 10—Cookie booths: Girl-operated, direct-marketing opportunities where the public can purchase cookies from girls.

- Booth sites must be approved and **coordinated by the TCM**, held at approved locations, and scheduled in eBudde™. Adult must have a booth confirmation for each cookie booth.
- In addition to this agreement, each girl **must have a signed Troop or Event Permission Form** for each cookie booth or have provided the troop with a Girl Health History and Annual Permission form.
- For safety, **two adults must be present** at each cookie booth at all times (one registered and background-checked).
 - Girl Scouts in grade 6 or above or above may hold a cookie booth with a one-to-one (1:1) girl-to-adult ratio if accompanied by just one legal guardian who is registered and background checked.

Sunday, March 10—End of cookie program. This is the last day to market cookies in public. Girls/troops with remaining packages may continue to market to family, friends, and former customers.

2019 Cookie Rewards (details on reverse). Choose one option per level now (Girls often exceed their cookie goals!)									
140+ packages	Shirt size:	YS	YM	YL	AS	AM	AL	AXL	A2XL
525+ packages	_____ iFLY Indoor Skydiving						_____ Aquatica San Diego Picnic		
	_____ Design Your Own Chuck Taylor Converse						_____ \$100 Cookie Bucks		
650+ packages	_____ 5-Day Girl Scout Summer Camp						_____ Rawhide Ranch		_____ 3-piece Luggage Set
800+ packages	_____ Night at the Museum Sleepover						_____ Overnight Set		
1,000+ packages	_____ Disneyland Adventure						_____ \$100 Cookie Bucks		
1,300+ packages	_____ APEX San Diego Parkour Class						_____ Broadway San Diego Charlie and the Chocolate Factory		
1,700+ packages	_____ Exclusive LUSH Experience						_____ Snorkeling with Leopard Sharks		
3,000+ packages	_____ DSLR Camera and Photography Class						_____ Telescope and Stargazing		_____ Caravan Safari Trip

Parent/guardian agreement: I have read and understood the information on **both sides of this form**. By signing below, I give my Girl Scout permission to participate in the 2019 Girl Scout Cookie Program. I agree to abide by the Girl Scout Law and the participation guidelines outlined on this form and in the *Family Cookie Guide*. I acknowledge that disregard of any standards may result in forfeiting rewards, cookie booths, and/or troop proceeds. I understand I am legally responsible for cookies issued and money collected, and I agree to pay promptly. *Should I be delinquent in payment, Girl Scouts San Diego may actively pursue collection through legal avenues, if necessary.*

Girl name (print): _____ Parent/guardian name (print): _____

Parent/guardian signature: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip code: _____

Adult email: _____ Phone: (____) _____ Driver’s license #: _____

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Safety first!

- Adult supervision is required when girls take orders, collect money, and deliver product.
- Marketing door-to-door, at standabouts and at cookie booths is only permitted until 8 p.m.
- Never enter a customer's home.
- Protect girls' privacy; only provide an adult's contact information if requested by customer.

Online/email marketing and guidelines

Before engaging in any online activities, girls must review the GSUSA Safety Pledge available at sdgirlscouts.org/cookieprogram.

- Girls under the age of 13 may use the emails in Digital Cookie to market to friends, family, and customers. They may also use social media sites and email as long as they use the accounts of a parent/guardian.
- Girls 13 and older are permitted to use their own online accounts with adult supervision.
- Online marketing activities, especially those conducted through social media platforms, must always be done through accounts set to "private."
- Friends and family of cookie program participants must not share a girl's contact information, program links, or program information on public-facing online sites; program links may not be shared with any news outlet (this includes online and traditional news media, such as radio, television, or magazines).
- Should any online marketing activities be identified in violation of this guidance, Girl Scouts San Diego reserves the right to request removal of the post.

Exchange and return guidelines

- **Cookies cannot be returned to Girl Scouts San Diego.** However, troops may accept returns if they can be used at cookie booths or for another girl's inventory. Ask your TCM for troop-specific details.
 - TCMs may exchange damaged cookies at any time.
 - To avoid over-ordering and to minimize financial responsibility, only pick up cookies to fill new orders.

Money handling

Parents/guardians accept financial responsibility for all cookies and money received.

- Core varieties—**\$5/package**: Thin Mints/Samoas/Tagalongs/Trefoils/Do-si-dos/Savannah Smiles
- Specialty cookies—**\$6/package**: Gluten-free Toffee-tastic/Girl Scout S'mores
- Collect payment for cookies when delivering products, except for cookies paid via Digital Cookie.
- Digital Cookie purchases: Girls and their parents/guardians must follow through on accepted girl delivery orders.
- Safeguard all money collected and submit to troop within seven days of receipt in their original form of payment.
- **Each time cookies are exchanged or money is turned in, the transaction must be documented with a receipt (one copy for the parent/guardian and one for the TCM). This is for everyone's protection in case of a discrepancy.**
- Accepting credit card payments is a troop decision and is only allowed at booth sites or through Digital Cookie.
- Girl Scouts San Diego does not reimburse for counterfeit bills or returned checks; it is highly recommended that girls **do not accept checks and bills larger than \$20.**
- **Do not deposit any funds** into personal accounts (including personal credit card processing accounts).
- **Do not send money to school with girls.**
- Troop proceeds belong to the troop, not individual girls.
- While there is no pre-payment for cookies, troops may require payments owed before giving additional cookies.

Girl rewards

Girl Scouts are eligible to earn individual girl rewards by participating in the cookie program. Rewards are cumulative! See *Family Cookie Guide* for photos, event dates, and full details.

- 425 package rewards and below will be distributed to troops in April-June.
- Most 525+ package rewards and above will be coordinated directly with girls and their parents/guardians.
 - To avoid delays, make sure email and mailing address are accurate in membership account now.
 - All outstanding girl payments are due to Girl Scouts San Diego by **Friday, April 5** in order for girls to receive their 525+ package rewards.
 - Registration information for 525+ package reward events will be emailed at the end of March. Contact cookierewards@sdgirlscouts.org immediately, if email does not arrive by **Friday, April 5**.
 - Any event or reward item adjustments must be requested in writing to cookierewards@sdgirlscouts.org by **Sunday, April 21**.
 - **Reward substitutions cannot be guaranteed.** Cookie Bucks may be issued based on remaining inventory/event space availability.