

# GSSGC Money Earning Activity (MEA) Criteria

The Girl Scouts of San Geronio Council require that:

1. Approval of money earning activities MUST be obtained from the GSSGC designated executive member: <https://form.jotform.com/233055452302142>
2. Troop money activities should be suitable to the ages and abilities of the troop members consistent with goals and principles of the Girl Scout program.
  - a. For age level policies on participation in Money-Earning Activities refer to Girl Scouts of San Geronio Policies, Standards, and Procedures.
3. Troops having money earning activities MUST also participate in both Council-Sponsored Product Programs (at least 3 Girl Scouts participating in each, Fall Program and Cookie Program, reaching the participation patch level in each program.)
4. Girl members may not participate in product demonstration parties, raffles, drawings, games of chance, the direct solicitation of cash, the sale or endorsement of products, and/or "giveback type" fundraisers (such as in-restaurant fundraisers script) as these endorse other establishments/organizations.
5. All money-earning activities must also comply with state and local laws regulating sales by minors, food handling, etc. and sales may not be transacted on the Internet (for example, through a site that has an electronic shopping cart), except as approved for council sponsored product sales.
6. Daisy Girl Scouts may only participate in Recycling as an extra money earning activity, and no application is required for that.
7. Money earned belongs to the troop/group and is not the property of individual Girl Scouts.

## **QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN CONSIDERING WHETHER OR NOT TO DO A MONEY EARNING ACTIVITY:**

1. Where will the proceeds (money) from this activity go?
2. If it ends up somewhere other than directly into your troop treasury, this may not be an approved activity.
3. If a product is involved, who owns it? Does the troop own it, or does a company/ other non-profit own it? Ask, "are we selling lemons or lemonade?" If the troop buys a product (lemons) and uses it to create something new (lemonade), you're on safe ground. But if your troop does not own the product, then girls may not sell it for the company/ non-profit that does own it. Only GSUSA can approve products for sale by Girl Scouts.