



Issue 2

It's Girl Scout Cookie time!

The Initial Order Taking period kicks off and Girl Scout Digital Cookie online storefronts will open for the 2026 Cookie Program season on January 14! Is your troop ready?

Remind your troop families that they should look for the registration email for their Girl Scout's Digital Cookie platform, starting on January 13. This [guide](#) provides three easy steps to get started with Digital Cookie.

If you haven't already, be sure to reach out to your service unit cookie manager to pick up your program materials, including paper order cards and family newsletters. If you need assistance finding out who is managing the cookie program for your service unit, please contact GSOFCT's [Customer Care Team](#) and we'll put you in contact with the volunteer for your service unit. When sending an email, please include your troop number and service unit name.

Upcoming Key Dates

January 13:

- Digital Cookie opens for Girl Scouts—families should look for the registration email!

January 14:

- Cookie Program Starts! Initial Order taking period begins, Digital Cookie Platform opens.

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.

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

Action Steps

Is your troop ready for the start of the Cookie Program? Here are a few things to keep in mind before the Cookie Program starts on January 14.

1. Create your eBudde login credentials

- All volunteers with the co-leader or troop cookie manager role should have received an email from eBudde with a link to create login credentials for this year.
- If you cannot find the email or the link has expired, visit the [eBudde homepage](#) and select "Forgot My Password" to set a new password.

Once you have accessed eBudde, complete the following tasks:

- Update your contact information in the Contacts tab.
- Beginning January 13, review the Girls tab to confirm all Girl Scouts in your troop are listed.
- If any Girl Scouts are missing, contact [Customer Care](#) with your troop number and the name(s) of the missing Girl Scout(s) so we can investigate.

2. Give your troop a headstart on the Cookie Program by setting up your Troop Link

- You must log in to eBudde before you can log in to Digital Cookie
- Log in to Digital Cookie to create your Troop Link (if you haven't already).
- Once created, your Troop Link is included on the GSUSA Cookie Finder.
- Customers from anywhere can use your link to purchase cookies for direct shipping.
- Troop Links appear at random in the Cookie Finder based on the customer's zip code.
- Reach new customers in your community and beyond to help your troop reach goals faster.
- Use [this quick guide](#) to learn how to set up your Troop Link.

Reminder: Cookies sold on the Troop Link during the Initial Order Period cannot be assigned to individual Girl Scouts but will count towards troop sales goals.

3. Ensure YOU are registered!

- Troop cookie volunteers must be registered and approved for the 2025-2026 membership year.
- You can confirm your registration status via MyGS - always accessible via the icon on the upper right corner of our website.
- If you are not currently registered, you can register via [MyGS](#).
- Once you have accessed your account in the membership system and confirmed you are registered and approved, make sure you have the co-leader, or the troop cookie manager role assigned to your membership.
- Questions? Contact our Customer Care Team by phone (800-922-2770) or by email customercare@gsofct.org
- If you were unable to attend a cookie program training, or need a refresher, you can watch the prerecorded [Troop Cookie Manager Training video](#).

4. Encourage Girl Scouts to watch the recorded Virtual Cookie Rally or watch it together for a fun troop activity!

- This pre-recorded cookie rally has great information about this year's Cookie Program and fun activities for Girl Scouts!
- All Girl Scouts who watch the virtual rally can be eligible to earn a fun patch! [Click here](#) to watch this year's Virtual Cookie Rally!

5. Review the [2025-2026 Cookie Program Volunteer Guide](#) and information on our website at gsofct.org.

- These resources provide important information and reminders for this year's cookie program that troop volunteers will need to know.
- Review the guide to ensure that you and your troop are ready for the upcoming cookie season!

Cookie Chats

We will be holding a series of Zoom calls for volunteers on various topics in the cookie program. While we will have a primary discussion point for each call, these calls are also an opportunity to ask the Council Product Sales Team any questions you have about the cookie program.

Topic: Digital Cookie Overview for Troop Volunteers

Time: Jan 14, 2026 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91017031740?pwd=9rljloSzmF2fwdqaWcH1p9oUryo8g.1>

Meeting ID: 910 1703 1740

Passcode: Cookies

Topic: New Cookie Manager Training and Question/Answer Chat

Time: Jan 21, 2026 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99081292399?pwd=CseZ1Qh5LbRDDAEHaZ97yBmEkPf1P7.1>

Meeting ID: 990 8129 2399

Passcode: Cookies



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