# 2024-25 Cookie Program Family Guide

girl scouts
of eastern
massachusetts

# Why Girl Scouts Sell Cookies

Girl Scout Cookie entrepreneurs learn five valuable skills that set them up for success in life: goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics. Plus, troops earn money to fund activities and adventures like troop travel, camping, community service projects, and more.

## **Troop Proceeds**

A typical Girl Scout in our council sells an average of 139 packages of cookies and generates between \$152.90 and \$159.85 in troop proceeds for their troop! It all starts with the Girl Scout and their family committing themselves to helping the troop achieve their goals.

## Where the Cookie Dough Goes

100% of proceeds from the GSEMA Cookie Program stays local to help support Girl Scouting in our council.

# IMPORTANT DATES

Nov 25: Digital Cookie® registration email sends to all 2024-25 Girl Scouts, and they can begin selling online

**Dec 3:** Cookie cupboards open, and Girl Scouts can have cookies in hand

March 7: Cookie Program ends

**April 14:** Rewards deliver to Service Unit Cookie Mentors



**Digital Cookie**® is the online platform to promote and manage a Girl Scout's cookie business. With support from their caregivers, Girl Scouts take cookie orders, track purchases and deliveries, and forge a more direct digital connection with their customers.

#### 22.5%

TROOP
PROCEEDS &
REWARDS
GSEMA invests
in rewarding
incentives
to recognize
and support
a Girl Scout's
entrepreneurial
experience. Plus,
each troop earns
\$1.10 per cookie
package sold.

#### In one \$6 cookie package...

**23%** ABC BAKERS COST GSEMA pays ABC Bakers for Girl Scout Cookies.



#### 54.5%

COUNCIL INVESTMENT
This includes programs, financial assistance, training for volunteers, property management, and member support.

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#### **Support Your Girl Scout Entrepreneur:**

- Ensure your Girl Scout is a registered member for the 2024-25 troop year.
- · Review cookie materials together.
- · Assist in developing their sales pitch.
- Work with your Girl Scout to make goals and set up their Digital Cookie® website to reach a wide network of family and friends.

#### **Support Your Girl Scout Troop:**

- Participate in the troop family cookie meeting, help Girl Scouts decide on activities they'd like to do during the troop year, and create a budget to fund those dreams.
- Support troop cookie-selling activities and plans as needed (e.g. volunteer to pick up cookies at a cookie cupboard, provide transportation, or support to a cookie booth).

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