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Welcome to Monday Momentum for the 2026 Cookie Program!

Each Monday throughout the Cookie Program, we will send a newsletter to keep your Cookie Momentum going. This newsletter will have information that is relevant to you at that time.

The email is sent to everyone in eBudde. Right now that is only Troop Cookie Chairs so please share any relevant information with your families. Once Girl Scouts are loaded, it will be sent directly to them.

We are starting out with a couple of quick reminders:

1. Girl Scouts will be loaded into eBudde by GSUSA in the next couple of weeks.
2. Initial Orders are due in eBudde by December 8th by 8pm
3. Troop booths: No one should be approaching businesses to request troop booths until January 1, 2026. Due to the government shut down and the uncertainty of the economy, many businesses have not yet responded to Council. We do not want to lose opportunities for all troops because one troop has secured a location strictly for their troop.
4. Our Marcom team is still working on updating the website but the most important documents have been loaded.

Now, we move on to answer all the questions that were left in parking lots during our recent cookie trainings.

Q: Will we be able to purchase tickets for Wave Makers?

- A. No. This is an earned reward and only Girl Scouts that earned it, along with any guests they earn tickets for, are the only ones that can attend

Q. Can we get the contract that is on receipts prior to cookie drop?

- A. This is a financial contract for each time they check out cookies so can only be used when an adult is signing for receipt of product

Q. Is parking at Wave Makers free?

A. Yes free parking is included in the reward.

Q. How does eBudde & Digital Cookie interface, specifically as far as total sales and how to update totals for the sales on a GS' DC site?

A. eBudde and DC "talk" to each other constantly although there can be delays of up to 4 hours before DC transactions show up in eBudde. Volunteers do not need to do anything for sales from a Girl Scout's Digital Cookie Site to transfer to eBudde. All personal inventory a GS has will be entered into eBudde at the time it is checked out from the troop; any Girl Delivery sales through DC will generate a payment record in eBudde but will not add additional inventory. All ship orders will generate inventory and payment but that inventory does not come from the troop or GS inventory as it is sent directly from the baker to the customer.

Q. When will cookie contracts come out?

A. We do not need a cookie contract at the council level as each receipt contains the financial contract. If your troop chooses to use a behavior contract, you would create it yourselves based on your needs.

Q. When will cookie items be available in the shop?

A. NOW!!! Our shops have some cookie merchandise available now and will have more at ScoutChella on Saturday. Whatever stock is not sold at ScoutChella will be available in our retail stores next week.

Q. In Step 2 of the Digital Cookie contest, the charm can be earned by sending emails or texts. Can texts be sent directly from DC?

A. This was misstated at one of the trainings. In Step 2 Girl Scouts can email directly from their DC page OR share it on social media. There is not an actual share button in DC but if the link is pasted into a social post, it will track.

Q. Can you use Care to Share to cover discrepancies?

A. No! When the customer made that donation, they made it with the intention that cookies would be donated through Care to Share or through a troop donation program. To use the funds for other purposes would be dishonest.

Q. For troop booths, do you need a new form for each booth at that location?

A. The Troop Booth Form allows you to enter 10 booths. If you are doing more than 10 you will need an additional form.

Q. Is there a county law that prevents people from setting up booths in a Pima County Park?

A. Each county has different rules/law on selling in county owned spaces, including parks. In Pima County, the regulation states "It shall be unlawful to use County park or recreation areas for commercial purposes, or to sell any goods or services, without first obtaining a written permit from the Pima County Parks and Recreation Department." Regardless of the county you wish to sell in, we ask that you get written permission from the local government before making sales on county owned property.

If you had a question that wasn't answered live and isn't answered here, please reach out.

We hope you and your Girl Scouts are getting as excited for Cookie 2026 as we are!