

Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona Cookie Booth Standards

Girl Scout Cookie Booths are a fun, high-visibility way to participate in the Cookie Program. They help build skills, raise funds for their troop, and increase awareness of Girl Scouting in the community. These standards ensure a safe, respectful, and equitable experience for all participants, businesses, and customers.

Definition

A cookie booth is any location where Girl Scouts sell cookies in a stationary, public-facing setting. All such sales—whether at a store, parking lot, community event, or similar—are considered cookie booths.

General Guidelines

- All booths must be pre-approved by the council.
- Booths are troop-based activities and participation must be offered to all members of the troop.
- Booths may be run by a single Girl Scout and caregiver if no others are available.
- Individually registered Girl Scouts (Juliettes) may host their own booths and are treated as a troop for approval and participation purposes.
- Cookie booth participation is optional and is not required for any Girl Scout.

Supervision Requirements

- Booths where any Girl Scout is not accompanied by their own caregiver (parent or guardian) require 2 registered and background checked Girl Scout volunteers.
- Booths that have all members under the direct supervision of their own caregiver do not require adults to be registered and background checked UNLESS the booth is using troop inventory and/or troop finances.
 - NOTE: Best practice would be to still have 2 adults present in case of accidents or needed breaks.

- Caregivers are encouraged to register as a volunteer and submit a background check to help support the full troop experience.
- Premium booths require 2 Girl Scouts and thus 2 registered and background checked adults.

Booth Types

Council Secured Booths

- Council coordinates directly with business partners.
- Troops may not contact these businesses directly.
- Booth times cannot be traded or transferred between troops without notification to Council to make the change in eBudde.
- Instructions specific to these booths will be shared in eBudde or via council communication.
- Details of a council booth (location, address, date and times) may be posted on social media along with the **troop Digital Cookie** link.

Troop Secured Booths

- Troops may request approval to host booths at locations that
 - Are not already partnered with the Council (*i.e.*, listed in eBudde)
 - Are not on the **Do Not Contact** list. **can we link?**
- You are responsible for communicating with the location, **securing written approval**, and following the business's guidelines. **Can we link the troop booth request form?**
- All such booths must be submitted to the council at least one week in advance.
- Approval from council must be received through eBudde before advertising or setting up any Troop Booth.
- Details of a troop booth (location, address, date and times) may be posted on social media along with the **troop Digital Cookie** link.

Cookie Stands

- Cookie Stands are booths set up on private property owned by the Girl Scout family or friend.
- These booths require **1 Girl Scout** who must be supervised by her own caregiver.

- Cookie Stands should not use troop inventory or troop finances
- Cookie Stands do not require pre-approval from council.
- The address of a Cookie Stand should not be posted online; a Girl Scout may make posters directing customers to the location

Behavior and Expectations

- Girl Scouts and adults must follow all guidance from the council and from the booth location manager.
- Practice respectful, friendly, and professional customer service at all times.
- All booth participants must follow safety protocols, including proper handling of product and money.
- Do not fight or argue with one another or customers.

Advertising Booths

- No booth should be advertised until it has been approved by council through eBudde.
- Details of a booth (location, address, date and times) may be posted on your social media along with the **troop Digital Cookie** link.
- Cookie Stands cannot be advertised online; signs/posters may be put up directing customers to the Cookie Stand (please be sure to follow any HOA/neighborhood rules regarding this) and remove when done.

Samples & Donations

- **Samples** may not be offered due to health code regulations and food safety.
- **Monetary Donations** may only be collected as part of an official council donation initiative (e.g., Care to Share).
 - Containers must clearly indicate the donation purpose (Care to Share or a Troop Donation Project).
 - Monetary donations from customers are NOT troop donations and must be applied towards cookies during the cookie program.

Reminders

- Booth guidelines and updates are published annually and may be shared via email, printed guides, or online systems like eBudde.
- Any violation of these standards may result in removal of booth *privileges*.

Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona Cookie Dough Standards

Through participation in the Cookie and Fall Product Programs, Girl Scouts can earn **Cookie Dough and Nutty Dough** (collectively referred to as Dough herein). Dough is a reward credit that encourages continued participation in Girl Scout activities. Dough can be used to help pay for camps, council programs, uniforms, Girl Scout memberships, and other approved expenses.

These standards outlines how Dough may be used, when it expires, and how families may redeem it.

General Guidelines

- Dough is issued and managed by the council and can only be used for approved purposes before the expiration date listed.
- You must be a currently registered Girl Scout youth member to **earn or use** Dough.
- Dough is not redeemable for cash.
- No alternative compensation is given for unused Dough prior to or at its expiration.

Expiration and Extensions

- Dough expires on **March 31 of the year following the program year in which it was earned.**
(For example, Cookie Dough earned in the Spring 2025 program and Nutty Dough earned in the Fall 2025 program expires March 31, 2026.)
- For approved **travel** or a **GSUSA lifetime membership**, Dough can be converted to **Travel Bucks** which extends the expiration date by up to four years.
 - Travel Bucks are only available to Girl Scout Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors only.
 - Once converted to Travel Bucks, Dough cannot be used for any other purpose.
 - The **request form** must be completed **prior to the original Dough expiration date** to request a conversion.

Approved Uses

Dough may be used for:

- Council-run day and overnight camps
- Council-sponsored events and programs
- Community or service unit encampments (if they are in Council's registration system)
- Purchases in the Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona Shop or Camp Store
- Girl Scout membership fees (annual or lifetime)
- Council-approved extended travel (Juniors and above)
- GSUSA Destinations travel program (when banked as Travel Bucks)

Note: When a camp or program requires a non-refundable deposit, that deposit must be paid with a different form of payment. Dough is not an eligible method.

Redemption Process

- Dough is issued electronically. Please retain this email until your Dough is spent or expired.
- When Dough is redeemed for registration for a camp or program, you must first pay any non-refundable deposit online with a different payment method. Thereafter, you contact (or visit) our Tucson retail shop to apply the Dough.
- When redeeming in a shop, you can present a copy of the email or staff can look up your information.
- To redeem to renew your membership, fill out this form: (<https://girlscoutssouz.jotform.com/252745387333968>) which will become available when registration for the new membership year is available.
- To use Cookie Dough for extended travel, submit a **request for conversion** to Travel Bucks.

Questions?

General Dough questions: rsouthee@girlscoutssouz.org or 520-319-3171

Using Dough for retail: shoporders@girlscoutssouz.org or 520-319-3145

Converting to Travel Bucks: tnevels@girlscoutssoaz.org or 520-319-3159

Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona Social Media Standards – Product Programs

Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona follows the Social Media policies of Girl Scouts of the USA. The primary purpose of the Social Media Policies is to ensure the safety of our Girl Scouts so personal information such as addresses, phone numbers, and Digital Cookie links should NOT be posted in public facing pages/groups. Links to a Troop Digital Cookie site may be posted when following the guidelines below.

Social Media Guidelines

These are per GSUSA's current 2026 guidelines. Keep in mind that all online sales must be made through DC. These guidelines are for advertising only.

Can we...	Answer	Important Notes
Post on our own personal Facebook, Instagram, or similar forums?	YES	Do not include "\$" in your post. Many times, this directs a post to Marketplace with no further action.
Post on family members' social media?	YES	
Share in our church's newsletter or social media?	YES	Must have the approval of the site's management.
Post on Nextdoor and HOA neighborhood pages?	YES	Use the Girl Scout's link and do not disclose their exact location.
Post on doctor's office memo boards?	YES	Must have the approval of the site's management.
Post on Marketplace, Craigslist, buy/sell/trade sites, and garage sale or swap meet sites?	NO	This is not an appropriate use of the cookie program.
Post on school parent or PTA sites?	YES	Must have school admin approval.
Post on community hot topic discussion pages?	NO	Always remember that safety comes first!
Post in support groups (e.g. Moms of AZ)?	YES	Only links can be shared. No public comments or dealings. All activity should be through the Girl Scout's digital link.
Post on a community site I do not live in?	NO	Let's be a sister to every Girl Scout.
Post on community pages (e.g. CG Chat)?	YES	Only links can be shared. No public comments or dealings. All activity should be through the Girl Scout's digital link. We highly suggest SU representatives reach out to the moderators on community forums to start one thread, including links from all Girl Scouts in that community who want to post their link.

Always be on your best behavior when advertising during cookie season. Your posts are representing not only you but also the Girl Scout Mission!