



# Cookie Foundations: Important Dates

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## Which training should I attend?

### New Troop

- You have participated in the cookie program for 0-2 years
- Please have at least one volunteer from the troop attend a new troop training on January 8th or January 11th

### Experienced Troop

- 3+ years of participation in the cookie program
- Topic-specific trainings: attend a training or chat topic where you feel you need additional guidance/information. You can attend new leader trainings, too!

All virtual trainings and chats can be found at this link. Scan the QR code to the right!



Passcode: 438438

Beginning January 28<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday chats become a drop in and out as needed, Q&A forum.

## 2026 Special Booth Notes

- Only premium locations, such as Komet Hockey Games and the Fort Wayne Home & Garden Show, will have a lottery this year. All other booths will be First Come First Serve (FCFS) only.
- Special Cookie Booth Weekends:
  - Feb 13-15: Valentine Your Booth
  - Mar 6-8: Birthday Your Booth
  - Send your booth pictures, complete with Girl Scouts, to [frontdesk@gsnim.org](mailto:frontdesk@gsnim.org) to be eligible for a \$50 shop gift card drawing and be posted on our social media sites.



Tuesday Smart Cookies emails come from [noreply@abcsmartcookies.com](mailto:noreply@abcsmartcookies.com). Add it to your address book so it doesn't get lost!



2026 Cookie Program

# January 30 - March 16

# January 2026



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	30	31	1	2	3	4
				Long Sleeve T's and Hoodies available for pickup with first cookie order. Check in with your cupboard.		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		gsLearn Trainings: *Experienced and Planned Orders & Reports	<b>**New Leader:</b> McMillen Gathering Center 4-7 PM			<b>**New Leader:</b> Granger Office 3-5 PM
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
5 Skills, Rewards, Badges, & Pins: Zoom, 8-9 PM	Smart Cookies Email	Chats: Booth set up, SC Divider, FCFS, and more	FCFS: 3 picks 		FCFS: 3 picks 	
19 FCFS: 3 picks 	20 Smart Cookies Email	21 Chats: Finance, Forms, Communication	22 FCFS: open for max 20 picks	23 Volunteer Digital Cookie Access	24 FCFS: open for 'unlimited' picks (# based on quantity and size of troops)	25 DC Training: Zoom. Volunteers 2-3:15; Caregivers 3:30-5
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	Smart Cookies Email	Chats: Open Forum		Cookie Program Begins!		
	Caregiver DC Access					
2	3					
	Smart Cookies Email					

# February 2026



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3 Smart Cookies Email	4 Care to Share 8-9 PM	5	6	7	8
9	10 Smart Cookies Email	11 Open Forum 8-9 PM	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	Valentine Your Booth!		
ACH Email detailing amount withdrawn from troop account	Smart Cookies Email	National Cookie Weekend Success/ Specials 8-9 PM	First ACH Withdrawl	National Cookie Weekend!		
				Free Shipping on 12+ pkgs. 2/20-2/22		FCFS Closes 8 PM
23 FCFS: 3 picks 	24 Smart Cookies Email  FCFS: 3 picks	25 Secret Shopper, Q&A 8-9PM  FCFS: 3 picks	26 FCFS: open for max 20 picks	27 FCFS: open for 'unlimited' picks (# based on quantity and size of troops)	28 Secret Shopper!	
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# March 2026



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
2	3 Smart Cookies Email	4 Consignment, Exchanges, and Planning the End 8-9 PM	5	6	7	8
9	10 Smart Cookies Email	11 Ending Tasks 8-9 PM	12 Free Shipping on 12+ pkgs. in honor of the GS Birthday!	13	14	15
16 Cookie Program Ends!	17 Smart Cookies Email	18 Reward Orders, Delinquents, Issues 8-9 PM	19	20	21	22
23 Reward Orders Due! Delinquent Families Due.	24 ACH Email detailing amount withdrawn from troop account	25	26 ACH Withdrawl	27	28	29
30	31	Rewards arrive mid to late April.				