

# Cookie Dough Information

Cookie Dough is a credit that girls may choose as a Cookie Program recognition. Registered Girl Scouts can use cookie dough to pay for approved council activities and supplies associated with Girl Scouting.

## Policy for Using Cookie Dough in Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana

Important! Only registered Girl Scout girl members may use Cookie Dough. *A girl must be a registered Girl Scout when she uses her Cookie Dough.*

- Through the Cookie Program, a girl can earn up to \$300 per year in Cookie Dough.
- Cookie Dough cannot be exchanged for cash.
- Non-expired Cookie Dough may be transferred among sisters.
- Cookie Dough cannot be transferred to other individuals or troops or used to purchase other cookie awards.

## Girl Scouts may use Cookie Dough in the following ways:

1. Purchases at the GSSI council office retail shop, which may include uniforms, guides, badges, patches, or general Girl Scout merchandise
2. Girl Scout registration, merchandise purchases onsite at day/resident camp, or at sponsored council events and programs
3. GSSI Service Unit-approved events
4. GSSI council-approved troop/group activities/trips (activities beyond regular troop program...i.e., field trips where entrance fees are involved, overnight trips, community partner programs, etc.)
5. GSSI Destination trips
6. GSUSA girl membership dues
7. Lifetime Membership. *Must be at least 18 years old.*

## Cookie Dough may be accumulated.

GSSI fiscal year runs from October 1 – September 30

## Girl Scout Level Names and Coordinating Grades:

- Daisy K – 1<sup>st</sup> grade
- Brownie 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
- Junior 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- Cadette 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Senior 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> grade
- Ambassador 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade

Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors: Cookie Dough for these levels is valid from the date of issuance in the spring of the year it is earned until September 30 of that year, PLUS two additional fiscal years. (This is a time frame of about 2 years & 6 months).

**EXAMPLE:** A Girl Scout Daisy, Brownie, or Junior earned Cookie Dough in March 2020. The Cookie Dough is valid if the girl remains registered until September 2022.

Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors: Cookie Dough for these levels is valid from the date of issuance until September 30 in the year of the registered Girl Scout's high school graduation.

**EXAMPLE:** A Girl Scout Cadette, Senior, or Ambassador earned Cookie Dough in March 2020. The Cookie Dough is valid if the girl remains registered until September 30 of the year the girl graduates from High School. 6th-grade girl valid until September 30, 2026, 7th-grade girl valid until September 30, 2025, 12th-grade Ambassador girl valid until September 30, 2020.

Cookie Dough that is not used by the expiration date reverts to GSSI.

### **Using Your Cookie Dough**

A Girl Scout Cookie Dough Form for Girls must be completed, signed by her guardian, and submitted to the appropriate person (leader, service unit, council office, etc.) before Cookie Dough can be processed.

Processing Cookie Dough for day or resident camps, council-approved service unit events, council-approved troop activities, and Destination trips requires four weeks. Therefore, the Girl Scout Cookie Dough Form for Girls must be submitted four weeks in advance of the time it is to be used to verify and ensure that the funds are available.

[Cookie Dough Form for Girls](#) Fillable PDF  
[Cookie Dough Form for Girls](#) Online Form

For questions, contact [support@girlscouts-gssi.org](mailto:support@girlscouts-gssi.org) or call 812-421-4970.