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2023 Girl Scout Cookie Program Caregiver Meeting



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Agenda

- 1. Permission/Agreement Forms
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- 5. Initial Orders
- 6. Troop Finances & Inventory Management
- 7. Hometown Heroes
- 8. Shipping Discounts
- 9. Ways to Sell Cookies
- 10.Benefits of Participation

Caregiver Meeting:

Girl Scout Cookie Program Caregiver Permission/Agreement Forms

Girl's Name		Тгоор			
C	Caregiver Name	Cell #			
	Caregiver Email				
	0 0 0	elow, you acknowledge that you have read, understand and, participating in the product sales program.			
	My Girl Scout and I will fo	llow GSSA and GSUSA policies for the cookie program.			
	I will ensure that My Girl S	cout always has adult guidance.			
	I will ensure that no orders the program.	for cookies will be taken prior to the designated start date of			
	I understand that cookies w	vill not be sold outside of our 30 counties.			
	I understand that cookies v	will be sold for the GSSA posted price.			
	I understand I or my Girl S Marketplace forum or any	cout are not permitted to post cookies for sale on any type of other retail sales space.			
	I agree to accept full finance money due for the orders r	ial and personal responsibility for all cookies ordered and ny Girl Scout receives.			
	I understand, if the balance Girl Scout will not receive	e due is not received on or before the specified deadline, my reward items.			
		I Scout owes Munchies & Mags or cookie program money, she in either program until the balance is paid in full and I eer role.			
	I understand all monetary by individual girls.	proceeds belong to the council and troops and are not retaine			
	I have read and will adher located on our website.	e to the Internet Safety Pledge and the Digital Cookie Pledge			
Carrai	ver Signature	Date			

coordinator needs to make those entries for you. (check one)					
Collapsible Cup/DIY Playing cards	OR		\$50 Program Credits 500+ Bar		
Baseball Cap	OR		Necklace		
Write in preferred					
T-shirt Size:					
Crossbody bag, Fashion Patches &	OP		\$75 Program Credits & 1000+ Bar		
1000+ Bar	OK		\$75 Frogram Credits & 1000+ Bar		
Weekender Tote, Action Patch	OR		\$100 Program Credits		
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Caregiver Meeting: Important Reminders

- Girl Scout cookies in Alabama are \$5 per package and can never be sold for any other amount.
- Cookie booths, stands, and walkabouts may **only** take place in the 30 counties included in the Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama council area.
- Cookie links can be shared with family and friends using personal social media pages, text, and email. Links cannot be shared on public sales sites, such as Facebook Marketplace, eBay or local buy/sell/trade pages (*this list is not exhaustive*).
- Cookie links cannot be shared with television, print, or digital news media.

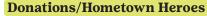
Caregiver Meeting: Family Guide & Calendar

Family Guide girl scouts of southern alabama

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- ·Cookie links cannot be shared with television, print, or digital news media.
- ·Be sure to tell your customers that discounted shipping is available in Digital Cookie.
- ·Your Troop Cookie Coordinator will tell you all you need to know about presales, placing your initial order, accepting payments, picking up cookies, turning in proceeds, and so much more!



Some customers don't want to purchase Girl Scout cookies, but still wish to support Girl Scouts and help girls reach their sales goals. All donations received must be applied to the Hometown Heroes program, which distributes Girl Scout cookies to service members, first responders, and local nonprofits.

Program Credits

Girls who participate can earn Program Credits that can be used as payment for membership renewal, GSSA programs, camps, trips, and items in the GSSA Girl Scout Shops!

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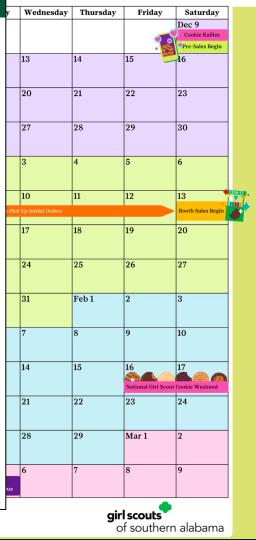
S'more to Know

Detailed information about shipping discounts, program credits, sister credits, and more can be found on the Program Resources page of the GSSA website.

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Caregiver Meeting: Digital Cookie

You and your Girl Scout will manage her cookie sale using Digital Cookie from Girl Scouts of the USA.

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Caregiver Meeting: Digital Cookie



You will use Digital Cookie to:

- Place Girl initial orders (by Dec 17)
- Create a cookie link to share with friends and family
- Receive orders for direct ship and girl delivery
- Process credit card, Venmo & PayPal payments
- Enter order card sales
- Manage Inventory

Caregiver Meeting: Digital Cookie



- You will receive an email asking you to login and set up Digital Cookie
- Watch these handy video and learn how to set up your site and navigate your dashboard:

<u>Site Setup in Digital Cookie</u> (VIDEO) <u>Caregiver Dashboard in Digital</u> <u>Cookie (VIDEO)</u>

Caregiver Meeting: Digital Cookie Resources for Families

- <u>Inventory by Category</u> (VIDEO)
- <u>Delivery Settings</u> (VIDEO)
- <u>Financials</u> (VIDEO)
- <u>Rewards</u> (VIDEO)
- <u>Digital Cookie in 4 Easy Steps</u> (PDF)
- Adjusting Delivery Settings (PDF)
- Girl Scout and Caregiver (PDF)
- <u>Dashboard</u> (PDF)
- <u>Mobile App Instructions</u> (PDF)
- <u>My Account Tab</u> (PDF)

<u>More Cookie Resources</u> <u>Available for Cookie Sellers</u>

Caregiver Meeting: Presales

Pre-orders: Digital Cookie

- Customers can order cookies for direct-ship or girl-delivery
- Customers can pay with credit card, Venmo, or PayPal

Pre-Orders: Order Cards

• Customers will pay for their cookie order when it is delivered by Girl Scouts

Caregiver Meeting: Initial Orders

At a minimum, Girl Initial Orders should include enough cookies to:

- Fulfill all pre-order sales
- Cover 1-2 weeks of in-person sales for each girl

Placing Girl Initial Orders:

- You are financially liable for all cookies you receive
- All initial orders should be placed in Digital Cookie by Sunday December 17
- Cookies will not be distributed to families that have not returned the Caregiver Permission/Agreement form.

<u>Placing Initial Order in Digital</u> <u>Cookie (VIDEO</u>

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How many cookies? A guide to placing your initial cookie order

FACTORS TO DETERMINE YOUR TROOP'S INITIAL ORDER:

- Sales goal for the Troop
- Number of planned cookie booths
- Number of girls selling

HOW TO ESTIMATE YOUR FIRST ORDER:

GSSA's per-girl selling average (PGA) is about 25 cases. Review your archived data (if you are a returning troop) to see your troop's PGA and let that be your guide. Since each troop is different, ordering the correct amount is not an exact science.

SSA retains the right to modify your troop's initial order if it appears excessive for the number of girls selling.

Suggested order for each girl selling



The above model is merely a suggestion based on averages from past cookie sales when troops use the booth divider. Please consult with your Service Unit as these averages might differ in each geographic location.



How Many Cookies? Guide

Caregiver Meeting: Initial Orders

Girls that have Initial Orders of 250 packages (or more!) will receive an adjustable Own Your Magic lanyard!



Caregiver Meeting: Troop Finances & Inventory Management

- Troops determine the method and frequency of cookie pickups and caregiver payments.
- Deposits should be made frequently.
- Money will be collected for cookies in-hand before you are allowed to receive more.
- If you have not complied with a payment deadline you will not receive more cookies.

Caregiver Meeting: Hometown Heroes

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Caregiver Meeting: Shipping Discounts

GSSA will be discounting shipping for orders of up to 12 packages! The price breaks are:

•4-12 Packages: \$6.49

- •12+ Packages: No discount
 - Customers that would like to order more than 12 packages will only receive discounted shipping if they place multiple orders of 4-12 packages.

Caregiver Meeting: Ways to Sell Cookies

Walkabout Friends and Family Online Troop Booths Family Booths Troop Drive-Thrus

Caregiver Meeting: Cookie Etiquette

- You are guests when you set up a cookie booth at a business location and should be on your **best** behavior.
- Set up booth sale in the designated area. DO NOT block the entrance and follow the rules the business sets.
- Be identifiable as a Girl Scout, and wear our Girl Scout Membership Pin, uniform, or other Girl Scout clothing.
- Only approach customers as they are leaving the business and have a good attitude, smile, and say thank you even if a customer does not buy.
- Adults must be present at all times. Don't allow girls to wander around the location unchaperoned.
- Don't ask businesses for change.
- Have your own table and hang signage on your table, not on the businesses' property.

Caregiver Meeting: Cookie Etiquette

- RESPECT other troops' sale time. Don't set up early, and don't stay after the allotted time. Resolve conflicts peacefully. DO NOT create a scene in front of a business!
- Do not eat or drink during a booth sale (girls or adults).
- An adult is responsible for money at all times. An adult watches or assists as the girls handle money. Keep money box in a safe place, especially during loading and unloading of cookies. DO NOT keep large amounts of money in the money box!
- Make sure you count and write down the exact amount and flavor of boxes before beginning a booth sale. Then count the exact amount and flavor after the booth sale is over.
- Clean up after booth sale and take ALL trash with you.
- Park away from the front of the business, and do not take up their good parking spaces.
- Do not use loud objects/devices to draw attention.

Caregiver Meeting: Benefits to Participation

Baker Rewards

on the back of the order card



Caregiver Meeting: Benefits to Participation

- **Program Credits** program credits can be used as payment for membership renewal, GSSA Programs, camps, trips and items in the GSSA shops.
- **Sister Credits** allow multiple-Girl-Scout Households to combine the number of total packages sold and receive higher, accumulated Program Credits.
 - Example: Sisters Sally & Sara
 - Sally sells 250 packages, and Sara sells 250 packages. Combined, they can receive \$50 Program Credits usually awarded at the 500 package level.

Please Note, this only applies to GSSA Program Credits - and NOT Rewards, provided by Little Brownie Bakers or the 800 Club Party.

Spring 2024



Visit girlscoutssa.org/events to register and view details for each event. Girl Scouts must be registered for the 2023-24 membership year to register for these programs

2024 Girl Scout Cookie Season Grade Level: **Order Card Presales Begin:** December 9 Girl Initial Orders Due: December 17 **Troop Deliveries:** January 8-12 Cookie Booths Start: January 13 National GS Cookie Weekend: Feb 16-18 Sale Ends: March 3

Bling Your Booth: Cookie Craft Night

Date: January 18 Time: 5 - 7 p.m. Grade Level: • A • • I • Category: Cookie Girl Price: \$7 Adult Price: \$3 Mobile: United Way of Southwest Alabama Auburn: St. Michael The Archangel Parish Registration Deadline: 1/10/24

Auburn Women's Basketball Cookie Dunk Date: February 25 Time: 1 - 4 p.m.

Grade Level: A A Category: Fun Girl Price: \$8 Adult Price: \$3 Location: Auburn Arena, Auburn **Registration Deadline:** 2/21/24

Daisy Days

Date: March 9 Time: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Grade Level: Category: Life Skills Girl and Adult Price: FREE Mobile: Mobile Volunteer Center Montgomerv: LAMP High School **Registration Deadline:** 3/1/24 Bring your besties and earn Daisy petals!

Gamers Badge Day

Recruitment event

Date: March 16 Time: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Grade Level: •▲●♦■● Category: Life Skills Girl Price: \$15 Adult Price: \$10 Location: Hobby Hole, Montgomery **Registration Deadline:** 3/8/24

Daisies K & 1st

Adventure Day at 5 Rivers Delta Date: March 23 Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Grade Level: A Category: Outdoor Girl Price: \$25 Adult Price: \$20 Location: 5 Rivers Delta, Spanish Fort Registration Deadline: 3/15/24

STEM Skaters Badge Day Date: March 23

Time: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Grade Level: A A Category: STEM Girl Price: \$15 Adult Price: \$5 Location: 2211 Ultimate Playzone, Montgomery **Registration Deadline:** 3/17/24

Older Girl Sail Away Weekend

Start: April 5 End: April 7 Grade Level: Category: Outdoor Adult Price: \$25 Girl Price: \$75 Location: Kamp Kiwanis, Eclectic Registration Deadline: 3/29/24

Biobots at the Exploreum Date: April 13

Grade Level:

Girl Price: \$20

Juniors 4th & 5th

Registration Deadline: 6/10/24

Girl and Adult Price: \$130

Grade Level: A Category: STEM

eadline: 3/9/24 Time: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Category: STEM Adult Price: \$20 Location: Gulf Coast Exploreum, Mobile 13-14 Registration Deadline: 3/27/24

11th & 12th

CodeQuest at the Exploreum

6th-8th

Date: April 13 Time: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Category: STEM Grade Level: Girl Price: \$25 Adult Price: \$20 Location: Gulf Coast Exploreum, Mobile **Registration Deadline:** 3/27/24

Mariner Trailblazer Butter & Egg Adventure Date: April 13 Time:10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Grade Level: Category: Outdoor Girl and Adult Price: \$45 Location: Butter & Egg Adventures, Trov **Registration Deadline:** 4/1/24

9th & 10th

Certification Day Time:9:30 a.m-4p.m Category: Training tshire Woods, Citronelle eadline: 4/19/24

p Kiwanis, Eclectic

Scouts Weekend

p Kiwanis, Eclectic

eadline: 3/31/24

erblades: College Readiness Time: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

adline: 7/17/24

3 or April 16

Category: College

Adult Price: \$5 Iltimate Playzone, Montgomery

Scan here to

register!





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Travel to the Galapagos Islands | Summer 2025 Program Credits can be used towards travel.



GSSA is partnering with Girl Scouts of North Central Alabama and EF Tours to bring this amazing travel opportunity to Girl Scouts in Southern Alabama.

Learn More

Caregiver Meeting: Benefits to Participation

Cookie Discounts for Camp

250 pkg \$50 400 pkg \$75 500 pkg \$100



Caregiver Meeting: Benefits to Participation

• **Troop Proceeds** – highlight all the fun things your troop has planned!

Questions

Questions during the sale? Email Customer Care! customercare@girlscoutssa.org



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Thank you!

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