Troop Scoop January 2024



A Letter from the Director of Customer Care & Volunteer Engagement

Happy New Year, troop leaders!

I hope this message finds you refreshed and ready for an amazing 2024. As we embark on a new year filled with possibilities, we're particularly thrilled about the upcoming adventures in store for us during this cookie season. First and foremost, I want to express our gratitude for your unwavering commitment to our Girl Scouts. Your dedication makes a lasting impact, and we're so fortunate to have leaders like you shaping the future.

As we gear up for the sweetest time of the year – cookie season – we wanted to check in and ensure you have all the tools you need for success. Exciting news – this year's cookie training is now available on gsLearn! This resource is designed to equip you with the latest information and strategies to make this cookie season a resounding success. Take a moment to dive into the training and feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need clarification on any topic.

Important Dates for Cookie Season:

- Jan 12 Girl Scout Cookie Program begins!
- Jan 16 <u>Troop leader office hours</u> w/Product Program Director, Abigail Starts at 6:30 pm. Passcode: bwFS9s
- Jan 30 Troop Initial Order Deadline
- Feb 23 Earliest day cookies could begin arriving in AK
- Mar 1 Cookie booths begin!
- Mar 15 First ACH
- Mar 31 Last day of cookie booths
- Apr 2 Last day for troop leaders/cookie managers to submit rewards orders and make edits in eBudde
- Apr 12 Second ACH
- 2nd week in May estimated time for rewards to arrive

Booth Selection

Booth selection rounds will be: January 18, 6pm – 4 slots January 20, 10am – 4 slots January 22, 6pm – unlimited slots If your troop qualified for an early booth pick, you will be able to make that early selection on January 18, beginning at noon.

As you prepare for the season ahead, please remember that council staff are here to support you every step of the way. If you encounter any challenges, have questions, or simply want to brainstorm ideas, don't hesitate to reach out. We're dedicated to making this cookie season a smooth and rewarding experience for you and your troop.

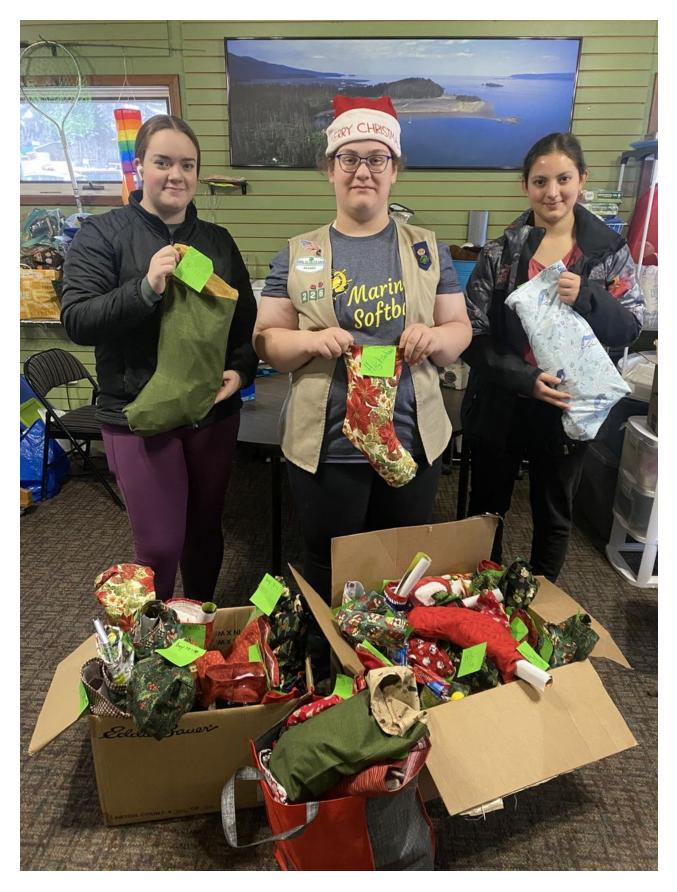
Here's to a fantastic start to the New Year and an even more incredible cookie

season! Thank you for your continued commitment to our Girl Scouts.

Best, Ashley Hanner Director of Customer Care & Volunteer Engagement



Troop Spotlight: Troop 258



Troop 258 from Kachemak Bay sewed and packed over 40 Christmas stockings for homeless teens and kids, and Haven House last month!



Upcoming Events





Community Cookie Rallies Get ready for cookie season at a community cookie rally!

EVENT CALENDAR



January 17-Meet Archimedes the Owl Learn all about the special adaptations owls use to thrive in the dark from talons to "horns." Join our zoom workshop to meet the owl and his caretaker, ask all your questions, and find out what goes bump in the night!

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January 20- GEMS Training Questions about GEMS? Join us for this information session. We'll cover GEMS basics including how they are earned and how they can be used. There will also be time for questions. Unable to attend? <u>Watch</u> the info video and see FAQs.

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Juneau- Rock Climbing Get ready to push yourself to new heights! Whether it's your first or fiftieth time on belay, it's going to be a blast! Join in on our Girl Scout takeover of the Rock Dump and work towards your climbing adventure badge.

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January 20-Tracks in Winter Snowshoeing Join an Eagle River Nature Center naturalist as you explore the tracks that animals leave in wintertime snows! You'll get to make your own tracks too as you snowshoe along one of the nature center's trails and learn about winter ecology

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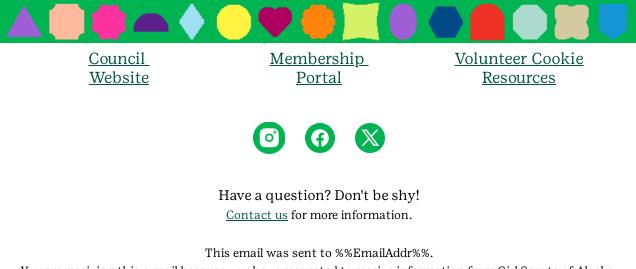


February 7- Talk & Tour The Scoop on Owning a Small Business Come along for a tour of Wild Scoops' ice cream test kitchen. You'll get to hear all about how the owners grew from a freezer at the Farmer's Market to the thriving shop they are today. This is the perfect opportunity to get to know a local small business and learn skills that will help you in your own cookie business venture!

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Send us your pictures!

We want to see your Girl Scout Troop in action! We would love pictures of all the adventures your troop is participating in. Please send pictures, with parent's permission, to <u>customercare@girlscoutsalaska.org</u>. We use these pictures on social media and in publications like the troop cookie manual!



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