



On behalf of the Girl Scouts San Diego (GSSD) board of directors and staff, we are eager to launch another year of the largest girl-led entrepreneurial program in the world, the 2026 Girl Scout Cookie Program.

We anticipate that approximately 8,500 Girl Scouts in San Diego and Imperial counties will participate, setting and reaching big goals while being "Brave. Fierce. Fun!" This program is made possible through the support of dedicated volunteers. Nearly 1,200 adults will step into the volunteer roles of regional manager, service unit cookie coordinator, and troop cookie manager, and so many more will jump in to support our Girl Scout entrepreneurs throughout the season. Thank you!

Girl Scouts San Diego remains committed to making our programs accessible. All Girl Scouts who sell at least 50 packages during the 2026 cookie program will earn 2026-2027 Girl Scout membership (a \$65 fee) as a reward. Graduating Ambassador Girl Scouts who meet the goal will receive a \$65 credit toward a lifetime membership. Find more details on page 18.

Drumroll, please...there is a new cookie entering the lineup in 2026...Exploremores<sup>™</sup> Alongside this rocky road ice cream-inspired sandwich cookie are seven other varieties of beloved cookies, available for \$6 per package—Trefoils®, Thin Mints®, Peanut Butter Patties®, Caramel deLites®, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Lemonades®, and Adventurefuls®—and Caramel Chocolate Chip (gluten-free certified), available for \$7 per package.

Here's what else you need to know about the 2026 Girl Scout Cookie Program:

- By participating, Girl Scouts show leadership, grow in confidence, and learn five essential life skills—goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics.
- 100 percent of cookie program proceeds stay local to fund outdoor adventures, community service projects, badge and Leadership Award workshops, and so much more.
- Cookies + camp = the sweetest combo! When Girl Scouts reach the 1,000-package level, they can earn a free week of summer camp. Check out the details on page 18.
- Flip to page 19 to see the cookie program rewards like an adorable enamel pin set, fun at Dave & Busters, a Kendra Scott experience, a weekend in Catalina Island, and much more!

And, mark your calendars for these key dates:

- · Girl Scout Cookie Program Begins: Sunday, Jan. 25
- · Cookie Booths Begin: Friday, Feb. 6
- National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend: Friday-Sunday, Feb. 20-22
- · Girl Scout Cookie Program Ends: Sunday, March 8
- Operation Thin Mint<sup>SM</sup> Family Festival: Saturday, May 16

As we gear up for a brave, fierce, and fun Girl Scout Cookie Program, I hope you dream big, reach an incredible goal, and support your sister Girl Scouts along the way. Here's to a cookie season filled with excitement, enthusiasm, and entrepreneurship!

Yours in Girl Scouting,

Carol M Dedrich Chief Executive Officer

Emily Rex / )
Board of Directors Chair

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# IMPORTANT DATES



Service unit cookie kickoffs

Jan. 6

Direct ship begins

Jan. 25, 9 a.m.

2026 cookie program begins!

Jan. 28

Cookie cupboards open

Feb. 6

Cookie booths begin

Feb. 20-22

National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend

#### March 8

Cookie program ends

**May 16** 

Operation Thin Mint<sup>SM</sup> Family Festival

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION +

Check in with your troop to get these important pieces to start a successful cookie program.

Troop cookie manager (TCM) contact info:

Date/time/location to submit additional orders to TCM:

Date the money is due:

What day is my restock order due to the TCM?:

Will the troop accept cookies to be returned to the TCM? If so, by what date and how many packages?:



#### Online Resources

Cookie Finder and local customer resources: sdgirlscouts.org/cookie

Cookie program materials: sdgirlscouts.org/cookieprogram

Digital Cookie® details: digitalcookie.girlscouts.org

GSUSA general cookie information: girlscoutcookies.org

ABC Bakers cookie facts, program resources, and clip art: abcbakers.com abcsmartcookies.com

Para documentos en español, visite sdgirlscouts.org/cookieprogram

#### Glossary of Acronyms

**BFF** = Brave, Fierce, Fun!

**TCM** = Troop Cookie Manager

**SUCC** = Service Unit Cookie Coordinator

**GSSD** = Girl Scouts San Diego

**GSUSA** = Girl Scouts of the USA







# Your Girl Scout Cookie favorites are back!



Indulgent brownie-inspired cookies with caramel flavored crème and a hint of sea salt



Rocky road ice cream-inspired cookies filled with flavors of chocolate, marshmallow and toasted almond crème



Savory slices of shortbread with a refreshingly tangy lemon flavored icing



Iconic shortbread cookies inspired by the original Girl Scout recipe



Crispy chocolate wafers dipped in a mint chocolaty coating



Crispy cookies layered with peanut butter and covered with a chocolaty coating



Crispy cookies topped with caramel, toasted coconut, and chocolaty stripes



Crisp and crunchy oatmeal cookies with creamy peanut butter filling



Caramel, semi-sweet chocolate chips, and a hint of sea salt in a delicious cookie\* \*Limited availability

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Since 1917—when Girl Scouts in the Mistletoe Troop in Muskogee, Oklahoma sold homemade cookies in their high school cafeteria—the Girl Scout Cookie Program has helped young entrepreneurs grow into caring, perceptive, can-do leaders.

Girl Scouts, volunteers, and troops in San Diego and Imperial counties, as well as our Girl Scouts San Diego council, all benefit from the largest girl-led entrepreneurial program in the world.

#### When participating in the program, Girl Scouts...

- Strive for meaningful goals, strengthening their sense of self
- Hone their abilities to communicate directly, collaborate effectively, and resolve conflicts constructively
- Level up their entrepreneurial skills, preparing for future career paths
- Build critical-thinking capacity as they tackle challenges thoughtfully
- Learn what it means to do business honestly and responsibly
- Get on-the-ground experience managing money—a practical and essential financial literacy life skill
- Feel a sense of pride in knowing their hard work funds their Girl Scout experiences
- Earn badges, patches, and rewards!

#### When participating in the program, volunteers...

- Enhance their communication and team-building skills
- Build friendships and camaraderie with community members who are committed to common goals
- Make a measurable difference as they mentor and partner with Girl Scouts and their families
- **Tip for caregivers:** ask your troop leader how you can get involved and help support the Girl Scout Cookie Program

#### With proceeds from their cookie business, troops...

- Fund travel, field trips, and activities that widen perspectives, spark joy, build outdoor and STEM skills, and more
- Pay for troop meeting supplies, badges, and materials for activities
- Offset the cost of uniforms and membership with financial assistance
- Fund impactful service projects in the community

#### With proceeds from the cookie program, Girl Scouts San Diego...

- Provides programs for more than 14,500 Girl Scouts across four pillars—STEM, outdoors, life skills, and entrepreneurship
- Offsets the cost of camp and other events by offering financial assistance so all members are able to
- Offers trainings and experiences for more than 9,000 volunteers
- Maintains five properties across San Diego and Imperial counties, plus the Miss Daisy mobile
- Covers the costs of running the cookie program, including distribution and logistics, promotional resources, facility rentals, credit card fees, and rewards



# Things to Know About the Cookie Program



#### Be informed, be prepared:

 Use this Family Cookie Guide as your resource for ways to participate, information, and safety guidelines. Remember to contact your troop cookie manager with any questions.

#### You have the right to:

- Determine how many cookies you will accept responsibility for. While cookies may not be returned to Girl Scouts San Diego, your troop might accept returns if they can be used at cookie booths or for another girl's inventory. Ask your TCM for details.
- Participate at a level that is comfortable for you and your Girl Scout, regardless of the council recommendation or troop goal.

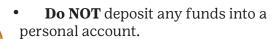
Remember!
Ask your TCM
for a receipt every
time you exchange
cookies and
money.

#### You are responsible for:

- Every cookie package you pick up and sign for. Note: Ask your TCM for a receipt every time you turn in money or pick up cookies.
- All customer payments you collect, until you turn them in to your TCM.
- Communicating delivery plans with your Digital Cookie® customers.
- Following through on girl-delivery purchases accepted through Digital Cookie®.
- Coordinating with your TCM to determine if you need additional inventory to fulfill orders.
- Safeguarding collected money; do NOT send money to school with girls.
- Reporting all Operation Thin Mint<sup>SM</sup> donations to your TCM.

#### Important reminders:

 Do NOT accept payment using a personal credit card reader or personal account on a third-party app like PayPal, Venmo, or Zelle



- PayPal and Venmo payments MUST be processed using Digital Cookie<sup>®</sup> so funds are added directly to the troop account.
- Troop proceeds belong to the troop, not individual girls.
- While there is no pre-payment for cookies, troops may require you to pay any outstanding balances before providing additional inventory.
- Each troop has its own policy for distribution of cookies and collection of funds. Connect with your TCM to confirm your troop's process.



All non-cash payments MUST be processed through Digital Cookie®.



#### **Participation**

All participants must be registered Girl Scouts for the 2025-2026 membership year.

#### Safety first!

Girls should:

- Have adult supervision at booths, standabouts, and when going door-to-door. End these activities by 8 p.m.
- · Never enter a customer's house.
- Protect their privacy by providing an adult's contact information.
- Respect authority and abide by all requests from residents, security, or law enforcement personnel (including instructions to stop marketing cookies and/or heed "no soliciting" signs).

#### Southern California council boundaries

Girl Scouts may market cookies to friends and family that reside within our neighboring councils' boundaries. However, you may not publicly market cookies outside of San Diego and Imperial counties. Please respect our neighboring councils by not going door-to-door, holding a standabout, or hosting a booth in Riverside, Los Angeles, and Orange counties, as well as the state of Arizona.

#### Local restrictions

Cookie marketing is not permitted in the following areas:

- City of Coronado (except for residential areas and approved booth locations)
  - Farmers markets that are not designated as booth sites
  - Military bases, including Camp Pendleton (regardless of caregiver access)

Please help us avoid complaints from business owners and community leaders by marketing only in approved locations.

These guidelines are subject to change. TCMs will communicate any changes throughout the cookie program.

#### Throughout the season

Please model good behavior, assume good intent, and follow the Girl Scout Law: be honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, respectful of others, and a sister to every Girl Scout.



## Become a Digital Entrepreneur in a Flash! This cookie season, superpower your sale by adding Digital Cookie® to your toolkit.

#### STEP 1

#### **Register for Digital Cookie®**

Look for the Digital Cookie registration email in your inbox on or after \_ If you can't find it, contact your council or visit

digitalcookie. girlscouts.org and click the "Need help" link.





#### STEP 2



#### **Set Up Your Site**

Take a few minutes to set your sales goal, write your cookie story, upload a fun picture or video. Then publish and be ready to go!

Prepare now by talking with your family about your goals and create a fun video telling customers why they want to support your business.

#### STEP 3

#### **Add Customers**

Add customers to your list and once sales have begun, use Digital Cookie to email them to visit your site. Or share your link or QR code directly with customers.



#### **In Season**

#### Use the Digital Cookie® app to sell cookies wherever you go!

The app makes it easy for you to take payment from customers purchasing cookies. Girl Scout's sites must be published before logging into the mobile app.









#### **Track Orders and Inventory**

- View/approve your orders.
- See what your customers are buying.
- Make sure you have enough cookies to fill your orders.
- Prepare to deliver to customers.

#### **Send Cheers**

Cheer on your troop mates by sending encouraging messages and gifs to boost their confidence. It all helps your troop reach their goals by working together.









#### **Need Help?**

Look for the Digital Cookie Support button for step-by-step instructions, tutorials, videos, tip sheets, and more.

Need 1:1 help? Click on the customer support button to talk live to a representative or submit a ticket for more support.



## Booth Rules \*

#### Cookie Booths Begin Friday, Feb. 6

Girl Scouts market cookies outside of GSSD-approved locations across San Diego and Imperial counties like grocery stores, malls, or banks.

**Important note:** Cookie booth participation must be coordinated with your troop cookie manager.

#### **Booth Locations and Participation**

- Girl Scouts San Diego does not authorize marketing cookies in front of or inside places of business that girls themselves cannot legally patronize.
- Marketing cookies is not allowed on private commercial properties and sites used by the general public (farmers markets, shopping centers, university campuses, etc.) unless they have been authorized as booth sites. Ask your troop cookie manager for additional booth guidelines.
- Know someone who owns a business? Email cookiebooths@sdgirlscouts.org for a booth interest form!
- All girls in a troop must have equal opportunities to participate in booths.
- At approved booth sites on military bases, an adult with a military ID must be present at all times.
- Cookie booths that are reserved by your TCM show up in the Girl Scout Cookie Finder for customers looking for a booth near them. If you are unable to attend a booth, please contact your TCM as soon as possible so it can be released and removed from the Cookie Finder.





#### **Booth Safety Tips**

- Two registered and background-checked Girl Scout adults must be present at all booths with Girl Scouts from different households.
- Booths with an individual
   Girl Scout or Girl Scouts from
   the same household may
   have their parent or guardian
   as the designated adult. Note:
   a second adult is strongly
   encouraged for booths with
   Daisies, Brownies, and
   Juniors.
- Bring a first aid kit.
- Do not block store entrances or exits.
- Do not store cash or a cash box on the table.

 Use Digital Cookie® to process payments.



## Navigating Ways to Participate

Girl Scouts can use many different cookie sales methods to help them learn, grow, and reach thei your time and resources as you encourage your Girl Scout to pick the right experience for your fa

#### Sales Method

#### Girl Scout Experience

#### Family Experience

#### Tips



Girl Scouts get hands-on experience building people skills while interacting with customers they know and trust.

Girl Scouts take orders, deliver cookies, and collect money from friends and family. The family submits the orders and money to the troop cookie manager.

Use Digital Cookie® to collect payments to minimize the amount of cash that families and troops must manage.



Connect with Community

This option is perfect for Girl Scouts who have big goals. They practice their people skills as they build relationships in their community to boost their business.

Families can help Girl Scouts make connections in their community. Bigger sales may require more room to store cookies and more support managing inventory and money along the way. Big goals may mean trips to pick up additional inventory. Check with your troop cookie manager for deadlines and procedures to follow as you request and pick up inventory.

#### Digital Cookie



Shipped

Girl Scouts explore online sales using their own Digital Cookie site. They can use the site to set and share their goals, learn how to create a marketing video, and promote their business.

Families can support their budding entrepreneurs without handling cookies or money. Encourage Girl Scouts to use Digital Cookie to email their cookie link, send reminders, and thank their customers.



Girl Scout Delivered Girl Scouts explore online sales and get to interact with customers as they deliver cookies, with help from their family. The family helps the Girl Scout track sales, request inventory from the troop leader, and deliver cookies to customers all without handling money.
All sales are paid for via credit card on the Digital Cookie site.

Your troop cookie managers may have specific troop deadlines. Ask what day order are due and when you can pick them up.



r goals. Families should not feel pressured to use all these methods each year. Instead, consider mily. *Check off each one when you do it*.

Sales Method	Girl Scout Experience	Family Experience	Tips
Door-to-Door			
Order Taking	Girl Scouts go door-to-door with help from their family to collect orders and, later, deliver cookies. As they do, they practice their people and money management skills.	The family helps the Girl Scout collect orders from neighbors and later deliver the cookies and collect money.	Use Digital Cookie® to collect payments to minimize the amount of cash that families and troops must manage.
Cookies in Hand	Girl Scouts preorder a supply of cookies. They go door-to-door with help from their family to sell their inventory to customers. As they do, they practice their people and money management skills.	Girl Scouts sell inventory door-to-door with family help. With cookies in hand, Girl Scouts must only visit a residence once. The Girl Scout and her family assume financial responsibility for the inventory.	If this is your first time, consider taking less inventory. This minimize the risk of taking too many cookies. You can always request more and turn in money as you go.
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Cookie Stands	Girl Scouts report one of their favorite things about running their cookie business is spending time with family. Running a lemonade-style cookie stand near home as a family project is a great way to grow memories along with skills!	The family helps Girl Scouts set up a cookie stand at their residence or a private property in their community.  The family assumes inventory responsibility before the cookies are sold.	If this is your first time, consider taking less inventory. This minimizes the risk of taking too many cookies. You can always request more and turn in money as you go.
Cookie Booths	Girl Scouts work as a team to reach new customers in a retail setting as they practice communicating their goals, interacting with customers, and safely handling money with	This is an easy way for busy families to let their Girl Scouts engage in the cookie program. Family members can become approved adult chaperones to support.	This is a great way for families to volunteer with the troop. It shouldn't be the troop leader or troop cookie manager's job to work all the booths.

adult support.

# From Girl Scout Troops to Military Troops

Through our council-wide service project, Operation Thin Mint<sup>SM</sup> (OTM), customers send a taste of home to U.S. service members around the world.

Since 2002, generous residents from San Diego and Imperial counties

have contributed more than 4.3 million packages of cookies and countless handwritten notes to grateful troops and veterans in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, and National Guard. Donations are tax-deductible.



#### OTM Family Festival Saturday, May 16 | USS Midway Museum

Invite your cookie customers to join Girl Scouts and their familiesas we celebrate Operation Thin Mint<sup>SM</sup> at the USS Midway! This exciting event will feature music, family-friendly activities, and opportunities for photos and to thank service members. Admission is free for Girl Scouts who sell 100+ OTM packages and a guest.



### How OTM works Girl Scouts...

- Invite all potential cookie customers to donate.
- Collect any in-person donations and record contributions in transaction log or the "Cookie Packages Donated" column of the order card.
- Invite customers to donate online via Digital Cookie<sup>®</sup>.
- Send an electronic receipt by entering customers' email addresses and donation amounts at sdgirlscouts.org/2026otmreceipt.

#### Troop cookie managers...

Collect OTM money and record donations.

#### Girl Scouts San Diego...

- Purchases OTM cookies and ships them directly to military installations and veterans.
- All monetary donations during the cookie program (not exchanged for cookies) must be designated for OTM.

#### Girl Scouts earn OTM rewards

OTM package credits are cumulative and also count toward regular girl rewards and troop proceeds! Girls in troops that opt out of rewards are eligible to earn the patch.

## Notes to show we care

Ask girls and customers to write encouraging messages for cookie recipients. To send one note with each package, we'll need about 100 notes per Girl Scout troop. Download and print blank OTM cards: sdgirlscouts.org/otm.



OTM Patch 18+ OTM package credits

# GIRL SCOUTING

100% of cookie proceeds stay in San Diego and Imperial counties to benefit local Girl Scouts!

The Girl Scout Cookie Program provides the financial assistance that keeps Girl Scouting available and affordable to all girls. It is also the largest source of funding for volunteer training, property maintenance, and core leadership experiences for youth and adults. Girls who participate in the cookie program earn rewards and funding for adventures, activities, and community service projects, providing enriching experiences for themselves and sister Girl Scouts for years to come.

Note: Girl Scouts San Diego does not receive any portion of girl or adult members' annual membership dues, which are retained by Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA).



(29%) Cookie program materials, Digital Cookie fees, and baker costs

(50%) Investing in girls by providing financial assistance. member support, and programs in STEM, life skills, entrepreneurship, and outdoors



**(21%)** Troop proceeds for travel, community service. badge activities, and more; girl rewards, including Girl Scout membership fees

Source: Girl Scouts San Diego

## Entrepreneurship Badges and Pins



Earn badges and pins as you participate in the Girl Scout Cookie Program and beyond. Learn more at sdgirlscouts.org/badges.

				Cookie		
	Cookie Busi	ness	Financial Literacy		Entrepreneur Family	Entrepreneur
Daisy	My First Cookie Business Cook	okie Goal Setter	Money Explorer	My Money Choices	Year 1 and 2 Cookie Entrepreneur Family Pins	Toy Business Designer
Brownie	My Cookie Customers Co	ookie Decision Maker	Budget Builder	My Own Budget	Year 1 and 2 Cookie Entrepreneur Family Pins	Budding Entrepreneur
Junior	My Cookie Team Cool	kie Collaborator	Budget Maker	My Money Plan	Year 1 and 2 Cookie Entrepreneur Family Pins	Business Jumpstart
Cadette	My Cookie Cookie Marke Venture Cookie Marke		Budget My M Manager Hab	Joney My Dream Budget	Year 1, 2, and 3 Cookie Entrepreneur Family Pins	Business Creator
Senior	My Cookie Network	Cookie Boss	Savvy Saver	My Financial Power	Year 1 and 2 Cookie Entrepreneur Family Pins	Business Startup
Ambassador	My Cookie Business Resume	okie Influencer	Financial Planner	My Financial Independence	Year 1 and 2 Cookie Entrepreneur Family Pins	Entrepreneur Accelerator

## Cookie Achievements





Girls receive a certificate when they reach 1,000, 2,500, and 5,000 total recorded packages over the course of their cookie program careers at Girl Scouts San Diego. Show the certificate at our stores to purchase a Lifetime Achievement patch.



#### Cookie Keepsake Coin

The top 100 Girl Scouts San Diego Cookie Program participants will receive an exclusive keepsake coin.



#### Cookie Entrepreneur Family Pin

The support of families makes the Girl Scout Cookie Program possible! Follow these simple, age-specific guidelines to support your Girl Scout as she develops business skills, makes amazing memories, and earns a unique pin for every year of participation.



#### VIP Visitor Patch

Girl Scouts San Diego board and staff members will present this exclusive patch (limit 1,000) to girls who conduct themselves professionally and wear their Girl Scout uniform while marketing cookies.

#### Letters of Recommendation

High schoolers who have earned a cookie program participation patch every year they have been a Girl Scout are eligible to request one personalized letter of recommendation from Girl Scouts San Diego's CEO, Carol M Dedrich.

#### Coming Soon...

Additional recommendation letter resources for Girl Scouts, including outreach tips, letter templates for volunteers, and more, will be available on our website in 2026.

#### Learn more at

sdgirlscouts.org/cookieentrepreneur







For more information go to sdgirlscouts.org/camp

My Goal:



#### Set Your Cookie Goals

The Girl Scout Cookie Program begins in person on Sunday, Jan. 25, 2026.

You may not take orders or sell cookies before this date.

(Digital Cookie® will open for direct-shipped orders only on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2026.)



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Participation Patch



Next Year's Girl Scout Membership (2027)



Enamel Pin Set



Black-Footed Ferret Keychain





Color Morph Alarm Clock





Black-Footed Ferret Squishy Plush





425+

Stainless Steel Thermal Bottle AND GSUSA x Supermix Exclusive Exploremores Super Fun Patch



Custom Faux Leather BFF

Mini Backback

**650**+ Pkgs





Club 650 Private Event at Dave & Buster's (plus belt bag and Club 650 patch, May 9, 2026) OR Kendra Scott Color Bar Experience (plus Club 650 patch, dates TBD) OR \$50 Cookie Buck Program Credits

825+ Pkgs



Night at the Theater Overnight Private Event at UltraStar Cinemas (April 11-12, 2026) **OR** \$50 Cookie Buck Program Credits

1,000+ Pkgs



OR



One week of Girl Scout Summer Camp OR Paddleboard Set OR Camping Set OR Kindle Bundle OR \$100 Cookie Buck Program Credits

1,500+ **Pkgs** 



Day at Disneyland. Includes transportation, ticket, and meal credit (Saturday, April 25, 2026) OR \$100 Cookie Buck Program Credits

2.026 Pkgs



Girl Scouts San Diego **Executive Experience** 



App-Enabled Telescope OR Portable Podcasting Bundle







Weekend in Avalon, Catalina Island. This is a staff-chaperoned event for the Top 5 GSSD Cookie Entrepreneurs (June 5-7, 2026.)

**OTM** 



OTM Patch





Admission for you and a guest to the OTM Family Festival aboard the USS Midway (May 16, 2026)

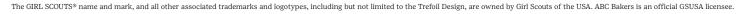




Digital Cookie® Patch



2025-2026 Product Programs Patch (if fall eligibility met)



Entrepreneurship Progression

Progression allows girls to gain new skills, build their confidence, and develop an entrepreneurial mindset over time. As they engage in the Girl Scout Cookie Program and beyond, girls learn five valuable skills that will serve them for the rest of their lives. As you work with girls, acknowledge their skill development and encourage them to challenge themselves further. Eventually, they'll be ready to translate their skills into true entrepreneurship or bring an entrepreneurial mindset to whatever path they choose.

#### Consumer

#### **Goal Setter**

#### **Decision** Maker

Make plans for the coming Girl Scout year and set a budget.

Money

Manager

Learn money

Talk with your

members about

different forms

fellow troop

of money-

coins, paper

bills, checks.

and credit-

and practice

Learn how much

Girl Scout Cookies cost in your area.

counting it.

basics.

Talk about wants versus needs. Talk about how the troop can earn money through cookie program participation.

Look into your troop's proceeds from previous years to help you budget.

#### Set sales goals as a troop and individually.

Talk with troop members about how you can work together to reach your troop's goal.

Discuss different ways to sell cookies and set a goal for which ones you'll trv.

Brainstorm how you could use your cookie earnings to help others in your community.

#### **Expert**

#### Think "cookie customers."

Talk with troop members about why people may or may not choose to buy Girl Scout Cookies, and brainstorm ways to engage them.

Come up with ideas for the perfect customer pitch. Practice explaining how vour cookie earnings will be spent.

Brain<mark>storm w</mark>ays to thank your customers.

#### Networker

#### **Build your social** support system.

Cookie

Techie

Use technology

to grow the

Set a specific

goal for your

digital sales.

Make a video for

your friends and

family network

cookie sales

the gifting of

cookies to

boost sales.

network of

friends and

family to safely

digital storefront.

promote your

promoting online

using your sales

pitch; encourage

Use your support

business.

Connect with local business leaders for ideas about how to grow your Girl Scout Cookie business.

Talk to friends and family about how they can help you expand your network

Ask your customers to safely refer you to new customers.

Follow up with past customers and tell them how you plan to use this year's cookie earnings, to inspire them to increase their purchase.

#### Innovator

Take it beyond

On your own or

with your troop,

service you'd like

brainstorm ways to

several ideas, then

narrow to the best!

to improve and

make it happen.

Come up with

Be prepared to

go back to the

drawing board-

maybe more

Get feedback

from potential

consumers and

based on what

Research social

entrepreneurs in

your community

and beyond.

they say.

improve your idea

than once!

think about

a product or

**Girl Scout** 

Cookies.

#### Take your business idea to the next level. Create and

document a mission statement and business plan for your product/ service idea.

Entrepreneur

**Identify** your customer base. competition, and potential obstacles

Practice sharing vour business idea with your troop.

Research how businesses are financed and think about how you could finance vours.

Feel confident about your business idea's potential? Take action!

#### How to adopt an entrepreneurial mindset:

- Be curious.
- Embrace challenge.
- Take initiative.
- Collaborate with others.
- Take creative risks.
- Adapt to change.

#### Learn Five Valuable Skills



#### Setting

To set goals and create a plan to reach them.



#### **Decision Making**

To make decisions on their own and as a team.



#### Money **Management**

To create a budget and handle money.



#### **People**

To be confident through customer interactions.



#### **Business Ethics**

To act ethically, both in business and life.





# With Special Thanks

Thank you Ronson Shamoun, of RJS Law, for generously donating cookie billboards during the 2025 Girl Scout Cookie Program!





## DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

During December I will\_\_\_\_\_

I need \_

from my family to help me this month.

## JANUARY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	Digital Cookie Opens for Direct-Shipped Orders Only	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 GSSD Camp Registration Opens	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 National Peanut Butter Day
Cookie Program Begins	26	27	28 Cookie Cupboards Open	29	30	31

- · January: Service unit cookie kickoffs
- Jan. 25: Cookie program begins at 9 a.m.
- Jan. 28: Cookie cupboards open

During January I will \_\_\_\_\_

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## FEBRUARY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 First Day of Cookie Booths	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 National Chocolate Mint Day	20 National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend	21 National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend
22 National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend	23	24	25	26	27	28

- Feb. 6: Cookie booths begin
- Feb. 20-22: National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend

Durin	g February I will	

from my family to help me this month.

## MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Cookie Program Ends	9	10	11	12 National Girl Scout Day	13	14
15	16	17	18	National Chocolate Caramel Day	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

- March 8: Cookie program ends
- May 16: OTM Family Festival

During March I will \_\_\_\_\_

I need \_\_\_\_\_

from my family to help me this month.





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## The One Stop for All Your Cookie Marketing Needs!

Check out our new merchandise! Pick up a new cookie-themed tee, yard signs, tablecloths, GSSD cookie fun patches, and much more. When you shop at your local Girl Scout store, 100% of the proceeds stay local to help support and serve Girl Scouts in San Diego and Imperial counties.

Cookie Patches Celebrate your Girl

Scout's personal achievements with our 2026 fun patches!

\$1.75



New! Cookie Starter Kit.

Kit includes cookie badge lanyard, one pack of 50 door hangers, cookie program toolkit, cookie button, thank you stickers, thank you bags, and thank you cards, all inside of a reusable cookie bag. Original retail \$54.80



#### Cookie Badge Lanyard

This convenient, wearable cookie tool is a quick reference featuring the new cookie menu and cookie math to assist your entrepreneur.

\$9.95



#### Cookie

Program Toolkit

Kit includes full color artwork to decorate mobile wagons. cookie booths, and lemonade stands, and a variety of helpful marketing tools, designed specifically for <sup>24</sup> our entrepreneurs.



#### Cookie Carts

This rolling cookie cart is ready to hit the neighborhood with you! Bright, eye-catching cookie artwork, clear sides with zippers, and handy pockets enhance this lightweight walkabout tool!

#### Door Hangers

Neighbors not home? No need to worry! Add your personal QR code to these handy ordering cards and link your customers directly to your personal Digital Cookie® site.



Available in adult and youth sizes, matching decals sold separately.



This reusable cookie bag includes a large cookie tablecloth, pennant banner, clipboard, money pouch, and clickable GSSD pen. Original retail \$70.75



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