

Council Name: Southern Arizona; eBudde(tm) Id: 7566728

Dear Caregivers,

As we head into **the biggest booth weekend of the season**, I want to start by saying thank you. Truly. This weekend matters not just because of sales, but because **all of us together are representing this mission, each other, and ourselves**. The time you give, the patience you bring, and the way you show up for your Girl Scouts does not go unnoticed.

Before we dive into the weekend, I want to gently ground us in a few **shared expectations**. We are seeing moments of tension across the council, and when these basics aren't consistently followed, things can escalate quickly. When we all hold these together, it creates calmer booths, better experiences, and a stronger sense of sisterhood—for adults and girls alike.

- We are guests at our booth locations. **ALWAYS** check in with store personnel on arrival – even if you are taking over from another booth
- If a store or location asks a troop to move, we do so without hesitation.
- We never begin selling before our scheduled time.

These are simple and well-known expectations, but they matter deeply. When we honor them, we model respect, flexibility, and cooperation—exactly the leadership skills we hope our girls carry with them long after cookie season ends.

Now, let's talk about the weekend ahead... and yes, the weather.

We do see some weather blowing in, and if the forecast says it *might* rain (and let's be honest... Arizona keeps us guessing), **being prepared is who we are**. A little planning goes a long way in keeping everyone comfortable and confident. Here are easy ways to be ready:

- Clear plastic bins to protect cookies
- Ponchos, rain jackets, and umbrellas
- A clear shower curtain or clear drop cloth for tables
- Pop-up or canopy *if allowed* at your location - not sure? Ask the store before setting it up
- Unless noted in eBudde (your TCC can let you know), you are required to be outside. You cannot ask if you may set up inside but if store personnel offers, you are welcome to do so  
(Tip: during inclement weather, stores often say yes when they'd normally say no!)
- Warm socks, layers, and jackets, with sashes or vests worn over the top

Safety always comes first, but we don't cancel or pack up simply because conditions aren't perfect. **Learning to adapt, persevere, and show up anyway is one of the most meaningful life lessons we teach.**

So no—don't drop all your booths just because the weather says it *may* rain. But if you *are* going to release booths, please do so sooner rather than later so those who want and need them can step in.

We've all lived in Arizona long enough to know... it may rain, and it may not.

Thank you for the care, effort, and heart you bring to this work. This weekend is big—but so is the impact you're making. Let's head into it united, prepared, and proud of the example we are setting for our Girl Scouts and our community.

You've got this. And we've got each other.

With appreciation,

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