# 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:

  (<a href="https://girlscoutssoaz.jotform.com/252745387333968">https://girlscoutssoaz.jotform.com/252745387333968</a>) 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: <a href="mailto:rsouthee@girlscoutssoaz.org">rsouthee@girlscoutssoaz.org</a> or 520-319-3171

Using Dough for retail: <a href="mailto:shoporders@girlscoutssoaz.org">shoporders@girlscoutssoaz.org</a> or 520-319-3145

Converting to Travel Bucks: <a href="mailto:tnevels@girlscoutssoaz.org">tnevels@girlscoutssoaz.org</a> or 520-319-3159