



## **Cookies are coming!**



February 5 will be the first day for trucks to take to the highways and begin the long and grinding process of delivering cookies to our 80 counties. This is a process that will involve three delivery agents and 10 days to complete. Conversations with the baker and delivery agents always include keeping an eye on the weather. We've had our fair share these past couple of weeks and cold is a large factor for these trucks. Please show grace and understanding as deliveries begin and may experience delays. Our delivery agents do not want to reschedule any more than we do.

Delivery Tickets and Call Trees have already been distributed to Delivery Station Managers (DSM).

Your Delivery Station Manager is a volunteer just like yourself, giving of their time, talent and treasure to help make the cookie program as efficient and fun as possible. Show respect for yourself and others and be mindful for the need of appointments and **be on time**. This affects everyone before, during, and after you.

If you are a troop that has an Initial Order pickup at Thomas Transfer or the Wichita Area Troops pickup locations, be sure to make note of the pickup location, date and time you chose during the order process. Check in Smart Cookies if you are unsure of your choice.

All other troops should receive communications directly from your DSM regarding the pickup process for that location. If you are unaware of who your DSM is, contact your Product Program Specialist for that information.

#### A Message from CEO, Rolinda Sample:

The Wichita Inventory Cupboard will be held at Starwoods Girl Scout Center, 7800 S 103 Street West, Clearwater, Kansas in the Sunflower Studios building.

Safe, secure, adequate, and affordable warehouse space in the Wichita area has been increasingly difficult to secure for the short duration needed for cookies and fall product. After receiving volunteers' input and assessing availability, locations, and long-term girl benefit, the Board of Directors made the decision to invest in girl programming through the construction of a new utilitarian building at Starwoods Girl Scout Center. Starwoods is Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland's most developed camp and is a location familiar to many Girl Scouts. While construction and fundraising are underway, the 2025 Wichita Inventory Cupboard will be at Starwoods Girl Scout Center in the Sunflower Studios building.

In the February 4 issue of Cookie Corner, we will provide detailed directions regarding the pickup process and traffic flow when arriving at the Wichita Inventory Cupboard located at Sunflower Studios.

# **Cupboards & Planned Orders**

Inventory Cupboards open Saturday, February 15 and the first Planned Order is **due**, if needed, on **Sunday, February 9 at midnight**.

The 2025 Cupboard flyer will be available on our website in the <u>For Cookie Volunteers</u> <u>in Product Management</u> section on February 1.

### **Booths**



The Dillons and Walmart locations you currently see in Smart Cookies have responded and indicated the dates and times for booth availability. There are several that have not responded. We will continue to make these available as their information is received.

FCFS booth choices begin Sunday, February 2 at 5PM Central Time. Smart Cookies is set to the Central Time Zone. So this would be 5pmCT/4pmMT. See our website <u>For Cookie</u> <u>Volunteers in Cookie Booths section: Types of Cookie Booths</u>.

### Facebook

Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland has two private groups exclusively for product programs.

For SU/Troop Product Managers and Troop Leaders: join <u>GSKH: Product Program</u> (available now)

For Troop Cookie Managers only: join <u>GSKH: Cookie Swap</u> (not available until February 14)

Reminders

Be sure and keep your <u>Action Calendar Checklist</u> handy to stay on track in 2025.

The next edition of *Cookie Corner* will be February 4.



Have a question? Don't be shy! <u>Contact us</u> for more information.