Cookie/Nut Credit, Adventure Card and Pathway Card Uses 2019-2020

Congratulations! You’ve worked hard to earn credit for your participation in a Girl Scout product program! There are lots of ways to use it. You can check your balance at any time by visiting https://ecardsystems.com/cardbalance.html and entering your card number.

Please read this entire document before spending your credit. Please note that credit uses are subject to change.

Cookie and Nut Credit, Pathway and Adventure Cards are an individual award acknowledging your hard work and entrepreneurial success. Throughout the product program, you practiced five skills – goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills and business ethics – and you decided how to run your business. These product programs are 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 credit! This credit is designed for girls so they can experience the empowerment of deciding how to use their recognitions without pressure from anyone else. We have listed all the ways to redeem your credit in this letter. We’ve also included a resources list on where to find applicable forms and websites to help you use the credit.

Types of Credit available

**Nut Credit** – Earned by girl members during participation in the Fall Product Program for selling candies, nuts, magazines and more.

**Cookie Credit** – Earned by girl members during participation in the Girl Scout Cookie Program selling iconic Girl Scout Cookies.

**Adventure Card** – NEW! Earned by girl members participating in the Girl Scout Cookie Program for sales exceeding 1,000 boxes. Card may be used in increments over multiple eligible activities.

**Pathway Cards** – Earned by Individually Registered Members who have participated in either product program as an IRM.

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*Troop extended travel is when girl members plan and execute travel in a troop or travel patrol setting requiring group planning and collaboration.

The Many Ways to Use Your Credit/Cards

**Renew your girl’s membership**: Renew your girl’s 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 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 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 product credit can only be used to renew girl memberships.

**GSUSA Destinations**: Girls selected for GSUSA Destinations can submit a Cookie/Nut Credit Transfer Request (form 238) for payment toward their balance. Be sure to include your statement/invoice/receipt for the Destinations reservation.

**GSOSW-sponsored activities where you register and pay through GSOSW**: Look for the cookie icon in our Program Guide to see which activities accept credit! Credit cannot be redeemed through online registration. Register early to secure your spot 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 or to meet ratio unless it is a Mother/Daughter or Father/Daughter event. Please allow 1-3 business days for credit submissions to be processed.

**Extended troop/patrol travel:** Troops and patrols taking an approved extended trip can use your credit towards expenses. To redeem, submit a Cookie/Nut Credit Transfer Request (form 238). Be sure to include the travel 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/patrol travel.

**GSOSW overnight camp fees:** Online submission of credit is the fastest and most accurate way to apply payment. Credit cannot be used by adults for Core Camp or for adults to meet ratio requirements. Only exceptions are for ‘She and Me’ or ‘Me and My Guy’ overnight camp programs. Please review Overnight Camp Nut Credit Submission Instructions for instructions on submitting credit online available through our website and through UltraCamp. Credit can be used at the camp trading post by making a deposit before camp, or use it at the trading post on last day. (Campers are not permitted to take cards to camp.)

**GSOSW day camp fees:** Check with your day camp registrar for camp-specific procedures. Adults and camp participants who are unable to register for Girl Scout membership (young siblings, male siblings, etc.) to attend a day camp cannot use credit to pay to attend day camp. 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.

**Girl Scout shop purchases:** Bring your credit to a GSOSW Girl Scout shop or our Shop on the Go! If you cannot come to one of the Girl Scout shops in person, you may use your credit for a phone-in order. Your leader or other trusted adult may take your card to make purchases at the shop for you.

**NEW! Use Credit towards Girl Scout Gold Award projects!** New, girls can use credit towards their Gold Award project. Girls should 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. Applies only to the Girl Scout Gold Award.

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

**Important Restrictions and Guidelines**

- Don’t forget! Cookie/Nut Credit and Camp/Adventure Cards from this year expire on September 15, 2021!
- 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.
- Credit is non-transferable and may only be used by the girl who earned the credit with the exception of siblings. See the following.
- 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. The sibling must be a registered member of Girl Scouts. Be sure to submit this note whenever redeeming the credit.
- In rare circumstances, you may wish to share your credit with a fellow Girl Scout. In that case, a handwritten 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 is required. Email cookies@girlscoutsosw.org for inquiries.
- 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 cards in a safe place, just as you would any money.

**Resources**

Check card balances: [https://ecardsystems.com/cardbalance.html](https://ecardsystems.com/cardbalance.html)

Girl Scouts of Oregon and SW Washington website where all referenced forms can be located: [www.girlscoutsosw.org](http://www.girlscoutsosw.org)

**Cookie/Nut Credit Transfer Request (Form 238):** Required to transfer Cookie/Nut/Pathway/Camp-Travel 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 credit for overnight camp on UltraCamp.

**Program/Event Registration: Group (Form 201):** Required for when credit is 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 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 Credit towards Gold Award projects