



December Service Opportunities

Learn more about using your Cookie Entrepreneurship skills to help others and create opportunities to help people in need over the holidays.

This month's community service is focused on how troops can utilize the cookie sale to help other organizations. Below are three examples. What other ideas can your troop come up with?

1. What is Cookie Share?

Our council has a virtual Cookie Share program that begins on December 17th! Customers purchase cookies that will then be delivered to organizations our council has chosen. Girls collect \$5 for each package purchased for Cookie Share. The physical inventory comes from our council and not the troop inventory.

The customer cannot choose the organization, or the variety of cookies donated. We work to provide a variety of options with our donations.

Sales are tracked in Smart Cookies and funds are turned in the same as when a girl sells a package of cookies to a customer. GSKSMO Cookie Share supports the USO, the VA Hospitals in Topeka and KC and Harvesters. We may add other organizations if needed. Girls who sell 12 or more packages for our Virtual Cookie Share program receive a special patch*.

*Girls must support the GSKSMO Cookie Share Program to receive the patch.

2. Donate cookies to a local food pantry.

a. Does your church have a food pantry? Does your School have a food pantry? Work with a local church or school to coordinate your donations.

b. If you need a list of local food pantries, you can search using Harvesters link:

<https://www.harvesters.org/get-help>

3. Set aside a portion of your troop funds to help a worthy cause your troop has selected and let customers know.

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4. Harvesters for the Holidays

- **Holiday Boxes:** Put together a box to feed a holiday meal to a family needing support.
- **Handmade Greeting Cards:** Create cards or write letters to be included with food boxes for food insecure seniors.

Harvesters KC: <https://www.gsksmo.org/en/events-repository/2050/CP-harvesters.html>

Harvesters Topeka: <https://www.gsksmo.org/en/events-repository/2050/CP-harvesters-topeka.html>





Don't forget to record your service hours for December. If you complete six of our nine monthly service projects, you will receive the GS Service star for FREE! Complete the tracking form at <https://gsksmo.wufoo.com/forms/pzscckfp0d5ngvv/>.



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