Operation Cookie Share

Girl Scouts of Central Illinois has provided over $1,000,000 worth of Girl Scout Cookies to the women and men of our armed forces at home and abroad through Operation Cookie Share. In fact, our Girl Scouts were so successful that this achievement is entered in the Illinois Congressional Records.

How Operation Cookie Share Works

Each Girl Scout's order card has a column labeled "Cookie Share." When Girl Scouts go out with cookies in hand (and during cookie booths!), please encourage them to ask the customer to purchase cookies for our military troops. Girls will enter the number of boxes each customer donates on the Cookie Boxes Donated column. Customers also have the opportunity to donate to Operation Cookie Share via emails that Girl Scouts send out through Digital Cookie.

Customers do not have a choice of the variety of cookies to be sent to troops. Operation Cookie Share cookies are held in a "virtual warehouse" - troops do not take possession of these cookies. At the end of the program, all Operation Cookie Share orders are accounted for and shipped to military soldiers at home and abroad. Your troop receives $1 per box troop profit for Operation Cookie Share orders.

Cookie Share Rewards

Girls that receive 12 donations for Operation Cookie Share will earn a Cookie Share patch. Girls that gather 24 donations will earn a mood cup and girls that have 50 or more donations will earn a BFF beaded bracelet.

How are the Cookies Delivered to Military Troops?

Girl Scouts of Central Illinois partners with Operation Santa, Soldiers Angels and ABC Bakers to deliver cookies to Illinois Veteran Retirement Homes and medical facilities, Blue Star Moms groups, the Illinois National Guard and first responders.

Troop Proceeds and Bonuses

Troops earn $0.65/package of cookies sold and $1/Operation Cookie Share package sold!

Troops that have at least 2 non-related Girl Scouts and 2 adults are eligible to earn troop profit from the Cookie Program. Troops that do not have unrelated Girl Scouts are welcome to sell as Juliettes (aka IRG/IRM) to earn a higher rate of Cookie/Travel Dough instead of troop profit, or join with another troop in their Service Unit to sell and earn troop profit.

Initial Order Troop Bonus

A **$150 troop bonus** can be earned by placing an initial order with an average of 200 packages per girl (based on PGA by the end of sales, 1,000 package minimum for initial order). For example, if a troop has 10 girls, they would need to order at least 2,000 boxes for their initial order to qualify for the troop bonus. A troop of less than 5 girls must order at least 1,000 boxes to qualify. Troop bonuses will be issued through ACH credit. Please note: Troop balances must be paid by final ACH date (April 14, 2026) and have a PGA of 200 by March 29, 2026 to receive the bonus.

Rewards Opt-Out Option

Girl Scout Juniors or older are allowed to opt out of receiving rewards and Cookie Dough in exchange for a higher troop profit of **$0.90/package sold.** All rewards will be forfeited (including free memberships) but girls will still receive any patches earned. Whichever option is chosen applies to the entire troop, not a girl-by-girl basis. **Troops must decide to opt out prior to the initial order on January 19, 2026.** Opting out is done through Smart Cookies via the troop information tab.