



Cookie/Nut Credit Uses 2017-18

Congratulations! You've worked hard to earn your Cookie/Nut Credit, and there are lots of ways to use it. You can check your balance at any time by visiting valuteccardsolutions.com and entering your card number and your pin number.

Please read this entire document before spending your credit. Please note that changes in Cookie/Nut Credit uses may be made from time to time.

Cookie/Nut Credit is an individual award, acknowledging your hard work and entrepreneurial success. Throughout the Fall Product and/or Girl Scout Cookie Programs, you practiced five skills – goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills and business ethics – and you decided how to run your business. The Girl Scout Cookie Program is girl-powered, and girls make the decision about how they want to be rewarded for all that great effort. Now it's up to you to decide how to use your Cookie/Nut Credit! This credit is designed for girls so they can experience the empowerment of deciding how to use their credit without pressure from anyone else. We have listed all the ways to redeem your credit on the back of this letter. We've also included a resources list on where to find applicable forms and websites to help you use the credit.

The Many Ways to Use Your Credit

Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington overnight camp fees: Online submission of Cookie/Nut Credit is the fastest and most accurate way to apply payment. This credit cannot be used by adults for Core Camp or to pay for adults to meet ratio requirements. The only exception is for 'She and Me' or 'Me and My Guy' overnight camp programs. Please review [Overnight Camp Cookie/Nut Credit Submission Instructions](#) for how to submit Cookie/Nut Credit online. These instructions are available through our website and through UltraCamp.

Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington day camp fees: Check with your day camp registrar for camp-specific procedures. Adults attending day camp cannot use Cookie/Nut Credit to pay for their registration or fees. The only exception to this is a Mother/Daughter or Father/Daughter day camp in which the girl would not be able to attend without their own parent or guardian chaperone.

GSOSW-sponsored activities where you register and pay through GSOSW:

Look for the Cookie/Nut Credit icon in our [Program Guide](#) to see which activities accept Cookie/Nut Credit! Cookie/Nut Credit cannot be redeemed through online registration. You must register with a paper form. Search the "Forms" section of our website for the Program/Event Registration forms and select either the [Program/Event Registration: Group \(form #201\)](#) or [Program/Event Registration: Individual \(form #202\)](#). When you register for the event, include the complete card number on your registration form. Remember, credit cannot be used towards adult participation unless it is a Mother/Daughter or Father/Daughter event.



Extended troop travel: If your troop is taking an approved extended trip, you can use your Cookie/Nut Credit toward the cost of your trip. Troops must submit the [Cookie/Nut Credit Transfer Request \(form #238\)](#). Be sure to include the approval email or signed copy of your [Extended Trip –Application & Budget \(form #121a\)](#) with your transfer submission. Credits cannot be used toward individual girl travel, only troop travel.

NEW! Use credits towards Girl Scout Gold Award projects! New this year, girls can use Cookie/Nut Credit towards their Gold Award project. Girls submit the [Gold Award Project Cookie/Nut/Pathway Credit Transfer](#)

[Request \(form #401\)](#) to the GSOSW highest award program specialist per form instructions for reimbursement of expenses. See form #401 for more information. Applies only to Girl Scout Gold Award.

Service unit-sponsored events: Check with your service unit event and travel coordinator (ETC) for procedures on submitting credits as payment.

Girl Scout shop purchases: Bring your Cookie/Nut Credit card to a GSOSW shop! If you cannot come to one of the Girl Scout council shops in person, you may use your Cookie/Nut Credit for a phone-in order. Your leader or other trusted adult may take your card to make purchases at the shop for you.

Girl Scout annual membership dues: Renew your membership by logging into your [My GS Member Profile](#). Select 'Renew' next to your name and click Continue, stopping at the Payment screen. Then simply email registrar@girlscoutsosw.org with the Cookie/Nut Credit card number, name of the girl being registered, troop number, and the girl's date of birth. We will process your payment and finish your membership renewal! If your Cookie/Nut Credit doesn't cover the full fee, follow up your email with a call to the GSOSW data administrative assistant at (503) 977-6819 to pay the difference with a credit card. Please remember that Cookie/Nut Credit can only be used to renew girl memberships.

GSUSA Destinations: Girls selected for GSUSA Destinations events can submit a [Cookie/Nut Credit Transfer Request \(form #238\)](#) for payment towards their balance. See form #238 for submission details and be sure to include your statement/invoice/receipt for the Destinations reservation.

Other councils' Girl Scout overnight camp or day camp fees:

Other councils cannot process our council's credit directly. A [Cookie/Nut Credit Transfer Request \(form #238\)](#) must be submitted. Send a copy of your confirmation and the payment information from the other camp along with your submission to cookies@girlscoutsosw.org. For full directions, please see form #238.

Important Restrictions and Guidelines

- **Cookie/Nut Credit expires the year after being issued. Dates are listed on the reverse of the card. We cannot extend unused credit after the expiration date.**
- Cookie/Nut Credit *may not* be used for any other participant except for the person they were issued to. Exceptions may be made for select overnight camp or day camp programs where adult/chaperone participation is required for attendance.
- Cookie/Nut Credit is non-transferrable and may only be used by the girl who earned the credit with the exception of siblings. See the following.
- Cookie/Nut Credit sharing between Girl Scout siblings is allowed, but handwritten, signed permission by the girl it was issued to is required acknowledging that the cardholder wants to share her credit with her sibling and for which activity. Be sure to submit this note whenever redeeming the credit.
- In rare circumstances, you may wish to share your Cookie/Nut Credit with a fellow Girl Scout. In that case, a hand written acknowledgement will need to be submitted by you to GSOSW stating that you are aware and approve of sharing your credit. Prior approval from GSOSW required. Email cookies@girlscoutsosw.org for inquiries.
- Cookie/Nut Credit cannot be used for Girl Scout-sponsored activities where payment for the activity is made to an organization other than a Girl Scout council. Exceptions are extended troop travel and Destinations travel.
- Keep your Cookie/Nut Credit card in a safe place, just as you would any money. The letter that came with the card also has the number listed, store this in a safe place for future reference if your card is lost. Replacement cards will be assessed a \$3 replacement fee.

Forms and Resources

Check card balances: valuteccardsolutions.com

GSOSW forms can be found at girlscoutsosw.org, including:

- [Cookie/Nut Credit Transfer Request \(form #238\)](#): Required to transfer Cookie/Nut Credit into troop funds or to pay vendors outside of GSOSW.
- [Extended Trip – Application & Budget \(form #121a\)](#) – Required for troops to travel more than 200 miles out of council borders or for more than three nights. Must be submitted at least six months in advance.

- [Overnight Camp Cookie/Nut Credit Submission Instructions](#): Describes the process of submitting Cookie/Nut Credit for overnight camp on UltraCamp.
- [Program/Event Registration: Group \(form #201\)](#): Required for when Credits are to be used for more than one person to pay registration for a GSOSW Program Event.
- [Program/Event Registration: Individual \(form #202\)](#): Required for when Cookie/Nut Credit is to be used for one person to pay registration for a GSOSW program event.
- [Gold Award Project Cookie/Nut/Pathway Credit Transfer Request \(form #401\)](#): Used to transfer Cookie/Nut Credit towards a Girl Scout Gold Award project.

Don't forget! Both Cookie and Nut Credits from this year expire on September 15, 2019!