

CAREGIVER GUIDE 2023

Welcome! The Girl Scout Cookie Program gives your Girl Scout the ability to power unique opportunities and adventures for herself and her Troop while learning to think like an entrepreneur. You're key to her success. With the support, assistance, and encouragement of her family, there's no stopping a Girl Scout!

Participating in the program gives girls an entrepreneurial edge! Encouraging an interest in entrepreneurship builds curiosity, confidence, and problem-solving skills—qualities that prepare girls for academic and life success.

Did you know? All proceeds from Girl Scout Cookies stay local!



Help councils provide Girl Scouts programs in STEM, the outdoors, life skills, and entrepreneurship, as well as camps, leadership training, and more!



Cover the costs of running the Girl Scout Cookie Program, including the costs of cookies, materials, and logistics.



Fund Take Action projects for the community and amazing girl-led adventures for Troops.

Best of all, girls love the Cookie Program and look forward to it each year. They enjoy the fun activities, exciting opportunities... and the chance to take charge!

Share the adventure of cookie season with your Girl Scout and help her feel that Sisterhood Spirit with her Troop. Cheer her on while she learns that she can GO BRIGHT AHEAD!

IMPORTANT DATES

Beginning Feb. 1st: Set goals & launch the Smart Cookies Online Store

Feb. 3rd: Paper Order Card Begins!

Feb. 19th: Turn in Cookie Order to Leader/ Troop Product Manager

Feb. 20th: Continue taking orders online and with your printable Order Card

Mar. 14th-Mar. 22nd: Cookie Pickups

Mar. 24th-Apr. 16th: Booth Sales and continued sales to customers

Apr. 16th: Online Girl Delivery & Cookie Program Ends

Apr. 17th: Last day for turning in Cookie money

June: Receive rewards from Troop



Complete and return to Troop Product Manager prior to participation in the 2023 Cookie Program.

You can make this year's program a success!

- Register your girl as a member of the Girl Scouts of the USA for the 2022-2023 membership year.
- Honor the **February 3rd** official paper start date of the Cookie Program. Do not take order cards to work early or begin door-to-door sales prior to this date. Be a sister to every Girl Scout!
- Take the GSUSA Internet Safety Pledge (<u>www.girlscouts.org/program</u>) with your Girl Scout before using the Smart Cookies web platform or going online beginning **February 1**st. Follow the guidelines related to marketing online.
- Supervise your Girl Scout at all times and follow appropriate safety guidelines. An adult must accompany her while selling door-to-door and two adults must be present at all booth sales to ensure your Girl Scout's safety.
- Accept financial responsibility for all product and monies collected and understand product ordered may not be returned. The Troop is responsible to provide receipts for all transactions and you should retain copies.
- Understand all money earned is the property of GSMW and is not to be retained by any one individual. GSMW will take the necessary steps to recover outstanding balances. Customer orders over \$200 must be paid by cash or credit card.
- Free Camp Earners: Balances must be paid by **May 31**st, **2023** to retain the free camp. Free camp must be used in 2023.
- Higher rewards are sent after balance is paid in full. Balances must be paid by **July 31**st, **2023** to retain rewards.



Scan me to

STEPS TO HELP YOUR GIRL SCOUT



ar+ Cookies

- Review the Reward Card and set a goal.
- Set up your Smart Cookie Online Store Februray 1st and share your link with customers!
- Encourage sharing goals with customers while taking paper orders February 3rd February 19th!
- Turn in orders/ the order card and money collected to the Troop Leader by February 19th.
- Continue taking orders February 20th with the printable order card found at gsmw.org/resources. \checkmark
- Email customers and encourage them to continue purchasing cookies online thru April 16th. \checkmark
- Pick up cookies from the Troop Leader around March 14th 22nd. √
- Deliver cookies to customers and collect money.
- Participate in Booths with the Troop March 24th April 16th.
- Bring cookie money to Troop leader, often, but no later than April 17th.
- Pick up your rewards from the Troop leader at the scheduled time.

Orders over \$200 must be paid by cash or credit card. Council will not reimburse NSF checks in excess of \$200 or checks that are deposited 30+ days after the check date.

Have fun!

WE HAVE A SWEET NEW BAKER PARTNER. ABC BAKERS! WITH THIS CHANGE COMES A CHANGE IN OUR ONLINE COOKIE SYSTEM. WE NOW HAVE EVERYTHING IN ... SMART COOKIES!

IARING YOUR SMART COOKIES ST

- Add <u>noreply@abcsmartcookies.com</u> as a safe sender in your contacts.
- 2. Look for an email link for Smart Cookies. Click on the link and create a username and password to log in to your account beginning February 1st.
- 3. Confirm your grade and apparel size and click submit.
- 4. Share your link via Social Media, text or email:
 - Log in to Smart Cookies.
 - Hover over My Orders and select Share My Cookie Link.
 - Copy link and share!

Watch your online sales increase as customers support you and your Troop! If you would like to request your Customer Email Addresses from last year to use when sending your link out, please email customercare@gsmw.org.

Adults: don't forget to approve Smart Cookies Girl Delivery orders within 5 days! If you do not approve in the 5 days, the order will be cancelled.



2023 Collectible Charm: Girls who sell 250+ packages of cookies by February 20th, will receive the 2023 Collectible Charm-it Charm with their Final Rewards.

Dolphin Plush: Girls who sell 375+ packages of cookies during the 2023 Cookie Program, will receive this year's Dolphin Plush with their Final Rewards

of cookies for your Troop? Get creative and post on the public setting of your social media if you <u>follow safety</u> rules for content!

Want to go viral and sell lots

DO NOT post girl details or personal contact information on Social Media.

> Posting on social media allowed starting February 3rd, 2023.



My Girl Scout, (please print)		, has my permission to participate in the 2023 Cookie		
Program through the Girl Scouts of I	Montana and Wyoming Council.			
Caregiver Name (print)				
Address	City	State	Zip	
Home Phone	Cell Phone			
Email				

I understand that my signature verifies that I have read and agree to abide by the guidelines and financial responsibilities.

Signature _