Introducing Cookie Carts!



What is a Cookie Cart?

Cookie Carts (formerly known as Lemonade Stands) are a great way for Girl Scouts to flex their entrepreneurship muscles. They are held during the same time frame as traditional Cookie Booths. In 2025, they may be held from April 1- May 4.

A Cookie Cart is a mini booth set up at a small business, that due to space limitations cannot host a traditional booth with multiple Girl Scouts there at a time.

How are Cookie Carts different than Cookie Booths?

A Girl Scout hosting a Cookie Cart must be **supervised by her own parent/caregiver**. Cookies and money should never be left unattended. If a second Girl Scout and her caregiver want to do a joint Cookie Cart and split the package credits they may, but **no more than 2 Girl Scouts** and their caregivers may be at the Cookie Cart.

Cookie Carts cannot be held in the same location as a council-secured booth or troop-secured booth and cannot be held at any major retail establishments. A good rule of thumb is that if the space is big enough to hold a traditional troop booth, a Cookie Cart cannot be held there.

Alternatively, a Cookie Cart may be held on the property where the girl or a close family member resides as their city, homeowner's association, and/or property management permits and girls who reside in an apartment, gated community or similar housing must obtain management approval prior to setting up— set-up must be in a common area within the bounds of the complex.

Any signage must follow city, property management, and/or homeowner association signage rules.

Cookie Carts are not to be set up on the street, sidewalk, street corner, medians or public property.

Cookie Carts held at small businesses may be listed as a booth in the National Cookie Finder, if the caregiver would like. Cookie Carts at homes will not be listed on the National Cookie Finder for privacy and security purposes.

Like Cookie Booths, Girl Scouts of Maine does ask that all Cookie Cart requests be sent to your local service unit cookie supervisor for review and then to the GSME Product Program staff for approval.

How to get cookies

The purpose of a Cookie Cart is to give a Girl Scout more opportunities to achieve her goals. If the Girl Scout wishing to hold a Cookie Cart is in a troop, the parent/caregiver of the girl must secure cookies through their troop leader. Juliette Girl Scouts should contact the council who will coordinate pick-up with the local cookie cupboard.

The caregiver is responsible for all packages received and any leftover cookies "belong" to the Girl Scout and cannot be returned to a troop or cupboard.

Funds earned from a Cookie Cart must be deposited with the troop or Juliette fund.

How to use Digital Cookie to process payments at a Cookie Cart

All Cookie Carts are considered an individual sale so when the caregiver logs into the Digital Cookie App, they'll log in as the **caregiver** not the troop (the caregiver may see the option to log in as the troop if the Cookie Cart has been entered into the National Cookie Finder).

- 1. Log into the Digital Cookie App as yourself (the caregiver)
- 2. Click + New Cookie Order
- 3. Use the +/- to adjust the # of packages for each flavor
- 4. Click Checkout
- 5. Toggle on the button next to "Give cookies to customer now"
- 6. Click Continue
- 7. Choose the way the customer wishes to pay and follow the instructions on the screen to complete the transaction

Make sure you wait for confirmation that the payment has been processed before handing the customer the cookies.

