

# 2023 BLAST OFF BAG PROGRAM

Discover how Girl Scouts can participate in the Blast Off Bag Program as part of the 2023 Girl Scouts Greater Iowa Fall Product Program. The Blast Off Bag offers a new way for Girl Scouts to reach their customers—with product in-hand during the Fall Product Program! We are excited to pilot this program and believe it will enhance the Fall Product Program by allowing Girl Scouts to participate in door-to-door sales and lemonade stands!

## IMPORTANT DATES:

AUGUST 3 - 28	EARLY SEPTEMBER	WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25	SEPTEMBER 29	OCTOBER 22
Sign-up is open to Girl Scouts to participate in the Blast Off Bag Program by visiting: <a href="https://gsgibridge.com/fallprogram">gsgibridge.com/fallprogram</a>	We will email you pick up details for your Blast Off Bag(s)!	Blast Off Bag pick-ups begin in Des Moines, Mason City, and Sioux City this week during open shop hours. Days and times of pick-ups for Council Bluffs area participants will be sent in early September. Special accommodations will be handled on a case-by-case basis.	In-person sales begin. Girl Scouts can reach their customers with product in hand.	In-person sales end. All money is due to Troop Product Manager (TPM).

## BLAST OFF BAG PROGRAM DETAILS

- ▲ Blast Off Bags are meant to be “owned” by one individual Girl Scout. The M2 database does not allow us to parcel the items in each bag out to multiple Girl Scouts. Participants are unable to share sales from the Blast Off Bag and rewards will be earned individually in the M2 system.
- ▲ Participants take on the financial responsibility of the bag when they sign up for them. Money will be turned in to the TPM with the order card.

## HOW IT WORKS

- ▲ Customers can pay for Blast Off Bag products using cash or check only. If a customer only has a credit card to use, then they should place an order for Girl Delivery or Direct Ship. They cannot purchase the Blast Off Bag items with a Credit Card. Credit cards are not able to be used for these products due to system limitations.
- ▲ Parents/TPMs do not need to add these items in to M2 – it will already be preloaded into the M2 System.

## WHAT'S IN THE BLAST OFF BAG?

- ▲ 5 Peanut Butter Penguins - \$9.00 each
- ▲ 2 Sweet Cinnamon Almonds - \$10.00 each
- ▲ 4 Fruit Slices - \$7.00 each
- ▲ 1 Friendship Tin with Trefoils - \$12.00 each
- ▲ 3 Whole Cashews - \$10.00 each
- ▲ **Total Blast Off Bag Retail: \$135.00**



## HANDLING MONEY

All money (cash and/or checks) from the Blast Off Bag is due to the Troop Product Manager by October 22. Troop Product Managers will receive an email by the end of September informing them of any Girl Scouts in their troop who are participating in the Blast Off Bag Program.

## REWARDS

The Blast Off Bag contains 15 Fall Product nut and candy items that will be counted towards Girl Scout rewards earned during the 2023 Fall Product Program. These items will automatically be calculated in the M2 System for Girl Scouts who sign-up to participate in the Blast Off Bag Program. Girl Scouts will also receive a Blast Off Bag patch!



## FAQ

### GETTING STARTED

**Q:** Who can participate in the Blast Off Bag Program?

**A:** Any registered Girl Scout can participate in the Blast Off Bag Program.

**Q:** How do I sign up to participate in the Blast Off Bag Program?

**A:** Parents/guardians can [sign-up between August 3 and August 28 here](#).

**Q:** Can my Girl Scout sign up to receive multiple Blast Off Bags?

**A:** Yes! If your Girl Scout has big goals this Fall Product season and would like to request more than one Blast Off Bag, you may do so.

### DELIVERY

**Q:** I signed up to receive a Blast Off Bag. Where is it?

**A:** Blast Off Bag pick-ups begin the week of September 25 in Des Moines, Mason City, and Sioux City during open shop hours. Days and times of pick-ups for Council Bluffs area participants will be sent in early September. Special accommodations will be handled on a case-by-case basis for participants who are not near a GSGI Leadership Center.

### RETURNS/EXCHANGES

**Q:** Can I return any unsold items from my Blast Off Bag?

**A:** Unsold items may not be returned. Once you pick up and sign the product receipt, it is your financial responsibility.

**Q:** Can I exchange any unsold items for a different item?

**A:** Exchanges are not allowed. Each Blast Off Bag contains a carefully selected lineup of our Fall Product Program best-selling items.

### ORDER ISSUES

**Q:** I received a Blast Off Bag and I have a damaged item. What do I do?

**A:** Please reach out to us at [info@gsiowa.org](mailto:info@gsiowa.org) or call us at 800-342-8389.

## PRODUCT

**Q:** What is included in the Blast Off Bag?

**A:** There are 15 best-selling items in the Blast Off Bag. They are:

- 5 Peanut Butter Penguins - \$9.00 each
- 4 Fruit Slices - \$7.00 each
- 3 Whole Cashews - \$10.00 each
- 2 Sweet Cinnamon Almonds - \$10.00 each
- 1 Friendship Tin with Trefoils - \$12.00 each
- Limited edition Blast Off Patch (only earned with the Blast Off Bag!) insert patch

## REWARDS

**Q:** What rewards will I receive from selling the Blast Off Bag items?

**A:** The Blast Off Bag contains 15 Fall Product nut and candy items that will be counted towards Girl Scout rewards earned during the 2023 Fall Product Program. Check out the rewards panel on [The Bridge](#).

## PAYMENT AND FINANCES

**Q:** How do I accept payment from my customers when selling items in the Blast Off Bag?

**A:** Payments may be accepted via cash/check. At this time, credit card payments cannot be accepted for Blast Off Bag items. If your customer would like to pay with credit card, you will need to have them order online, through the M2 system, selecting either the Girl Delivery or Direct Ship option. They can order the same items, but you can't use your Blast Off Bag inventory to fill the order when they need to pay with a credit card.

**Q:** When and how will I be charged for the Blast Off Bag?

**A:** All money (cash and/or checks) from the Blast Off Bag is due to the Troop Product Manager (TPM) by October 22.