

Cookie Booths General Info

A Cookie Booth is where Girl Scouts sell cookies in public to reach their goals!

A Cookie Booth is a public sale of cookies at a local business that is run by 2 registered adults and at least 2 Girl Scouts present at all times.

There are 2 types of booths:

1. Council-Sponsored Booths

- These are cookie booths that the Council helps set up for troops to use. Council adds these locations into eBudde so troops can schedule their booths.
- These locations include: Ace Hardware, Giant Eagle/Market District, GSNEO Council Offices, Pet Supplies Plus, Tractor Supply, True Value Hardware, Walmart, Yours Truly Restaurants, and select local Mall locations.
- Not all Council locations show up in eBudde at the same time. We add new locations as we get approval from store managers. This can take several weeks during January and February.

If you don't see a location by the end of February, it means that store is not allowing Girl Scouts to have booths there this year.

- **Troops or caregivers should NOT contact Council-Sponsored stores directly to ask about booths.** Doing this can slow things down for everyone and might hurt GSNEO's good relationships with those stores.

2. My Sale Booths

- These are locations that troops secure that are entered into eBudde as a request that must be approved/denied by Council. They are not on the Council's list of approved places. These types of booths can be traditional (like in front of a store) or non-traditional (like a drive-thru location).
- These locations include at school events, churches (before or after services on a Sunday and the Friday night Fish Fry), local diners and Mom & Pop shops, gas stations and banks, recreation or community centers, college campuses, libraries, auto parts and retail shops.
- **Place your request for My Sale locations in eBudde before approaching a location to ask about booths. Approval from Council means approval to approach the location to make your request. If we have already approved another troop for that location and date, you will be denied even if you have already spoken to the store.**
- Cookie booths should be scheduled between the hours of 9 am - 9 pm in 2-3 hour shifts. Booth season starts March 7 and ends on March 29.
- Evaluate each location for safety, lighting, parking, visibility to your intended audience and appropriateness for the age level of your troop. Note: Booths are not permitted at locations where your Girl Scouts themselves cannot patronize. If there are booths at locations that have areas prohibited to minors (i.e. bars/breweries) the booth must be set up away from the prohibited areas at the location.

ALL booth sales (Council-sponsored and My Sales) must be selected/approved through eBudde!