# 2027 Cookie Booth Guidelines

Girl safety is, and will always be, of utmost importance at Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida. Please follow the 2027 Cookie Booth Guidelines for the safety of all who participate in this activity for Girl Scouts and Troops.

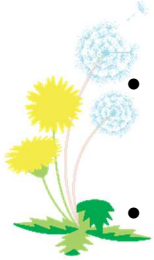
- Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida recommend two (2) adults (*one of whom is registered, with a current background check*) and two (2) girls be present at all cookie booths. ***Please avoid more than two adults and four girls at cookie booths.***
- Please be sure to cancel cookie booth reservations in a timely manner, preferably at least 12 hours in advance. *No shows may be subject to penalties, including cancellation of future booth reservations.*
- All children at cookie booths ***must*** be registered Girl Scouts.
- All Girl Scouts must wear their Girl Scout vest, sash or t-shirt at the Cookie Booth.
- Encourage contactless payment through the use of debit/credit cards on the Digital Cookie mobile app.
- Adult supervision is required at all booths.



## Tropical Florida Booths

- Tropical Florida Council Booths are located at Milam's, Publix, Walmart, Winn-Dixie, and Wendy's.
- Communities do not contact store managers at these locations. GSTF staff will work through the respective corporate office, contact store managers as required, and upload all available booth times and locations into eBudde.
- Troops will sign-up for Tropical Florida Council Booths starting December 5, 2026.
- The number of slots Troops may reserve is proportional to Troop size. Allotments are cumulative & Troops don't lose slots if sign-up day is skipped.
  - Week 1 (Dec. 5-12): Troops sign up for locations only within their own Community geographic boundaries.
  - Week 2 (Dec. 13-19): Quantity restrictions apply, but Troops can sign up for booths anywhere within GSTF .
  - Dec. 20 onward: No restrictions on number of reservations or boundaries.

  ***Troops that do not follow these rules will have the reserved booth cancelled.***
- Troops that reserve booth time slots and cannot make it must cancel their reservation at least 12 hours in advance in eBudde. *Troops that do not cancel may be subject to cancellation of future Tropical Florida booth reservation(s).*
- *Please refer to pages 21-25 in the Troop Cookie Manager Manual for more information about Cookie Booths.*



## Community Booths

- Community Cookie Coordinators are encouraged to contact potential cookie booth locations within their geographic boundaries.
- In November, GSTF staff will provide Communities with tools to contact potential booth locations. Communities will then turn in forms for confirmed locations to GSTF. Staff will create and upload confirmed cookie booth information into eBudde.
- Community Cookie Coordinators should offer these locations to their Troops before submitting them to GSTF. Please include all unclaimed spots, keeping in mind sister Troops in other Communities may want access to unclaimed spots. It benefits the Council to have as many booth opportunities as merchants will allow.
- Coordinators should oversee and manage all contact with Community booth merchants; however they may delegate to Troop Leaders as necessary.
- Troop Leaders with ideas for booth locations must work with their Community Cookie Coordinator to ensure efforts are coordinated throughout the Community.
- Parents should not solicit booth locations from merchants, instead they should be encouraged to share ideas with their Troop Leader.
- *Please refer to pages 21-25 in the Troop Cookie Manager Manual for more information about Cookie Booths.*

## Private Booths

- Private booths are locations away from general public areas, such as your church, a parent's workplace, or your front yard.
- Private booths are not listed in eBudde or the Cookie Finder app, unless a Troop Booth request is submitted in eBudde.
- A registered Girl Scout must be present at the Private Booth.
- Adult supervision is required at all booths.
- *Please refer to pages 21-25 in the Troop Cookie Manager Manual for more information about Cookie Booths*



## Cookie Booth Etiquette

- Girl Scouts are guests at business locations. Respect that privilege with appropriate behavior. Girls and adults should act professionally—this is the girl's cookie business.
- Girls sell, adults supervise. Provide only age-appropriate assistance when necessary.
- ***Safety first!*** Girls should never give out their full name, address, or phone number.
- Please print and bring your booth confirmation or be prepared to show it on a mobile device. Store manager may request.
- Under no circumstance should store management be asked to mediate disputes between Troops. If any issue arises you must contact GSTF immediately.
- Take all trash with you when you leave. Empty cookie boxes and any other trash.
- If a Troop happens to arrive late at a cookie booth, the Troop prior may stay until they arrive. Upon arrival, the incoming Troop should introduce themselves, and the outgoing Troop should promptly pack up and leave.
- Any troop may sell in any geographic area, within Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties. Troops have one week to sign-up for booths within their own geographic boundaries before empty slots are opened Council-wide.
- If store management asks a Troop to leave, please do so immediately and then contact Council staff to sort out the misunderstanding.
- Troops are not competing teams. We are all Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida! Please "***be a sister to every Girl Scout***."

