

2023-2024 Program Credit Policies

Cookie Dough, Munch Money, and Juliette Program Credits

What are Product Program Credits?

- Program Credits used by Girl Scouts to enhance their experience.
- Girl Scouts earn "Cookie Dough" credits from participation in the Girl Scout Cookie Program, and "Munch Money" credits through the Fall Product Program.
- Juliettes, (or individually-registered Girl Scouts not placed in a troop), earn additional Juliette Program Credits in lieu of monetary Troop Proceeds.
- ~ Program Credits may be shared between Girl Scouts in the same household; otherwise, they are **non-transferable**.

How Do Girl Scouts Access Their Credits?

- Program Credits are loaded onto a Program Credit Account Number (similar to a credit card number), which is emailed to each Girl Scout (parent/guardian email) and retained by Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa (GSGI).

How Can Program Credits Be Used?

For Girl Scout Membership

- Use Program Credits towards your annual Girl Scout membership fee. Partial payments for memberships are not accepted. You must have at least \$25 to purchase your renewal with Program Credits.
- Graduating high school seniors can use Program Credits to pay lifetime membership dues (\$200 current cost for young adults.) <u>Submit your request at</u> girlscoutsiowa. org/renew.

For Events, Camp, and Travel

- ↑ To use Program Credits towards registration costs for camps, activities, trips, or service unit events on our Events List, register online for the event, and select "Gift Card" as the payment type. Enter the 19-digit Program Credit Account Number to complete the payment.
 - Program Credits can also be used towards adult fees when chaperones are required.
 - Registrations paid with Program Credits are nonrefundable but may be transferred to another event in accordance with GSGI Refund/Return Policies.
- Contact GSGI to use Program Credits towards a national Girl Scout <u>Destinations</u> travel opportunity.

In GSGI Retail Stores or Online Shop

- Visit our <u>GSGI council shops</u> to use Program Credits in-store. Purchases made with Program Credits are nonrefundable. Items may be exchanged within 90 days.
- Submit an Online Code Request. You will receive an email within two weeks with a specific code for online shopping. Once credits are converted to an Online Shopping Code, they can only be used for online shopping and cannot be converted back to traditional Program Credit functionality for events, etc.

For Troop Activities

- Program Credits may be transferred to a troop bank account for qualifying activities or camps in which the troop is participating. With parent permission, leaders can submit the <u>Credit Request for Troop Activities</u> Form.
 - Credits cannot be transferred to the troop for supplies or materials.

To Support Other Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts can choose to donate any portion of their Program Credits to support the incredible local mission of Girl Scouting! Options are donations to support GSGI's mission, including funding memberships, uniforms, and camp projects. Donations can be submitted through the Cookie Dough Donation Form.

At Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska

Girl Scouts can convert their Program Credits to use at Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska.

Submit the GSGI to GSSN Program Credit Transfer form to convert GSGI Program Credits for use at Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska council-sponsored programs or shopping experiences at the Omaha Juliette's Boutique. Once converted, they cannot be converted back to GSGI Program Credits.

Note: Program Credits cannot be used for events hosted by outside organizations (unless the event's registration is processed through GSGI).

Program Credit Expiration

Credits Earned during the 2022 Fall Product Program or the 2023 Girl Scout Cookie Program

- Prior Program Credits expired on **September 15, 2023** for Girl Scouts who were in <u>Grades K-4</u> when they earned credits.
- Credits were <u>automatically saved</u> for Girl Scouts who were in grades 5-11 (including Juliettes) when they earned credits, as long as they renewed their Girl Scout membership for the 2023-2024 year.
 - Ideally, these are for use towards larger-scale Girl Scout camps or trips.
 - Program Credits will only expire if a Girl Scout has not re-registered by September 15 annually OR when they graduate from Girl Scouts.
- □ Girl Scouts in grades 5 and above must have renewed their membership for the 2023-2024 Girl Scout year by September 15, 2023 in order to keep their Cookie Dough; otherwise, Cookie Dough and Munch Money earned in the 2022-2023 year expired on September 15, 2023.

Credits Earned during the 2023 Fall Product Program or the 2024 Girl Scout Cookie Program:

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- Credits will be <u>automatically saved</u> for Girl Scouts who were in grades 5-11 (including Juliettes) when they earned credits, as long as they have renewed their Girl Scout membership by **September 15, 2024**.
 - Ideally, these are for use towards larger-scale Girl Scout camps or trips.
 - Program credits will only expire if a Girl Scout has not re-registered by September 15 annually OR when they graduate from Girl Scouts.
- □ Girl Scouts in grades 5 and above must renew their membership for the 2024-2025 Girl Scout year by September 15, 2024 in order to keep their Cookie Dough; otherwise, Cookie Dough and Munch Money earned in the 2023-2024 year will expire on September 15, 2024.

Just for Juliettes!

- Juliettes, or individually registered Girl Scouts, can earn Munch Money, Cookie Dough and Juliette Program Credits. Juliette Program Credits are issued in lieu of Troop Proceeds.
- ↑ Juliette Program Credits will not expire, but will automatically roll over to the next membership year. Munch Money and Cookie Dough Credits will still expire annually on September 15 for Juliettes in grades K-4.
- Juliettes must renew their membership for the next membership year (which will be) 2024-2025 by September 15, 2024 in order to keep their Juliette Program Credits.
- Munch Money and/or Cookie Dough Credits will be deducted first, before Juliette Program Credits are utilized.

Troop Proceeds Versus Individual Rewards

- ↑ Program Credits (Cookie Dough, Munch Money, and Juliette Program Credits) are individually earned and maintained. Troop Proceeds are "owned" by the collective troop/group in a separate troop bank account, to be used for the purposes of Girl Scouting, benefiting the troop as a whole.
- Proceeds earned are shared, and troops should not record or allocate based on the amounts earned by each Girl Scout.