



Week 3 – January 25 - 31

During the **Direct Sale phase**, troops can sign up for Council sponsored booths, or your troop can reach out to small privately owned businesses on your own with some restrictions. Cookie Stands (like a Lemonade Stand) on your own personal property do not require permission but must follow all other safety guidelines. Booths where **any** Girl Scout is NOT accompanied by their **own** parent/caregiver require 1 registered, background checked Girl Scout volunteer.

- **Council Sponsored Booth Sites** – Council designated volunteers will be reaching out to businesses to set these locations up. Troops will initially be limited to signing up for 6 time slots per round, and only 2 can be for premium locations. Currently only Sam's Club and Walmart are considered Premium locations.
 - Troops will be able to sign up for more time slots on a rolling schedule until booth sign-up becomes fully open. All dates are listed on the [2026 Cookie Calendar](#) and will be added to your TCM rally calendar. The limited sign-up schedule promotes fairness for more troops to have access to popular locations.
 - You can check out the available booth locations and time slots under the Booth tab in Smart Cookies. Please understand that locations become available as they are secured with store management and that some locations may not be available until a later round of booth selections. Do you have any connections with a council site, let us know. Maybe you could help us secure it, but you must have gslpg approval.
 - **Council Cookie Booth Sign-Up: Round 1**, 6 selections / only 2 Premium
Opens **January 29**, 4pm – Ends **February 1**, 11:59 pm
- **Troop Secured Booth sites** – ALL Cookie Booths must be approved by GSLPG. Contact your SU Booth Sale Coordinator or council staff before approaching a business to make sure they are not on the council list. Approval starts **February 1**. The following locations will **NOT** be approved for Troop Secured Cookie Booths
 - Any major chain (ex. Arranging an exclusive troop booth at a Walmart or Kroger location)
 - Locations that a girl would not normally be able to patronize. (ex. Age restrictions)
 - Any location that was a past or present council booth site.

NOTE: Troop secured booths at these locations are either statistically unsafe for girls or conflict with the Girl Scout brand or are not practicing good sisterhood and fairness. Our main concern is promoting a safe and fair program for all girls. We will monitor the location of all Cookie Booths.

- Not sure how to schedule a cookie booth? Quickbites are available from ABC for scheduling Council arranged [Council Secured Booths](#) or troop arranged [Troop Secured Booths](#).
- **Initial Orders end** next week on February 1, so you need to set a deadline to collect order card orders from your girls so you can meet this timeline. Parents will not be able to enter their order card numbers into Digital Cookies. More info on how to place your order will come out next week.
- Links to our weekly Office Hours and After Hours meetings. They are for whatever you may need.
 - 12:30 pm** - [Office Hours Meeting Link](#) Meeting ID: 943 9928 3520 Passcode: 869718
 - 6 pm** - [After Hours Meeting Link](#) Meeting ID: 960 6145 4837 Passcode: 047914