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## Here's something new for Girl Scout Week!

Girl Scout Week is March 7-13. This is our week, so let's have some fun and share our Girl Scout spirit! During Girl Scout Week, **girls can choose activities from this page** and track their points to earn the Celebrate Girl Scout Week patch, which they can purchase from our **retail shop**.



## Register for Feb. 20 event for grades 6-12

How can you take action for equality? GSUSA invites girls in grades 6-12 to an engaging chat with inspiring women, including corporate leaders and National Gold Award Girl Scouts. This 1 p.m. Feb. 20 virtual event — Diversity, Inclusion and

You: Girls Making a Difference — will lift up people who advance diversity,

### Diversity, Inclusion, and You: Girls Making a Difference

Virtual Event for Grades 6-12  
February 20 - 1 PM EST

equity and inclusion to make the world a better place. Panelists will discuss how they have furthered diversity, equity and inclusion in the workplace and in their communities. They will talk about their efforts to end violence against Indigenous women, expand the inclusion of people with disabilities, increase the visibility of the LGBTQ+ community, combat food deserts and address menstrual stigma. Girls who attend will

- Learn about careers that are focused on advancing diversity, equity and inclusion
- Think about and gain inspiration for their own Take Action projects or Girl Scout Gold Award projects
- Learn and be able to ask questions about issues related to diversity, equity and inclusion

In order to be responsive to girls' needs, some discussions during this panel may focus on subjects that may be considered sensitive in nature. [Click here to register for Diversity, Inclusion and You: Girls Making a Difference.](#)

## Girl Scout Cookie Finder

- Online [Girl Scout Cookie Finder](#)
- Girl Scout Cookie Finder app from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#)
- Text COOKIES to 59618

This year's updates help customers find local booths and order cookies for direct ship. The troops that appear for the direct ship option are selected at random and rotate. Be sure to add your troop's booth to [Smart Cookies](#) so it appears in the app.



## C is for cookie so CP is for cookie pickup!

Here are tips for picking up your troop's initial order during Feb. 18-20 drive-thrus:

- When talking to the cookie drive-thru team, please wear a face mask.
- Be prepared for the weather. If you are picking up cookies in an open-bed truck, then bring a tarp to protect cookies from rain.
- Clean out your vehicle ahead of time to maximize the space for cookies.
- Be prepared to wait in your vehicle until you enter the count/sort section.



## Picking Up Your Cookies

The majority of troops will participate in one of our cookie drive-thrus. Both the pickup location and time can be chosen in Smart Cookies after placing the initial order.

**This helpful chart will assist in planning for cookie pickup and to determine how many vehicles will be needed.**

Compact Car	35	Sport Utility Vehicle	80
Mid-size Sedan	35	Minivan (seats in)	100
Standard Car	45	Full Bed Pick-up Truck	100
Station Wagon	70-75	Cargo Van	150-200

## Details about cookie booths

We are adding new cookie booth locations weekly, so be sure to check them out in [Smart Cookies](#). Here's how to register for any of the council-sponsored cookie booth locations via [Smart Cookies](#):

- Log in to Smart Cookies.
- Click on Booth at the top of your dashboard.
- Click on Schedule Booth.
- Select a booth from the available opportunities.



## Here's how to hold virtual cookie booths

Is your troop considering a virtual booth sale? Or are you hosting an in-person booth sale and want to take orders ahead of time? This information will help:

- [recorded webinar](#) to show you exactly what to do
- [video](#) will walk you through the steps in Smart Cookies
- [helpful GSUSA guide](#)



## Planned orders and cupboards

Our cookie cupboards will open the week of Feb. 22. So that we can have your cookies ready, we use a planned order system. Here's how to schedule a

planned order:

- Log in to [Smart Cookies](#).
- On your dashboard, click on Orders.
- Click on Planned Orders.
- Choose the location you want to pick up from.
- Chose the date.
- Choose the time frame for pickup.
- Enter the cookie order and click save.

Planned orders are only for full cases of cookies. Planned orders may not be available at all cupboard locations.

**New in 2021:** Because of a shortage of professional drivers, our baker cannot guarantee as fast a turnaround on cookie orders as it has provided in the past. For this reason, planned orders must be placed seven days before pickup. For example, an order placed on Thursday evening will be available on Friday or Saturday of the following week.

## Support throughout cookie season

Add to your calendar these timely, brief webinars designed to help troop cookie managers and troop leaders. There is no need to register in advance because the Zoom links, meeting IDs and passcodes are provided below. Can't join us live via Zoom? No problem! Recorded versions of each training will be posted in our [on-demand video library](#) within 48 hours after each webinar.

### Tips for picking up your troop's cookies

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83558184149?pwd=OFBUcmx4eIZjWEUxTUUxbDNGYXBOZz09>

6:30-7 p.m. Feb. 16

Meeting ID: 835 5818 4149

Passcode: 673215

### Placing your troop's cookie reward order, final payments and wrapping up the program

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82393167829?pwd=WUhsdThlLzBVdk5wNkExdnI5QlMyQT09>

6:30-7 p.m. March 23

Meeting ID: 823 9316 7829

Passcode: 027027



## Girl Scout Gold Award



We mailed specially created gift boxes to our council's newest Gold Award Girl Scouts to celebrate their accomplishments. COVID-19 disrupted our recognition events, but we look forward to applauding these outstanding young women in person when we are able to get together.

## Now is the time to register for new activities

Girls and troops are loving our brand-new events

and activities! [Click this link to see the new lineup of in-person, online and self-guided opportunities.](#) Registration is now open via [COMAR](#).

The world needs Girl Scouts more than ever, so we're working with our volunteers to keep girls engaged in the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. We have what girls want!



## Yoga and dance for Stronger Together this week

In connection with our Stronger Together campaign to recruit and renew members, GSCV is offering weekly complimentary activities through March. These virtual activities are open to members, girls who are renewing and non-members who want to sample Girl Scouting before joining. Registration is required using this link: <http://bit.ly/33VfXPG>.

Here's a [flier with all of the upcoming Stronger Together activities](#) you can download and share. Be sure to register for this week's online activity and share the information with Girl Scouts and potential Girl Scouts: **Yoga and Dance Fitness will start at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 11 for grades K-12:** Grab your mat and a towel for a yoga and dance class! We will start with an introduction and some breathing exercises, a little movement on our mat, followed by a few dance numbers to some of your favorite songs and some stretching. This is an all-levels class, so get your family members to join the fun! Supplies needed are a towel, water and a yoga mat if you have one.



## Democracy downloads deadline extended

GSUSA has extended the time it is making booklets and requirements for Democracy badges free for all to download. Feb. 15 is the new deadline for this opportunity. [Click here to download booklets and badge requirements.](#)



## Volunteer Toolkit TIP – Communicate with Parent(s)

- Send customizable and/or pre-populated emails to parent(s)
- Parents can view the year plan and activities you have scheduled
- Great way to send Zoom links for virtual meetings and activities

## Timely trainings for our terrific volunteers

Move forward into 2021 by taking part in our council's troop leader training opportunities. Be sure to **check COMAR regularly** because we are continually adding training sessions to support our adult volunteers. Here are upcoming virtual opportunities:

- **Senior Level: 7-9 p.m. Feb. 11**
- **Junior Level: 7-8:30 p.m. Feb. 15**

GSUSA offers online webinars to support troop leaders. **Check out upcoming and recorded webinars here.**

## Visit our Girl Scout retail shop online!

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