

Welcome to the 2025-2026 Girl Scout Cookie Product Program Parent/Caregiver Training

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Contact your regional product program manager with questions regarding the Girl Scout Cookie Program.

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ABBREVIATIONS & TERMS TO KNOW



- **Digital Cookie (DOC):** This platform, originally known as Digital Order Card, is where Girl Scouts run and manage their cookie business online.
- Initial Order (IO): Refers to the orders (through Digital Cookie and order card) taken by Girl Scouts and submitted by the troop no later than January 14, 2026. These orders are submitted by the Troop Cookie Program Manager and picked up between January 30 and February 4 from your Service Unit Product Program Manager.
- Little Brownie Bakers (LBB): The bakery that our council partners with to supply all our tasty cookies.
- **SUCPM:** Service Unit Cookie Program Manager; this person is part of the Service Unit Leadership Team and the person who receives the paperwork and orders from troops/volunteers. SUCPM's are great mentors for the TCPM.
- **TCPM:** Troop Cookie Program Manager; the volunteer or parent/caregiver within the troop that takes on the responsibility of the Girl Scout Cookie Program within the troop and helps the troop leader train, distribute cookies, and collect money from the parent/caregivers.



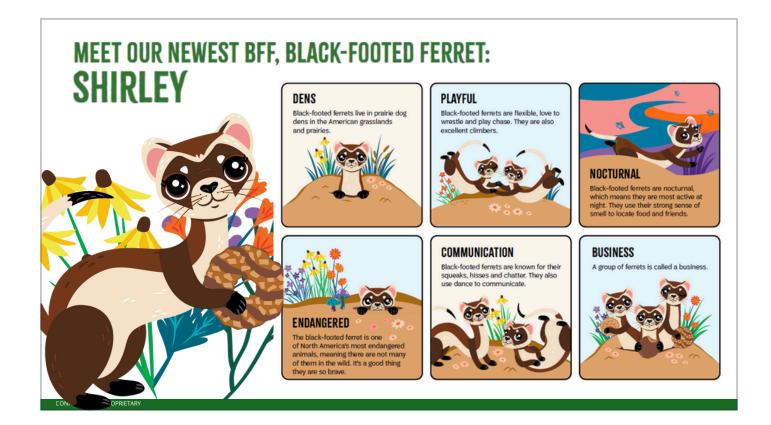


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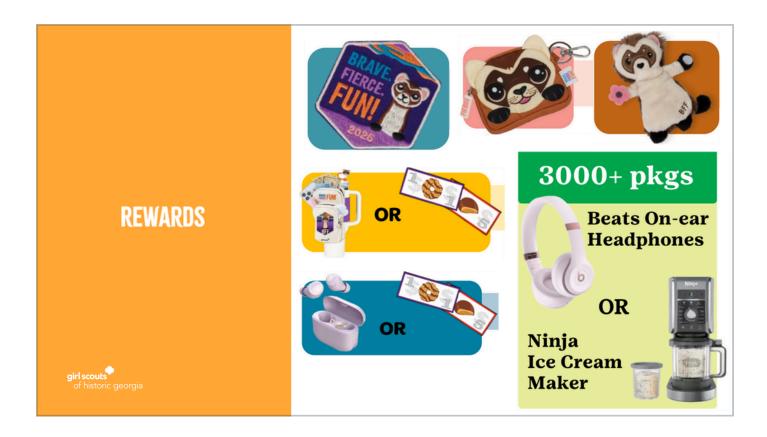
Completing this training will prepare you to be Brave, stay Fierce and have fun!

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This Cookie Program's mascot is a black-footed ferret named Shirley. Ferrets are one of North America's most endangered animals. They're playful and spend all their time at night locating food and friends in the American grasslands and prairies.

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Rewards are just one of the many ways Girl Scouts are recognized for their efforts during the 2025 GSHG Girl Scout Cookie Program.

Girls can also take part in exciting cookie rallys and cookie booths!

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Take a moment to check out the 2026 GSHG Girl Scout Cookie Reward selections. You can also find them in your Volunteer Guide and in the Girl Order Card. Final Rewards are due March 9 at midnight.

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All Final Rewards above the 1200+ package level are considered Extreme Team Rewards. Extreme Team Rewards are NOT cumulative.

At the 4000+ package level, Girls can choose the Apple iPad or the Six Flags Girl Scout Experience.

The 5000+ package level offers the option to choose the Meta Quest VR Headset or the Universal Studios: Volcano Bay Girl Scout Experience. The Volcano Bay Experience requires a minimum of 10 girls; if 10 girls do not go on the trip, another Extreme Team Reward will be chosen. Top sellers will receive first choice.

Extreme Team Rewards are submitted via JotForm by the Girl Scout's parent/caregiver or Troop Leader by 11:59 p.m. on March 10, 2026.

Any missing or damaged rewards must be reported to Council by May 1, 2026.

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Earn the Fall Personalized patch during the 2025 Fall Product Program

Sell 450+ packages of cookies and send 26+ Digital Cookie emails during the 2026 Girl Scout Cookie Program

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Introducing the new cookie added to our 2026 lineup: Exploremores! This new cookie is inspired by rocky road ice cream and is a sandwich cookie filled with a layer of chocolate, marshmallow, and toasted almond flavored crème.

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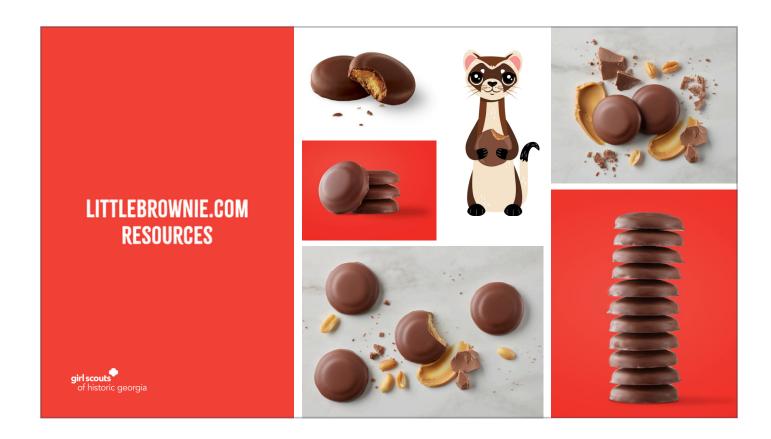


The 2026 Cookie Program Variety Lineup includes: Adventurefuls, Lemon-Ups, Trefoils, Do-Si-Dos, Samoas, Tagalongs, Thin Mints, Exploremores, and Toffee-tastics. Cookie prices remain \$5 a box.

Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia Cookies contain:
No High Fructose Corn Syrup
No partially hydrogenated oils (PHOs)
Zero grams trans-fat per serving
RSPO certified palm oil
And are Halal certified

Some varieties may have alternate June 2026 Use or freeze by date.

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Littlebrownie.com contains resources that are beneficial to a girl's cookie sale, such as: booth and print materials, digital marketing tools, and virtual backgrounds.

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Make your Digital Cookie® QR code your BFF

Over 95 million Americans regularly scan QR codes.



The printable lanyard makes reorders easy for Girl Scouts on the go!



Before booth sales, Girl Scouts can make a bracelet, add their QR code, and tell customers to bookmark it for reorders.

Over 95 million Americans regularly scan QR codes. Our business savvy Girl Scouts can create a QR code using the link to their digital storefront.

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COOKIE BOOTH PROGRAM ESSENTIALS



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TYPES OF COOKIE BOOTHS



Troop Cookie Booths

Troops reserve their cookie booth time within their service units through eBudde during the Initial Round which opens January 10 at 10:00 a.m. Troops can select cookie booth sites outside of their service unit during the Final Round which opens January 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Mommy and Me

Mommy and Me cookie booths give opportunities to any girl who strives to reach her personal goal. The "mom" can also be a dad, or any caregiver, and needs to be registered with an approved background check. These cookie booths must be approved by the SUCPM and can be found listed in Troop Sales under Booth Sites in eBudde. You must fill out a Cookie Booth Program Request for Dates form and reserve booths in eBudde.

Lemonade Stands

Lemonade Stands are cookie booths held on your residential property or on private property for which prior permission has been granted. This type of cookie booth does not require submission into eBudde as a cookie booth site.

There are three types of cookie booths:

- 1. Troop Cookie Booths where troops reserve a day and time within their service unit at an approved booth site.
- 2. Mommy and Me cookie booths are for girls who strive to reach their personal goal. The "mom" can also be a dad, or any caregiver that is background checked and registered. These cookie booths need to be approved by the SUCPM, Cookie Booth Program Request for Dates form must be filled out, and the booth site needs to be reserved in eBudde.
- 3. Lemonade Stands are cookie booths held on your residential property or on private property in which permission has been granted.

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COOKIE BOOTH ESSENTIALS

- Table, tablecloth, decorations, posters colorful booths attract attention!
- Troop signage with troop number, troop cookie goals, cookie prices, and membership flyer.
- Donation display for Gift of Caring
- Moneybox be sure to have plenty of change available for cash sales.
- 2026 Cookie Inventory Management sheets count inventory ahead of time, fill out these sheets and keep them on-hand at your cookie booth.
- Print out the eBudde Cookie Booth Confirmation just in case there is an issue with your booth location.
- Ensure you have Digital Cookie setup to collect credit/debit card payments.
- Girl Scouts should be identifiable by wearing their membership pin, uniform (sash or vest), or other Girl Scout clothing.
- Parents/caregivers should be in some type of Girl Scout attire: sweatshirt/tee shirt, etc.

Information about GSHG Cookie Booth Program Etiquette can be found on page 21 in the Cookie Program Volunteer Cookie Guide.

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Each year, deployed service members all over the world will be able to enjoy their favorite Girl Scout Cookies when the public purchases boxes or cases of cookies to be shipped to service members.



"What should I do with donations?"

Operation Cookies from Home (OCFH) are digital only donations. These are donations made through Digital Cookie and are automatically calculated in eBudde. The packages are sent to Soldiers Angels, an organization that has sent over 1 million packages of Girl Scout Cookies to soldiers overseas.

Gift of Caring (GOC) are physical donations. They are most often made during booth sales. Have your customers ever said - "Keep the change!" or "I don't eat cookies, but I'll donate a box!" those are Gift of Caring packages that your troop can donate to an organization in your community. Once your troop decides where they are going to donate their physical packages, enter that information in the "GOC Org" tab in eBudde.



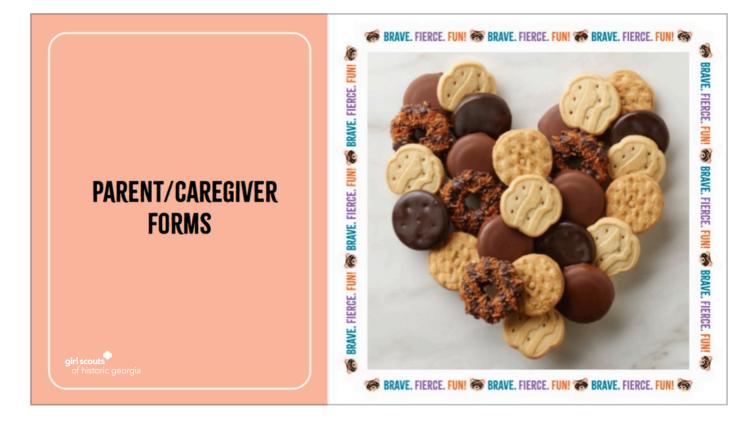
Many of our generous customers will purchase cookies to donate, or perhaps they've purchased 3 packages with a \$20 and have the change leftover. They say, "keep the change", but as Girl Scouts we cannot.

That's where Gift of Caring comes in. That extra money can be added to a donation fund that will allow troops to donate cookies locally.

For anyone wishing to make donations through Digital Cookie those donations will go through Soldier's Angels to our troops overseas.

Either way, donated Girl Scout cookies that are purchased for donation will be donated and the Girl Scouts and the organizations we serve thank you!

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Parent Forms

Parent information can be found on our website: gshg.org/cookies+

2025-2026 Product Program Parent Permission form

This online Jotform must be completed by the parent or caregiver. If the personal credentials (valid driver's license or social security card) cannot be provided, cookies must be paid for in advance.

2026 Parent Debt Procedure form

This Jotform requires the parent/caregiver's signature as acceptance of financial responsibility for cookies. If the form is not submitted, cookies must be pre-paid. A separate form must be completed for each girl. If the parent/caregiver does not provide their driver's license or social security number, they do not have to complete the Parent Debt form but must pre-pay for cookies.

All paperwork is due to council on December 19.

Forms can be found on the GSHG website under Cookies+ tab.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Take a moment to mark these important dates on your calendar.

Please note the Cookie Program begins on January 2, 2026. No customers should be solicited prior to the beginning of the program. Knowing these dates and meeting all deadlines will help you stay organized and facilitate a smooth cookie program.

DECEMBER

- **Dec 19** All paperwork due to council:
 - Parent Permission Form
 - Parent Debt Forms

JANUARY

- Jan 2 2026 Girl Scout Cookie Program OPENS
- **Jan 12** RPPMs open office hours by appointment
- **Jan 13** Parents submit Initial Cookie Order and Rewards

FEBRUARY

• Feb 20-22 – National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend





- Mar 8 2026 GSHG Girl Scout Cookie Program CLOSES
- Mar 9 Final Rewards due in Digital Cookie
- Mar 10 Extreme Team Reward Jotform due by 11:59 p.m.

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Thank you for volunteering with Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia. Through your hard work you've shown these girls how to be Brave, that they can stand Fierce and to always have Fun!

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