

SUMMARY OF FUND-RAISING POLICIES for GIRL SCOUTS (Beyond selling GS Cookies and GS Nuts/Candy)

WHAT: Activities where a service or council-sponsored product is exchanged for money. Does not include solicitations of cash or in-kind contributions (separate policy).

Examples of appropriate fund-raising activities: car-wash, pancake breakfast, gift-wrapping, garage sale, making and selling crafts, yard work.

Examples of inappropriate fund-raising activities: games of chance (including Bingo, Raffles), selling non-council products (i.e. Tupperware, Avon, coupon books, Bon Ton coupon books).

WHY: Provide funds for troop activities, supplies, and equipment for program activities. Should not be used for registration fees, dues, handbook, insignia or personal equipment (scholarship \$\$\$ available for these items). If funds are for a trip, the trip must be approved before the fund-raising project can be approved.

WHO: Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors – if prerequisites are met. Prerequisites include participating in both Cookie Sale and Nut/Candy Sale. Juniors restricted to one additional fund-raising/year. Cadettes & Seniors restricted to two fund-raising activities/year. [Some exceptions are allowed – see SU Finance Manager.] All fund-raising must be approved 4 weeks prior to planned event.

WHEN: Must not complete with other GS Fund-Raising; cannot occur during Cookie Sale or Nut/Candy Sale. Also, must not complete with United Way Spring fundraising.

HOW: Must request and receive permission from Council Director of Membership at least 4 weeks prior to activity (copies to SU Manager and SU Finance Consultant) via “Supplementary Money Earning Project Application” form #2040. Must also complete “Supplementary Earning Project Evaluation” form #2045 after the event and provide bank statement showing deposit of money to troop account.

REFERENCES: Safety-Wise, GSUSA Policies, GSGV Policies.

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