

## Cookie Stands

Introducing cookie stands, a new opportunity for girls to flex their entrepreneurship muscles.

Booths are a great way for girls to build teamwork and have fun together, but this year some girls may opt to host individual cookie stands, based on their location, schedule, or goals! With a family cookie stand, girls will have the cookie booth experience even if the troop is not participating in cookie booths. Cookie stands may take place during the booth sale window of March 1-24.

A cookie stand is a booth set up on the property where the girl or a close family member resides, as their city, homeowner's association, and/or property management permits. An individual Girl Scout may host a lemonade-style booth, provided she is supervised by her own parent/caregiver. Sisters or girls in the same household may participate in this kind of booth together.

## Tips for Cookie Stands

### Dress to Impress

When a potential supporter approaches a girl's cookie stand, or when girls knock on a neighbor's door, they should immediately know you're a Girl Scout. All members at the cookie stand should be wearing a Girl Scout uniform (sash or vest).

### Decorate, decorate, decorate!

Just like a troop blings their booth, cookie stands should be fun and exciting for the girls and their customers.

### Donation Cookies

Community members who are interested in supporting local Girl Scouts but would rather skip the sweets may also opt to donate to Operation: Sweet Appreciation or the troop's Gift of Caring cause.

These programs are a way for Girl Scouts to experience entrepreneurship and philanthropy by offering supporters the chance to purchase cookies to be donated to local charities, organizations, and heroes.

## Location and Requirements

- Since adults are supervising their own Girl Scouts, membership and background checks are not required. This will allow girls to have the booth experience without additional requirements for caregivers.
- Girls must have an adult present at the Cookie stand at all times—cookies and money should never be left unattended.
- Girls who reside in an apartment, gated community, or similar housing must obtain management approval prior to setting up—set-up must be in a common area within the bounds of the complex.
- Cookie stands are not permitted to be submitted in eBudde as a booth to be found on the Cookie Finder.
- Cookie stands are not to be set up on the street, sidewalk, street corner, medians, or public property. A cookie stand cannot be held at any commercial establishment.

- Any signage must follow city, property management, and/or homeowner association signage rules.
- Keep cookies shaded from the elements (i.e., heat, rain, etc.). Consider using a rolling cooler on hot days to keep cookies from melting.

## **Cookie Inventory**

- The purpose of cookie stands is to give girls more opportunities to achieve their goals. The parent/caregiver of the girl wishing to hold a cookie stand must first contact the troop leader to include them on their cookie stand plans.
- Girls can sell their extra cookies ordered.
- It is a troop decision to allow cookies to be given to caregivers on consignment.
- The caregiver is responsible for the physical care of the cookies they sign out from their troop.

## **Financial Responsibility**

- The caregiver is financially responsible for any cookies in their possession.
- It is a troop decision whether to allow any unsold cookies to be returned to the troop's inventory or remain the caregiver's financial responsibility. We strongly encourage a written 'contract' outlining the troop's expectations. As always, paper receipts are required when giving/receiving cookies. Council will not intervene in the case of a dispute between the troop and a caregiver but will request paper receipts for cookies and payments should an outstanding balance form be filed.
- All money received at a cookie stand must be turned into the troop and deposited in the troop's bank account.