Inspire cookie entrepreneurs

Skills they build

The Girl Scout Cookie Program^{*} helps Girl Scouts develop real-world skills in five essential areas:

Goal Setting

Girl Scouts learn how to set goals and create a plan to reach them.

How you can help: Encourage them to set incremental, achievable goals. Work with them to break down their goals into small, frequent wins like weekly challenges.

Decision Making

Girl Scouts learn to make decisions on their own and as a team.

How you can help: Talk about how they plan to spend the troop's cookie earnings.

Money Management

Girl Scouts learn to create a budget and handle money.

How you can help: Build on their interest in learning to manage all facets of the cookie business, like creating a budget to fund a troop experience or figuring out the percentage of customers who chose the donation option.

People Skills

Girl Scouts find their voices and build confidence through customer interactions.

How you can help: Ask them about new marketing ideas they want to try. They can discuss how to tailor their cookie pitch to achieve their goals.

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Business Ethics

Girl Scouts learn to act ethically, both in business and life.

How you can help: Talk to them about the importance of delivering on their promise to customers. They can also consider offering a cookie donation option.







Cookie business badges

Entrepreneurs can earn these official Girl Scouts[®] recognitions by completing requirements that help them develop new business skills.

Learn more at girlscouts.org!



Getting families involved

Families can support their Girl Scouts as they learn the five skills and think like entrepreneurs. With the encouragement of their family, there's no stopping a Girl Scout!

Inspire families to get involved by reviewing these resources:

- <u>Cookie Program Family Meeting Guides</u>
- <u>Cookie Entrepreneur Family Pins</u>



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Entrepreneurship Badges & Pins

When you sell Girl Scout Cookies, you practice-goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics—as you learn to think like an entrepreneur. You can earn badges and pins each year you run your own Girl Scout Cookie business. Then explore your own business idea by earning an Entrepreneur badge.

