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Reporting Cookie Booth Sales



Troops should be using the Smart Divider in Snap to report their cookie booth sales. This tool shares the information with us at council, and lets you quickly assign cookies to the girls who attended the booth. When using the Smart Divider, it will also credit the girls as having turned in the money for those cookies as well. [View step-by-step instructions.](#)

Snow storms and cookie booths

Winter is coming back to Minnesota and Wisconsin over the next couple days. If your troop decides not to attend a cookie booth, please cancel in Snap right away. This will allow other troops to pick up the cookie booth. If weather is severe, please check the business's Facebook page or website to ensure they are still open.

Troop-arranged cookie booths

Please submit troop-arranged cookie booth requests at least three business days prior to your cookie booth. This will allow enough time for your request to go through the review process and to have your booth added to the Smart Divider. Please remember that all cookie booths are required to be approved by council.

Cookie booths with special instructions

If your troop's cookie booth has special instructions, you can find them on our Troop Cookie Managers' webpage (scroll down toward the bottom).

[Troop Cookie Managers' Webpage](#)



Making Cookie Money Deposits

Make sure that all cookie money is being deposited regularly into your troop bank account. A common question we are getting is where the deposit will show up in Snap. Since your troop bank account is not tied to Snap, it will not display in Snap. You should track all deposits as you would normally with your troop account, on the checkbook ledger or spreadsheet.

Not-So-Funny - Funny (Counterfeit) Money

We've had a couple reports of counterfeit money being passed to troops last weekend. Below is some information on what to do if this happens to your troop and some tips on what to look for when receiving cash.

What to do if you are passed counterfeit money:

1. Request a letter from bank stating they received/kept the counterfeit money.
2. Send an email to girlscouts@girlscoutsv.org with the letter from the bank, and when and where you believe the counterfeit bill was passed to troop.
3. River Valleys will credit the troop in Snap the amount of the counterfeit money.

Tips on identifying counterfeit money:

- Hold the bill up to the light and look for:
 - Watermark - in the unprinted space to the right of the portrait. The watermark can be seen from both sides of the bill since it is not printed on the bill but imbedded in the paper.
 - Security Thread - thin imbedded strip running from top to bottom on the face of the bill. In the \$10 and \$50 the security strip is located to the right of the portrait, and the \$5, \$20, and \$100, it is located just to the left of the portrait.
- Color-Shifting Ink - tilt the bill back and forth and observe the numeral in the lower right hand corner. 2004 and newer series the color shifts from copper to green for the \$100, \$50, \$20, and \$10 bills. The \$5 bill does not have color-shifting. The 1996 to 2003 series shift from green to black.

If you suspect counterfeit money, do not put yourself or girls in danger and do not return the bill to the passer.

Spoiler alert: Counterfeit pens are unreliable. It is important to know that the highly popular pens (used to detect counterfeit bills) are no longer reliable indicators of whether a bill is counterfeit. An ultraviolet light is

another option but they come with limitations as well, (e.g. they do not work outside).

[Learn More](#)



Tracking Cookies for the Community Donations

If your troop is participating in the Cookies for the Community donation program, please use our online form to record which organization will be receiving the cookie donation.

[Cookies for the Community Form »](#)

Cookie Booth of the Week Winners



Congratulations to the winners from the first week! We had more than 70 troops submit photos this week. There's still five more weeks to enter.

[Cookie Booth of the Week](#)

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