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## **Monday Momentum Cookie Communication (2/9/26)**

Time for our Monday Newsletter. We highly recommend reading the entire email as there is new information below. We also realize that some of the information is repetitive, but it is a busy time for all of us so many people find the reminders helpful. Today is Day 36 of the 2026 Cookie Program, meaning we are a few days past the half-way mark.

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

**Cooking with E** – Tonight at 5pm is the LIVE Cooking with E (moved from last week). Join us on [Facebook](#) for Exploremores Rocky Road Skillet Cookie Sundae. The ingredients you'll need are: crushed Exploremores Rocky Road cookies, melted butter, brown sugar, white sugar, an egg, vanilla, flour, baking soda, and a pinch of salt for the base. To bring in the rocky road magic, add mini marshmallows (vegan work), chocolate chips, and chopped nuts if you'd like. For serving, have vanilla ice cream, chocolate syrup, and extra cookie crumbles on hand. It's going to be delicious - you won't want to miss cooking together (but it will also be recorded).

### **Contests:**

**Kindness Counts:** In the last week, we received only 9 nominations. We KNOW that people are out there being kind and doing good things so when it happens to you, submit your nomination here: [Kindness Counts Nominations](#). Remember not only does everyone nominated receive the exclusive Kindness Counts patch at the end of the season, but YOU will also receive it if you make a nomination because calling out kindness deserves a kindness counts TOO! On top of that, every week we randomly pick two nominees to receive something delivered to their home. This week's winners are:

- **Alexis Linnell, T16.** Alexis received a glowing nomination because even though she just joined Troop 16 this year, she was the first to volunteer as one of our cookie managers when no one else stepped up (even though we have 30+ scouts!). She and her family have been so kind, flexible, and accommodating to our families and she's been keeping such a calm head even though there are a lot of moving parts.
- **Marie Adkins, T390.** Marie's troop leader nominated her because "Marie has been amazing this cookie season. She volunteered to be an adult at a booth that we needed to fill and offered to take other people's kids since her daughter already had plans."

These ladies will receive a special gift just for stepping up when they see a need!

**Brighten Your Booth:** Our "*The Flavor of Friendship*" continues through February 14th. Still time to jump in and decorate your booth: 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 and drop a photo of your Girl Scouts at their themed booth into the designated post on

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=1291247139701733&set=a.319688693524254>

The **winner** of this week’s **mid-week mini contest** - Campfire Dreams is **Troop 1922**. They will receive the Care to Share donation in eBudde.

Note: The Camp Team will be picking their winner, from the photos submitted in the photo stream, for the whole troop to attend Amazing Race this summer. Look for a post announcing that winner on our social media this week. Great chance of winning for the 6 troops who posted a camp cookie booth from this season!

This week’s mid-week theme is **Valentine’s Fun!** Look for the designated post on the Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/920171446175591>) later today.

This week’s winners of our season long contests are:

- **Care to Share: T418**
- **Goal Progress: Ellie T1031**

We will pick new winners each week so post your photos in the pinned posts on the volunteer page linked here and yes, YOUR Girl Scout can win directly vs a troop win, submit and post those booths! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/920171446175591>

Please check that you are posting in the right thread, make sure to include your troop number and if an individual GS rather than troop effort, include the name. Also ensure you are following all booth rules (GS in uniform, no cookies on the ground, etc.) and that your booth is displaying the theme you are entering. We KNOW we went a little cuckoo on so many photo contests this season – we wanted to add an element of fun and opportunity that your Girl Scouts could choose which or what they wanted to participate in.

**Find all contest details on p19 of your Family Guide.** We reference it often – lol!

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>

## **Power of 700**

It is February – that means it is time to check your progress to earning the special Power of 700 patch and our exclusive mini tic-tac-toe game. How do you earn it? Sell 700 packages by February 22nd. Your Troop Cookie Chair will need to enter your sales and full payment into eBudde before 8am on February 23rd.

**Speaking of rewards** – is your Girl Scout trending and focused on hitting the travel reward level? Cookie Managers you ***MUST*** move those cookies on to them now.

We need to know if we need to get more cabins for Alaska now - and that decision depends on seeing progress in the eBudde system. If your Girl Scout is trending toward Alaska, please complete the JotForm below so we can monitor goals, plan responsibly, and ensure every girl who earns this experience has a place onboard. <https://girlscoutssoaz.jotform.com/260387517050051>

Or is your 14 and over Girl Scout working towards joining the Dominican Republic trip without their caregiver – PLEASE fill out this jot form (must already be above 2,500 packages on their eBudde site to fill this out). Remember this one is DUE without exception by 2/20 as we have to pre-pay for this trip as this is the cut off of this trip. If earned and no jot form was submitted, your amazing Girl Scout will be moved to the Alaska trip. <https://girlscoutssoaz.jotform.com/260267701500043>

## **Graduating Seniors**

Is your Girl Scout in her last cookie season before she bridges to adulthood? We would love to have staff, board members and/or service team volunteers, celebrate her Girl Scout career during a booth. Simply give us the information requested on this [FORM](#) and we will be there!

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

### **Are you new?**

If this is your first year as a Troop Cookie Chair, you will be receiving contact from your Service Unit Product Manager this week. This is just a check-in to see if you need anything and answer any questions you may have. We know this role can be a lot and we want to support you the best we can.

## **Power of 700**

As noted above, the Power of 700 closes on February 22nd. All boxes must be assigned to the Girl Scout and all payments recorded in eBudde (Juliettes – you must submit your POP by the deadline) before 8am on February 23rd. Troop Chairs, take a look at your eBudde and give your troop members a nudge if they are close enough to reach it. A couple of mid-week booths might put them over the top!

## **Mid-Season Inventory – DEADLINE TOMORROW:**

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://girlscoutsoaz.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. We will assign those booths (with help from the Wheel of Names of course) on February 11 and booths will be added to your eBudde by the end of the week.

### **Parking Lot Swap**

This event allows troops looking to change their inventory flavor mix by trading cookies with other troops or simply moving them from one troop to another. If your troop is still selling, this is a great opportunity to be a sister to every Girl Scout by taking excess inventory from a troop that may be struggling.

### ***When & Where:***

Sunday, February 15th

Angel's Place for Girls, 4330 E Broadway, Tucson 2pm – 4pm

Yuma Girl Scout Office, 3250 S 4th Ave., Yuma 3pm – 5pm

Anyone from your troop can come to represent your troop, so if you are scheduled for booths, send a designee with any troop cookies that you want to trade or a list of what you need.

(Note: this is for troops and Juliettes to trade cookies, not caregivers)

### **ACH**

The first ACH is complete and posted in eBudde. The system has rolled over to let you know the amount of your Second ACH which will be withdrawn on or about Feb 19.

**Gentle Reminder:** When you are reaching out to council staff, whether by text, email or phone call, please include your name and troop number – it will make things easier for us and you.

**Cookie Cupboards:** Just like all of you as we head into the 3rd quarter of the cookie program, we start to look at consolidating. The following cupboards if they do not start

having activity will be closed or shrunk – Yuma, Southwest/Ajo, Vail, Thatcher – pending orders let us know the cookies are still needed in that area – otherwise we suggest using the cookie exchange for cookies in that area.

If you made it to the end of this very long, information-packed Monday Momentum email... BRAVO. You are absolutely crushing it. This season is strong, booths ARE posting some of the highest numbers we've seen since pre-COVID, (based on effort) and the opportunity is right in front of us. Keep the belief, effort, and good energy flowing. Don't let doubt take up space in your head; we call that "head trash". The next week is a powerful push before things naturally slow, (not stop but slow) and success is still very much out there, especially when our girls are out there too. Thank you for creating these opportunities. And if you really read this whole thing, reply to [productprogram@girlscoutsoaz.org](mailto:productprogram@girlscoutsoaz.org) by 2/11 with "**WE CAN DO THIS**" and we'll send you a Dutch Bros coffee card, just because you earned it.

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