



Issue 7

We are in the homestretch to wrap up this year's Initial Order Period. Thank you for all the work you're doing to support your troop's cookie season success!

Upcoming Key Dates

February 20:

- End of Initial Order Period. ACH Authorization due. Deadline for parent/caregiver submissions of paper order card orders in Digital Cookie.

February 22:

- Deadline for troop Initial order submission in eBudde.

February 20 – 22:

- National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend

March 5:

- Timeslots open in eBudde for troops to select their cookie pick up time for March 14

March 14:

- Cookie Deliver Day | Booth Sales Begin

An expanded calendar for the 2026 Cookie Program can be found on our [website on the Volunteer Cookie Resources page](#).

Initial Order Deadline

Troop volunteers must submit their troop's Initial Order in eBudde by:
Sunday, February 22 at 11:59 PM

To help you prepare:

- [Watch the recording](#) of our *Submitting the Initial Order Cookie Chat* for a step-by-step walk-through of:
 - Initial Order cookies
 - Initial Order rewards
 - Using the eBudde platform
- Review the eBudde guide which includes instructions for entering and submitting your troop's Initial Order. These instructions can also be found in the eBudde drop-down menu on the Cookie Seller & Volunteer Resources page.

Initial Order Rewards Reminder

Be sure to review the Rewards tab in eBudde:

- Go to **Initial Order Rewards** → **"Fill Out"**
- Identify which Girl Scouts earned the **BFF T-Shirt Initial Order Reward**
- Contact families to confirm each Girl Scout's preferred t-shirt size

Need Help? Join Our Call-In Hours

If you have questions or need assistance submitting your troop's Initial Order, the Product Sales team will host Initial Order Call-In Hours:

Topic: Initial Order submission assistance

Date: Sunday, Feb 22, 2026 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/99911014794?pwd=Rt3k11tZ2G3jLCIFhezE7cbdsexFal.1>

Meeting ID: 999 1101 4794

Passcode: Cookies

Get ready for cookie booths!

Order your booth cookies with your Initial Order by using the Booth Line in the Initial Order tab in eBudde!

Benefits of ordering booth cookies with you Initial Order:

- Earns the troop a \$20 bonus for every 240 packages ordered on the booth line.
- Increases the troop's Initial Order per girl selling average (which can help earn the troop Initial Order reward).
- If your troop has 240 or more packages on the booth line, the troop will be entered to receive 1 of 3 booth kits featuring items from the GSOFCCT shop.

Please note that when adding Booth Line cookies to your troop's Initial Order, these cookies cannot be returned and become the property of the troop.

The 2026 Cookie Boss Challenge

Last Wed, Feb 11th, we launched the 2026 GSOFCCT Cookie Boss Challenges. Girl Scouts across Connecticut will take on a new cookie selling challenge for a chance to earn awesome rewards

Watch for weekly challenge updates on our social media channels [and check out our website](#) for the full list of challenges.



Action Steps

1. Remind troop families about entering in-person/paper order card orders into Digital Cookie.

- Parents/caregivers have until **Friday, February 20 at 11:59 PM** to enter any in-person (paper order card) orders into the Digital Cookie platform in the “My Cookies” tab. Remind troop families that they will need to enter in these orders by the deadline.
- [Share this Tip Sheet](#) with your troop families. It has instructions for parents/caregivers to enter their Girl Scout’s Initial Order in Digital Cookie
- Remind parents that they can press “Save” for their Girl Scout’s in-person orders as many times as they would like, but they can only “Submit” once.
 - If a parent/caregiver accidentally submits, you can make changes to the Girl Scout’s in-person orders in the eBudde platform.
- If parents/caregivers miss the deadline, they will need to communicate any paper order card orders to you Ex: Sending a picture of the order card, emailing the total amounts needed for each variety, among other methods.

2. File the troop’s [ACH Authorization Form](#)

If not done so already, the deadline for a signer on the troop’s bank account to file the ACH Authorization Form is February 20. Submitting the ACH Authorization on time is also one of the requirements for the TOP Troop Award!

Past Cookie Recipe Issues

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- [Issue 6 | February 8, 2026](#)



Need Help?

Are you looking for more information? Have a specific question about this email or what your next steps might be? We're just a call or email away! Contact our Customer Care Department and they will be happy to assist you!

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Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



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