

Week of January 20th

Cookie Bites

Welcome to Cookie Bites! This is your weekly information, updates, and reminders email during the 2026 cookie program. This is the third edition. You will get an email from the Product Program Team throughout the cookie program each Tuesday. This email is sent to Troop Cookie Chairs and Service Unit Cookie Chairs with cookie information only. You are encouraged to share the information with others in your troop as needed.

Upcoming Important Dates

Wednesday, January 21st | Troop initial orders are due by 11:59 pm.

Wednesday, January 21st 6:30 pm and Sunday, January 25th 1:00 pm | Cookie Rookie Series – Digital Cookie. Need help explaining Digital Cookie to your families? We will walk you through the system from set-up to rewards. We will provide you tips on how to use the system and how to take credit card payments at booths. Plus, we will give you resources to help your families when they have questions. This session does not require registration and can be joined here:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81144912548?pwd=4yMJrbDRshZ0bUnH8zULambah2rfko.1>

Meeting ID: 811 4491 2548

Passcode: Rookie26

Friday, January 23rd | Emails to families to access Digital Cookie will be sent throughout the day. Only Girl Scouts who have Product Program Permission Forms turned in by Monday, January 19th will get emails. After this date, emails will be sent Tuesdays and Thursdays starting Tuesday, January 27th.

Wednesday, January 28th 8:00 pm | 1st round of booth selections opens in Smart Cookies. Round 1 ends January 30th at 7:00 AM.

Friday, January 30th | Cookie Program begins with Digital Cookie opening for Girl Scouts to take orders and Girl Scouts can collect orders using paper order cards.

Friday, January 30th 8:00 pm | 2nd round of booth selections opens in Smart Cookies. Round 2 ends February 2nd at 7:00 AM.

Wednesday, January 28th, 6:30 pm and Saturday, January 31st, 9 am | Cookie Rookie Series – Booths. How do I sign up for cookie booths? How many cookies should I have for a booth? Are you unsure about how to get your troop ready for a cookie booth? Join us for Cookie Rookie: Cookie Booths. We will share best practices around cookie booths and help you prepare for cookie booths. We will provide resources for your use and answer your cookie questions.

Monday, February 2nd 8:00 pm | 3rd round of booth selections opens in Smart Cookies. Round 3 ends February 4th at 7:00 AM.

Important Updates

Cookie Booth Selection Rounds

Cookie booth selection round 1 opens on Wednesday, January 28th at 8:00 PM in Smart Cookies. For round 1, troops will be allowed to select a maximum of 5 booth locations with no more than 2 locations having a premium designation. Round 2 opens at 8:00 PM on Friday, January 30th and troops will be allowed to select additional booth locations with no more than 2 of those locations having a premium designation for a total of 10 time slots and no more than 4 premium locations. Round 3 is on Monday, February 2nd at 8:00 PM with the same rules in place. The final round of booth selections begins on Wednesday, February 4th at 8:00 PM. There will be no restrictions in place and troops may sign up for as many time slots as they'd like at any location, premium or not for the duration of the 2026 Cookie Sales season. Need help using Smart Cookies to select cookie booths? Please see the attached quick sheet for directions.

Troop Secured Booth Locations

Troops may begin requesting troop booths using the “Troop Secured Booths” button in the “Booth” tab. Please submit booth requests no less than 48 hours before the requested time. These are locations troops have secured on their own that are not part of a national chain or for troops in smaller communities. All booth rules still apply.

Booth Training for Families

To improve the booth experience for our Girl Scout families, we are offering a gsLearn course on cookie booths starting Monday, January 26th. Please encourage your Girl Scout’s caregivers to take this training if they will be assisting you with cookie booths.

It is highly recommended that all Troop Booth Supervisors take this training. To access the training, registered caregivers will need to log into MyGS on our website, enter My Account along the top, and choose gsLearn from the left column. If it is their first time logging in, they won't see any courses. They should populate within 45 minutes and will include the booth training.

Smart Cookies Reminders

Smart Cookies Registration Emails

If you have not received an email to register for Smart Cookies and you and at least one other volunteer from your troop completed training on or before Friday, January 16th, please do the following:

1. Search your email’s spam or junk folder for an email with the subject “ABC Smart Cookies Registration.”
2. Check gsLearn to make sure there are no Cookie Courses with the picture of a ferret in your “Not Started” or “In Progress” tabs.
3. Speak with your co-chair(s) to make sure one other chair has completed all their training courses.

Once you have gone through all of these steps, please email customer@nmgirlscouts.org and we will look into the matter. If you and at least one other volunteer from your troop have completed training since the 16th, you can

expect an email by Wednesday, January 21st . If you do not receive an email, please see steps 1-3.

Updating of Girl Scouts Smart Cookies

All Girl Scouts who have a current membership and complete a Product Program Permission Form as of Monday, January 19th will be uploaded on Thursday, January 22nd.

Digital Cookie Reminders

Emails for Digital Cookie Registration

Emails to set up Digital Cookie websites will be going out to Girl Scouts who submitted forms by January 29th . Please be aware that families with multiple Girl Scouts in the program will only receive one email. Families should look for the email “Register for the Digital Cookie platform today” from the sender “Girl Scout Cookies” at email@email.girlscouts.org. We kindly ask that families wait until Tuesday, January 27th to contact us if they do not get an email. Please have them email customer-care@nmgirlscouts.org and we will investigate the issue.

Shipping Rates

Shipping rates for the 2025 Girl Scout Cookie Program are:

4 to 8 Packages: \$11.99

9-12 Packages: \$13.99

\$5.00 surcharge for orders shipping to Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, APO/FPO/DPO, Guam and US Virgin Islands

Resource Highlight

Permission Forms

To help you know which families have submitted Product Permission Forms, there is a Goggle Sheet with a list of families who have submitted forms for your Service Unit. Links for the sheets are available through your Service Unit Cookie Chair. We are currently experiencing a high volume of submissions. Please pay close attention to the date listed at the top of the sheet to see where we are in the process. Asking caregivers to submit another form without first checking the list slows down the process.

Virtual Office Hours

Virtual Office Hours are now available on Monday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm and Wednesdays during the lunch hour from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm. Please use the Zoom meeting information below. All virtual office hours will use the same link and passcode.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89823800155?pwd=pLJEAjaprt3H9IWzVdMnuYI37Ha74G.1>

Meeting ID: 898 2380 0155

Passcode: Cookie26

🎲 **Get Ready for Cookie Season with La Tienda! 🎲**

La Tienda has all your Cookie Program Essentials! From signs and tablecloths to bags and shirts. Be on the lookout for more information in future Cookie Bites or Troop Essentials.



Have questions? We are here to help! Contact us at customercare@nmgirlscouts.org or 505-343-1040.



Quick Bites

Scheduling Booths – First Come First Service (FCFS) Selections

View this video: [Scheduling a FCFS Booth Video](#) or follow the steps below.

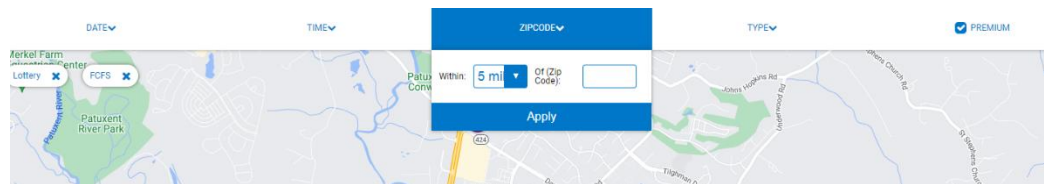
Log into Smart Cookies and navigate to Booths>Schedule a Booth. When FCFS is open, this bar will display which includes information on open and close dates, max number of premium reservations that can be scheduled and max number of total reservations that can be made.

Open: First Come, First Served - Reservation 1	
Opens On: Sep 28 @ 06:00 AM	Closes On: Mar 31 @ 11:00 PM
Max Premium Reservations 5	Max Total Reservations 60

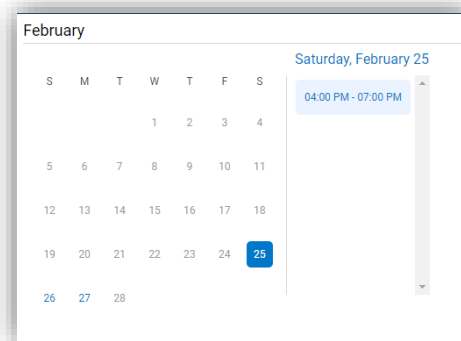
Lottery
 FCFS
 Premium

- Dollar Tree**
1641 Crofton Center
Crofton, MD, 21114 ●
- IHOP**
889 MD 3 N
Gambriels, MD, 21054 ●
- Shoppers**
1649 Crofton Center
Crofton, MD, 21114 ●
- Sunoco**
1025 RT 3 N
Gambriels, MD, 21054 ●
- Mt Airy Reception Hall**
1008 Twin Arch Rd
Mt Airy, MD, 21771 ●
- Family Bike**
1286 MD 3
Crofton, MD, 21114 ●
- Giant**
1161 MD 3 N
Gambriels, MD, 21054 P

A list of available locations will display on a grid on the right. A location with a “P “means that it is a premium booth. You can search for locations by name, zip code or city to narrow your search. There are also a number of filters to find available locations by a specific date, time, distance from a zip code and more. Any booth displayed is available even if designated as a lottery location. Any locations with available time slots after the lottery move to the FCFS rounds.



Click on a location to open a calendar. Available dates appear in blue. Click on the date to open up available timeslots. Click on the time slot desired and save. Your troop will immediately be assigned to the booth. Return to Booths>My Reservations to see a list of all booths scheduled.



3 Results

Show Confirmed Reservations
 Show Pending or Denied Reservations
 Booths left to distribute

STORE	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP CODE	DATE	TIME	PREMIUM	TYPE
Royal Farms	1114 Rt 3 N	Gambriels	21054	Saturday, Feb 04	03:00 PM - 06:00 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FCFS
Michael's Pizza	16952 York Rd	Monkton	21111	Sunday, Feb 26	03:00 PM - 06:00 PM	<input type="checkbox"/>	FCFS
Giant	1161 MD 3 N	Gambriels	21054	Sunday, Feb 26	10:00 AM - 02:00 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FCFS

Booth Sale Summary