

POLICY

To use the Cookie Club, a Girl Scout must have a permission form signed by her parent or guardian. Your council may distribute an additional permission form that is specific to its needs.

A GIRL SCOUT'S PERMISSION FORM

Parent/Guardian Authorization for Use of the Online Cookie Club

Please review the information below. If you grant permission, complete this form, sign, and return a hard copy or scanned copy to your girl's adult volunteer. Please fill out one form for each Girl Scout in your family.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program helps girls learn five key skills:

- Goal Setting as she sets cookie sales goals and makes a plan to reach them
- Decision-Making as she decides how her team will spend the cookie money
- Money Management as she takes orders and handles customers' money
- People Skills as she learns to talk and listen to all kinds of people while selling cookies
- And Business Ethics as she is honest and responsible every step of the way

About the Cookie Club

The Cookie Club is an online tool that gives girls a faster, easier way to reach high goals – and helps her develop lifelong skills using technology relevant in the business world. A girl goes to this password-protected Web site to set and track her goals and send eCards to friends and family asking for cookie orders. Customers submit an online order for cookies, which appears in the girl's Cookie Club account along with customer contact information. The transaction then continues in the traditional manner with in-person delivery and payment collection. **Girls may not accept online payment for cookies.**

Parent responsibilities

1. **Guide** your girl in taking online cookie orders and recording other orders in her Cookie Club account.
Use your parent password to ...
2. **Confirm** each order is correct and from genuine customers (not, for example, from young friends with no ability to pay).
3. **Submit ONCE.** With one click, you will submit all confirmed orders to the cookie volunteer in a **single batch**.

Please note: When you submit your girl's final order to the cookie volunteer, the cookies cannot be returned and you assume full responsibility for ownership of those cookies.

Safety

Safety is our top priority. At no time is the girl's personal email information provided to the customer. In the Cookie Club eCard, the girl is identified only her troop/group number, age level, and her first name with last initial.

The Cookie Club is a password-protected, private area only for Girl Scouts, their parents and authorized Girl Scout Council members. When a girl enters the site for the first time, she must correctly answer a series of online safety and Cookie Sale safety questions and receive her safety certification before she can proceed.

The Cookie Club integrates with the council's online cookie management system, known as eBudde. All email addresses will remain protected and will not be used for anything other than the Girl Scout Cookie Activity.

We encourage you and your Girl Scout to review the online safety pledge provided by Girl Scouts of the USA:

http://www.girlscouts.org/internet_safety_pledge.asp.

How can you help your Girl Scout?

Help her follow the rules. Girl Scouts and their parents cannot sell cookies online -- whether it is on a Web site or a commercial auction site. Although girls can accept online cookie orders, they cannot accept online payment. The heart of the program experience remains the face-to-face interaction that the public expects. Girls will deliver cookies and accept payment in person,

following appropriate safety guidelines. Review all cookie safety rules for online and community selling, and know what her plans are at all times.

Support her team. The valuable experience of the Girl Scout Cookie Program requires family support. Consider assisting with deliveries or booth sales. You will be helping your Girl Scout and her team build lifelong skills, realize their dreams, represent Girl Scouting in the community and contribute to council programs that benefit all Girl Scouts in your local area.

Thank you for your support.

Agreement to Access 2011-12 Little Brownie Bakers' Cookie Club

- I have read the above and fully understand its content and agree to the conditions.
- I will review all Cookie Club orders to ensure they are correct.
- **I understand that when I submit my girl's online cookie order, I assume responsibility for ownership of those cookies. Cookies cannot be returned.**
- By entering my name and other identifying information on this page, I am registering my agreement for my girl's participation in the Cookie Club.

Girl's Name _____

On this line – and in Cookie Club – please provide your girl's name as it appears in her Girl Scout registration or as it is most commonly used.

Troop/Group Number _____

Date _____

Parent/ Legal Guardian Name (print) _____

Parent/ Legal Guardian Signature _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Email _____

Please note: If you do not have a computer at home, you may ask an adult volunteer to make arrangements for computer access at a group meeting or provide you with the location of publicly accessible computers in your community.