

Troops all over our council are making plans about how to use their proceeds earned from the cookie program. We have heard about trips to Savannah, Europe, Great Wolf Lodge, incredible community service projects, and plans for fun trips to Girl Scout camp. Girls and troops are exceeding their goals and are looking forward to being eligible to attend Camp Thanks-a-Lot, GEO event and being eligible for the college scholarship drawings! Once again, this year has the potential to be our biggest GS Cookie program ever, but we need your help. Please consider adding 1 booth, 1 more walk-about or continuing to support Operation Sweet Treat. Those community members who bought cookies at the beginning of the sale are certainly looking for more. Remember 9 out of 10 people who are asked, will buy GS cookies. We just have to ask.

We hear you! The cookie sale will be extended an additional week.

The extremely cold and snowy weather has impacted sales for all of our troops in the council, especially our sister Girl Scouts in the high country and far western part of our state. Several snow storms hit this past month affecting the availability of cookies, thus impacting booth sales and the availability of cookies for direct girl sales. We received numerous e-mails and phone calls with pleas to extend the sale an additional week. We hear you and are honoring your request.

How will this work?

Because we have to manage council cookie inventory down just as you do your troop inventory, our stock is very low. We anticipate that, due to the extension of the sale, our projected orders will exceed what we have in stock. However, we will place restocks orders to our baker as needed to ensure we have the cookies you need to continue your sales. Stock for unplanned orders will be limited, be sure to place a PLANNED order in Snap by Sunday, midnight if you want a guarantee that you will receive the cookies your troop needs. After reviewing our planned orders on Monday morning, we will send an e-mail and let you know if you need to postpone your trip to the cupboard to late in the week.

For the week of March 2, we will accept ONLY planned orders placed by midnight March 1, to the service center cupboards. The service center cupboards will be open on Friday, March 6 from 10 am to 6 pm. Accepting planned orders only will allow us to be the best stewards of your council funds and not have excessive inventory – just as you are responsible for any unsold product, so is the council responsible for cookies left in the cupboards.

Service Unit Volunteer Cupboards

Because we have to order ahead and this requires a lot of excess inventory, these cupboards will close this Sunday, February 22, as regularly scheduled.

Council Service Center Cupboard Hours/Days Open

Each **service center** cupboard (Asheville office, Colfax/Triad office, Gastonia office on New Hope Rd, Hickory office) will remain open through February 28 as regularly scheduled for both planned and unplanned orders; however, the inventory available for unplanned orders will be limited.

Service center cupboards will be open on Friday, March 6 for PLANNED ORDERS only. This will be the only day during the first week of March that the service center cupboards are open. If you cannot make it on March 6,

please find a responsible adult from your troop to pick up your order. Please make sure the person picking up the cookies has a cupboard authorization form. Place your PLANNED ORDER in Snap by Sunday, March 1 at 12 midnight – NO CALLS OR E-MAILS.

Payment Due & Other Dates

Dates/deadlines through February 26 and prior will remain the same. If you need an extension for the ACH withdrawal on February 25, be sure to complete the Troop Debt Form.

All other cookie sale dates February 29 and beyond will be pushed out one week. Here are the new “key” deadlines:

February 28.....	Last day to get an “unplanned order” from a council service center cupboard
March 6.....	Last day to get a “planned order” from a council service center cupboard. Service center cookie cupboards close at 6 pm Last day for online sales through COCODirect
March 9.....	Final COCODirect upload to SNAP
March 12.....	Bling Your Booth entries due (optional)
March 16.....	Last day to change troop proceeds & recognition plans in SNAP Last day for troop to girl transfers in SNAP Last day for troop to troop transfers in SNAP Last day to order Operation Sweet Treat (OST) cookies in SNAP Last day to create troop recognition order in SNAP
March 18.....	Walk-About patch order form due SUCM
March 19.....	Last day to report inventory discrepancies from cupboard transfers, OST (CShare) orders, troop transfers, etc. in SNAP
March 23	ACH e-mail sent for March 30 ACH withdrawal Buy 5 entries due council OST letters of encouragement due council
March 26.....	Deadline to notify council of unavailable troop funds to cover March 30 ACH withdrawal
March 30.....	Final ACH withdraw Final payment for gluten-free cookies due to council Buy 5 drawings
April 1	Leader reward t-shirt order forms due council Girl debt form and information (if any) due to council
April 13	Deadline for dishonored check reimbursement forms to council
April 12	Last day for troop booth sales (same deadline)
May.....	Rewards Distributed (same deadline)
June 1.....	Deadline for reporting recognition issues to council (same deadline)
June 20.....	GEO Recognition Day at Wet ‘n Wild, Emerald Pointe, Greensboro (same)
June/July.....	Camp Thanks-A-Lot (same)

Thank you for your support of our Girl Scout Cookie Program.