# ACTIVITIES Foor COOKIE KICKOFFS AND RALLIES 

 would like cookie samples, patches, and rewards to have at your rally. Click the green text above or yellow button to open the form!

Note: All links in this document can be found on The Bridge (gsgibridge.org).

# HOW SHOULD YOU PREPARE? 



## BUDGET

What activities do you want to include? Do they require supplies?

## ADVERTISE

- Emails, flyers, and/or service unit social media
- Include a pre-registration option so you can adequately prepare!


## RECRUIT

Don't try to do it all alone. Break jobs into small responsibilities that people can easily do. Invite older Girl Scouts to help with set up and program activities.

## HAVE A PLAN

Make an agenda to keep on track. Use the following as a guide for your event.

## SETUP: 30 MINUTES TO 1 HOUR

REGISTRATION: 30 MINUTES
WELCOME ACTIVITY: 15 MINUTES
Kick off your event with a fun group activity like a song, cheer, or a game to generate excitement!

Divide Girl Scouts into small groups by troop or age level and explain how the rally will work.


## STATIONS: 15 MINUTES PER STATION

Use a chime or music to signal when it is time to move to the next station!
use the hands-on activities in this guide to help Girl Scouts learn the 5 skills. Consider one station per skill!

## GROUP FUN: 20 MINUTES

wrap up your event with another
fun group activity or game!
THANK YOU: 10 MINUTES
Close out your rally with a warm thank you.
Hand out patches and/or certificates.

Please Note: If you are going to sample cookies or provide refreshments, be sure to ask about any potential allergies they may have.

# WHAT SHOULD GIRL SCOUTS LEARN? 

## GOALS

Talk about the importance of starting with a goal and help them set their personal goals for the Girl Scout Cookie Program.

## GOAL SETTING KEYS

- Rewards: Some Girl Scouts will want to set their goal based on the Reward Panel. Be sure to have pictures to look at! Encourage returning Girl Scouts to start with a goal to sell more than last year!
- Family support: Girl Scouts should discuss their goals with their parents/guardians, for their buyin and support.
- Stretch goals: Challenge older Girl Scouts or experienced sellers with setting a second "stretch" goal that's a little higher.
- Personal goals: Girl Scouts can set goals beyond their sales numbers! Ask them what they want to learn or improve on.
- Accountability: Have Girl Scouts write or illustrate their goals and ask them to share with a partner or in a group. They can also write their goal on their copy of the Reward Panel and circle their choices for items or Cookie Dough!


## HUSTLE

Talk to them about turning their goals into action by making plans and following through with them.

## BUSINESS PLAN KEYS

- Who? Write or illustrate a list of people who might want to support their cookie business. How could they find customers beyond family and friends? Remind returning sellers to think about people they sold to last year!
- Where? On their own or with their troop, they can discuss where to sell cookies. Have them come up with a list of booth locations or places they might find cookie customers.
- When? Have them think about a schedule for their cookie business. What would be the best time to go door-to-door or to reach out to family members? Challenge older members to think about their goals and set benchmark dates for reaching $50 \%$ and $75 \%$ of their goal.
- How? Ask your Girl Scouts to think about what help they are going to need to achieve their goals! Who is ordering cookies, picking them up, helping them connect with customers? Are there supplies they need, like booth decorations or thank you cards? Help them see that a successful cookie business takes more than just one Girl Scout!
- Why? The most important piece for cookie sellers is knowing why and being able to tell customers all the reasons to support the cookie program. Girl Scouts can think about their "why" as they develop a business plan and fine-tune it as they practice their sales pitch.



## PITCH

First, have Girl Scouts plan out their sales pitch, and then have them try it out with a partner.

## SALES PITCH KEYS

- Greeting: Hi! I'm Sally with Troop 321, and I'd like to talk to you about Girl Scout Cookies!
- Share your goals: I'm selling cookies because I want to go to horse camp! My goal this year is to sell 300 boxes of cookies!
- Ask them to buy Girl Scout Cookies: Are you interested in buying cookies and supporting my goal?
- Tell the customer a little about the different varieties: I have nine different kinds - all varieties are $\$ 6$ per package. My favorite are the Caramel deLites ${ }^{\circledR}$, but the Thin Mints ${ }^{\circledR}$ are also a big hit! Do you have any favorites, or any questions?
- Suggest donating cookies: We can also take donations and we'll donate cookies to places like military organizations and local food banks!
- Close the sale and always say thank you!


## GO THE EXTRA MILE

Help perfect their pitch with these additional touches:

- All cookie money stays local! That's an important fact for some customers.
- Troop activities: Share what your troop is planning to do with your troop proceeds, or if you're not sure, tell them about fun things your troop has already done!
- The right choice: Share what customers get when they buy Girl Scout Cookies versus similar products.
- Passion and enthusiasm: Your attitude will make a difference to the customer.



## MARKETING

Have them work in groups to create a short commercial for their cookie business! They can act it out or have an adult record it.

Encourage them to think about the following when writing their script:


Encourage them to make it fun and catchy!
They can also create posters or cards to market their cookie business!

## TAKE IT UP A NOTCH!

Looking for more ideas for your Service Unit Rally or Troop Kickoff? Check these out:

- Invite a panel of teen Girl Scouts to offer sales tips and share what they’ve learned from the Girl Scout Cookie Program.
- Ask local businesswomen, university students, and entrepreneurs to share their lessons learned from the Girl Scout Cookie Program.
- Host a Cookie Recipe Cook Off! Invite troops or families to create desserts with the cookies and have them bring samples. Tip: Super sellers might print out recipe cards and give them out to cookie customers!
- Set up a mock booth display, so they can practice for their booth sales.
- Check out all of the Girl Scout pins and badges that align with the cookie program!


## USE YOUR RESOURCES!

Check out The Bridge for tools and resources you can use throughout the program! The rest of this document provides you with some resources you can use during your kickoff or rally.


## Entrepreneurship Badges \& Pins

When you sell Girl Scout Cookies, you practice-goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics-as you learn to think like an entrepreneur. You can earn badges and pins each year you run your own Girl Scout Cookie business. Then explore your own business idea by earning an Entrepreneur badge.
Daisy

# SUPER SELING STRATEGIES 

## IF YOU KNOW...

Fact 1: The number one reason people don't buy Girl Scout Cookies is that they have never been asked.

Fact 2: Customers buy Girl Scout Cookies because they love the taste.

Fact 3: Customers are eager for their favorites because they can only buy Girl Scout Cookies once a year.

Fact 4: Customers buy Girl Scout Cookies because they want to support Girl Scouts.

Fact 5: Customers like to order cookies from home.

Fact 6: Girl Scout Cookie customers usually buy every year.

Fact 7: When customers are asked multiple times, they buy multiple packages.

Fact 8: Customers sometimes buy fewer cookies because of dietary reasons.

Fact 9: Customers buy more cookies when you suggest they buy more.

Fact 10: Customers want to know they are getting a good deal.

## THEN YOU MIGHT...

You must think beyond, way beyond, family and friends to reach all those eager cookie customers. You already know that cookies sell well at grocery stores, malls, and other high-traffic areas. Get creative and think about more ways that you can stick out with great marketing.

When customers approach your cookie booth, offer a cookie sample before you ask them to buy. Arrange an attractive sampler plate so customers can try your varieties. No one can resist!

Make signs or suggest that customers buy by the case. Encourage customers to stock up for the whole year by buying enough to freeze for later. Offer a large zip-top freezer bag with large purchases. Remind customers that the cookies make great gifts and party food.

Always tell your customers about your goals. Hang up signs or wear a t-shirt that shows what you're working towards. Customers want to help you succeed.

Grab some friends and head around the neighborhood (with an adult) for door-to-door sales. Be sure to gather for a celebration-and maybe hot cocoa-at the end!

Contact your customers from last year. Save your Order Card for next year so you can return to your customers and ask again.

Ask, ask, and ask again. When you deliver cookies, ask customers if they would like to buy more than they ordered. If you have cookies left over at the end of the season, call back the customers who bought these varieties and ask if they would like more.

Highlight the ways they can donate cookies back to their community. Offer customers the opportunity to purchase cookies that will be donated to a local charity. At booth sales, create a sign that informs customers about this choice.

With pretty ribbon, tie up three packages to create bundles such as "Chocolate Lovers Pack" or "Classic Bundle". It's fun to give away free handmade gift tags to go along with the bundle.

Print out recipes and offer one free with the purchase of multiple packages. Attach an appropriate recipe to each bundle of cookies. It's a lot of fun to create attractive recipe booklets to give away with larger purchases.

# AXOLOTL FUN FACTS 

use these Axolotl fun facts to get Girl Scouts excited about the 2024 Girl Scout Cookie season! Make it a jeopardy game, make it a quiz, whatever will excite your troop the most!


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## Memory Game

Print, cut and play to build cookie knowledge. When you find a match, give your best cookie sale pitch!




Who will you sell Girl Scout Cookies to this year? Try to think of 5 (or more!) NEW customers!

## Sell Cookies to:

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