

## **Monday Momentum Cookie Communication (2/2/26)**

Welcome to February. Today is Day 29 of the 2026 Cookie Program. You are all doing a great job; we love seeing the smiling faces out at booths, when you visit cupboards or in the photos you post on social media. Read on to see how we are here to support you with tips and contests.

**Caregivers and Girl Scouts** (but troop volunteers should read it too).

**Cooking with E** – Tonight is our second Cooking with E session on Facebook. But a small change in plans. We have moved the “Live” to NEXT Monday, February 9th. We apologize for the late notice, Ms. E’s family needed her help but next week we are making with her *Explorermore Rocky Road Skillet Cookie Sundae*. We didn’t want to leave you with nothing to cook tonight though, so we are dropping a favorite – the salted caramel cheesecake recipe we premiered 2 years ago. If you want to cook with E here is that video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fla0piLJWsc>

### **Booth Reminders**

- For insurance and safety reasons, no one should be at a booth except registered Girl Scouts and the needed adults for safety. Bringing siblings/friends is simply not allowed for insurance reasons. Also, extra humans can become disruptive for the businesses that partner with us for booth opportunities, and we don’t want to lose those partnerships. (Note: Nursing babies are permitted as long as they are in a carrier on an adult.) Never any pets (service animals are permitted, of course).
- Providing cookie samples at your booth is not allowed. Serving food requires a food handler’s license in many jurisdictions. NOTE even if YOU have a food handlers license, as an organization we cannot give samples at booths.
- We have had scattered reports of Girl Scouts arriving early for booths, not leaving when their time is ended and continuing to sell while the next Girl Scout is waiting to set up. Please respect the times set in eBudde and only booth during your allotted time slot.
- Reminder our cookies are \$6 for all cookies except Toffee Tastic at \$7. We have had several calls from customers, store managers and fellow troops saying they were overcharged or saw troops charging more for cookies. Remember part of this business program is ETHICS lets live by the promise and law and be honest and fair – do not charge more for cookies than what they cost.

### **Digital Cookie Reminder**

All orders placed for delivery by your Girl Scout MUST be approved by the caregiver managing the program. Once the order is placed, you have 5 days to approve otherwise it will cancel, the customer will be refunded, and your Girl Scout will lose credit for the sale. Please make it a habit to check the digital cookie site frequently so this doesn't happen to your Girl Scout.

### **Mid-Sale Inventory Report:**

Between Feb 6-10th, your Troop Cookie Chairs will be submitting this report to the council. The Inventory Report is to help the council help the troops that need it. When your TCC reaches out, help them by responding promptly with the inventory your Girl Scout has on hand. This allows them to complete the report and potentially help you make flavor swaps if needed.

### **Contests:**

**Kindness Counts:** Keep those nominations coming. We LOVE hearing about the wonderful things happening by our people. Remember everyone nominated and everyone who makes a nomination will receive the exclusive Kindness Counts patch at the end of the season and every week we randomly pick two nominees to receive something delivered to their home. This week's winners are:

- **Royce Stephens, T1573.** Royce was nominated by his coleader. They have led the troop together in the small town of Morenci for 9 years and even though Royce moved out of Morenci, he is still there every week for the troop. He makes sure the girls have a snack to eat and drink every Thursday, serves as treasurer, handling all banking! On top of that, Royce is the cookie guy, taking care of inventory and finances during cookies! "He is the true loving backbone of our troop!!! We are so thankful we have him!!!"
- **Kevin Opalka, T264.** Kevin was nominated by a Girl Scout in the troop he leads. She nominated him because he serves as a leader for the Girl Scout troop, her brother's Boy Scout troop, and leads in his community by being encouraging and leading so many kids in the Sahuarita area. "He is always so kind and encouraging when leading and teaching us so many different skills. Thank you for all you do!"

Way to go gentlemen. We love seeing it!

**Brighten Your Booth:** Our first theme was "My Cookie Story Starts Here". We got so many amazing booth photos and the winner is: **Rose with T264!**

Our new theme is "***The Flavor of Friendship***": Love is in the air – and in every bite! Decorate with pink balloons, hearts and a "Love at First Bite" voting station. Sell Sweetheart Bundles (2-4 boxes tied with a ribbon and a recipe card) and offer cookie valentines for customers to write to local heroes. This theme runs February 1-14. Take a photo of your Girl Scouts at their themed booth and drop into the designated post on

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=1291247139701733&set=a.31968869352425>

The first winner of our mid-week mini contest – The Power of the Cookie - is **Troop 378**. The new theme for this week (Feb 3 – 5) is Campfire Dreams. Think tents, campfires, s'mores, lanterns, pine trees, and adventure vibes. Post your photos in the designated post (that will drop on Feb 3) on the volunteer Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/920171446175591>

But wait ... there's more ... Our Camp Team is looking at your photos and scouting your next booth. They may show up with patches, giveaways and surprises! **AND** from the photos posted in the correct thread, one troop will win TROOP CAMP at Camp Whispering Pines. Troop camp theme – Amazing Race is Back! July 16-18, 2026. All meals. All activities. Your whole troop! (Juliettes if you win, you can bring 5 additional Juliettes and their caregivers!!) So go big. Go campy. Go magical.

We also have two booth contests that run for the entire program! If you decorate your booth to promote Care to Share or highlight your progress to your goal, post those photos to the Facebook posts and you will be entered. This week's winners are:

- **Care to Share:** Elena T3789
- **Goal Progress:** Troop 360

We will pick new winners each week so post your photos in the pinned posts on the volunteer page linked here. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/920171446175591>

Please check you are posting in the right thread and ensure you are following all booth rules (GS in uniform, no cookies on the ground, etc.) and that your booth displays the theme you are entering.

Find all contest details on p19 of your Family Guide.

BONUS: Want your photo to be considered for future marketing? Also add a copy to the PhotoCircle Album: (NOTE: must post in the correct FB thread to be considered for contest prizes)

General Cookie Photos: <https://join.photocircleapp.com/1HDDZN8NRN>

Mid-Week Themes: <https://join.photocircleapp.com/GTDHG33NZ3>

Flavor of Friendship: <https://join.photocircleapp.com/3MCS8JZFR9>

**Digital Cookie Step 2:**

Today kicks off Step 2 of the Digital Cookie Contest. The first 500 Girl Scouts to send 20 additional emails or share their link 20 additional times, will earn the second charm “Fierce”. This will be delivered with rewards at the end of the season.

### **Troop Chairs and Juliette Mentors:**

#### **Contact information:**

- When you are reaching out to council staff, whether by text, email or phone call, please include your name and troop number.

#### **First ACH – 25% of balance due:**

The first ACH will be pulled from troop accounts this Thursday, February 5th. Remember you can see the amount we will be collecting on your sales report. This number changes as digital cookie payments are credited and when additional cookies are picked up from the cupboard. If you do not think you will have enough money in your troop account to cover your ACH, please reach out to Rosi (520-262-9109) by Wednesday at noon to discuss. Remember that any fees for insufficient funds may be assessed against your troop.

NOTE Juliettes – while we do not pull an ACH for you as you pay directly into the council’s account – you should be paid up to or beyond 25% of your balance owed at this point as well.

#### **Mid-Season Inventory:**

The purpose of this mandatory report is to assess how much inventory your troop families are sitting on and determine whether perhaps you need to coordinate some flavor trades among your troop families, pick up additional booths, etc. It also allows council/your Service Unit Product Mentors, to offer assistance as needed.

Juliettes – you should also fill out the form.

The report is found here: <https://girlscoutssoaz.jotform.com/251865359630969> and is due between February 6 and February 10. Remember only those that complete this inventory report will have access to the premium booths that are scheduled for the last weekend of the sale. Once you submit your form, you will be redirected to a second form to select your final weekend premium booths.

You have 34 days left to reach your goals! We believe in you and are here cheering you on!

Have a great week and reach out to your Service Unit Product Mentor or staff if you have questions or need help – don’t forget to put your troop number or J number in the subject line or in your text when reaching out, this speeds up service!

E & Rosi

