

Girl Scout Cookie Program

Cookie Chat

Issue #5



Hello, Troop Cookie Volunteers!

There are only a few days left of the Initial Order period, but the fun doesn't end there! Remind Girl Scouts that they still have plenty of time to reach their goals and can continue selling through April 12.

In this issue of Cookie Chat, you'll find everything you need to complete a smooth Initial Order submission and transition to online Troop links and booth sales.

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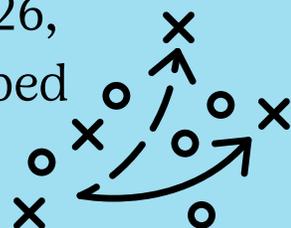
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Here's the Game Plan...



Girl Scouts, bring your order card with you to your “Big Game” parties or share your QR code. Let customers know about our Big Game Blitz Shipping Deal: For orders of 7-12 packages on Feb. 8, 2026, they will only pay a \$6 flat fee for cookies shipped directly to them. Everybody wins!





Troop Volunteers: It is highly recommended that you send out a reminder to all Girl Scouts and parents that they must approve in-person delivery orders by midnight on Feb. 9, 2026. Those orders that are not approved will not be included in the Troop's Initial Order.

Parent/Caregiver Initial Order Entry

Entering Offline Cookie Sales

- Parents and caregivers enter offline (order card) cookie sales in Digital Cookie under the “My Cookies” tab. These sales automatically transfer to eBudde and are included in the troop's Initial Order.
- All parent entries must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 9. Once submitted, parents cannot make changes.
- Troop Cookie Managers can review and edit parent Initial Order submissions in eBudde. On the Initial Order tab, select “Review Parent IO” next to a girl's name to view or update the order.
- Click on the help button at the bottom of any page in Digital Cookie for more detailed instructions.

Submitting the Initial Order



Prior to Submitting

- Remind parents to enter and submit any offline (order card) sales on the “My Cookie” tab in Digital Cookie. The Parent deadline for entry is 11:59 pm on Monday, Feb. 9. If they are not using Digital Cookie to submit offline orders, they must give them to you in another way (email/text/call/etc.).
- Log in to eBudde and go to the Initial Order tab. You can review and accept parent order entries, add offline sales for girls individually, and order additional inventory for your Troop.
- If you would like inventory for a Booth Sale or to have extras on hand, you can click the “Booth or Other” line on the Initial Order tab and enter in the order. Please note that you will need to order multiples of 12 if you want to order full cases. For example, to receive 4 cases of Thin Mints, enter 48 into the system.

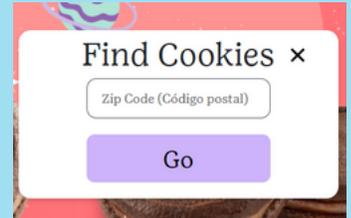
Submit your Order

- You can only submit your order once, so please be sure you are done editing before you do so. It is not recommended to submit your order earlier than Tuesday, Feb. 10, as it may affect last minute Digital Cookie orders coming over to eBudde.
- When you are ready to submit, click the “Submit Troop IO” button on the Initial Order tab. This sends the order to your Service Unit team. You can no longer edit the order after you submit.
- After you submit the Cookie order, head to the rewards tab to submit the Initial order reward. You are only ordering Initial Order rewards at this time. Final rewards are ordered at the end of the program.



Give yourself a round of applause for submitting the Initial Order!

Troop Sites go live Feb. 13!



Don't Forget Your Troop Link!

Have you set up your troop's Digital Cookie troop link yet? This link makes it easy for customers to support your whole troop when shopping online and it only takes a few minutes to set up!

Bonus: Troops that set up their troop link by Feb. 28, 2026, will be entered to win a GSNNJ-branded tablecloth, perfect for booth season. Ten (10) winning troops will be chosen at random.

Login to Digital Cookie to get your troop link ready and give your online cookie sales an extra boost!

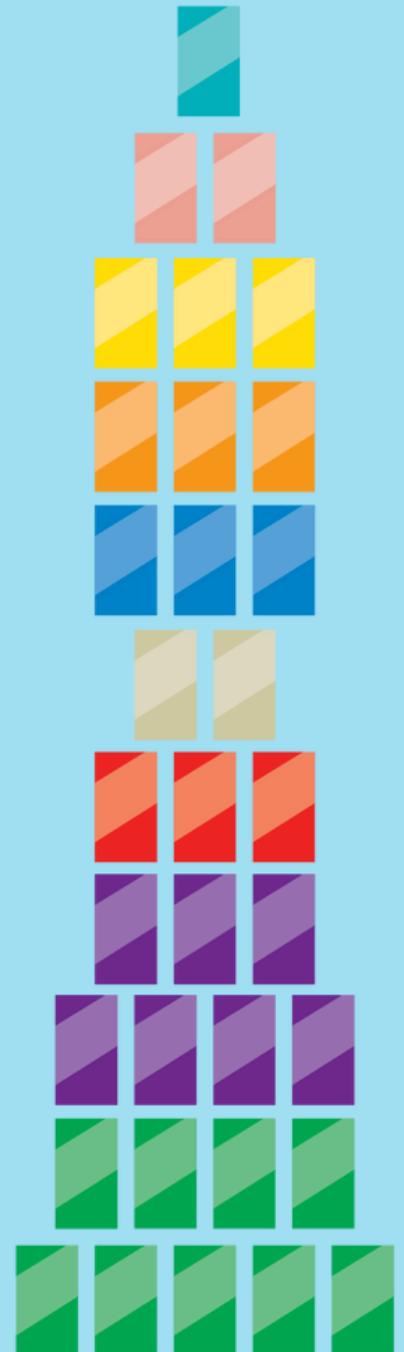
Troop links are added to the Cookie Finder and will appear when customers search for cookies near them. Troop links will go live Feb. 13. Customers can order cookies for direct shipping or donation throughout the remainder of the Girl Scout Cookie Program.

Reminder:

The in-person delivery option on individual girl sites will pause from February 9 to February 22. On February 23, they will re-open for Girl Scouts to continue to take orders and deliver cookies in-person.

Important Dates

Initial Orders Begin	1/9/2026
Initial Orders End	2/8/2026
Troop Initial Order due in eBudde	2/10/2026
Service Unit Deliveries Begin	2/21/2026
Service Unit Deliveries End	3/7/2026
Booth Sales Begin	3/7/2026
Booth Sales End	4/12/2026
Final Reward Orders Due	4/14/2026



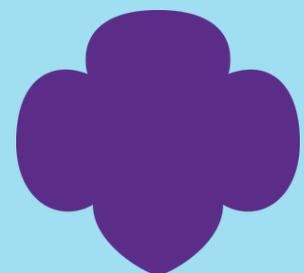
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