Planning Your Cadette Year

MEMBERSHIP YEAR BUDGETING PACKET FOR CADETTES



Learn about money earning activities like the Cookie Program and Fall Product Program while planning your year.

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Your Cadette Year Activity Brainstorming

Welcome

Get ready for an amazing year in Girl Scouts! With so many opportunities, it can be tough to decide what to do next. Let's work together to plan your activities, set both short-term and long-term goals, and figure out how to fund your adventures. Make this year the best one yet!

Step 1: Choosing Activities

Here are some ideas of things you or your troop could do. These are just designed to get your brain thinking of some things you might want to do this year, but feel free to use these ideas too.



Escape Room



Camping



Zoo



Movie Night



Arcade

List your top 5 activities you want to do this year either on your own or with your troop:

1)	4)
2)	5)
3)	

Tip

Want to plan out more activities? Use this QR code to print more planning pages!

Step 2: Plan out one Activity

Pick one activity to focus on and mark it by circling its number above.

When do you want to do the activity? _____

Date Time

Where do you need to go for the activity? _____

How will you get there? _____

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Planning the Details

Step 3: Supply List

List everything you will need for the activity and research its cost. Make sure to include logistical things like transportation and food in addition to the fun things!

Item	Cost per item	Amount needed	Total cost	Notes

What is the total cost for your activity? _____

Step 4: Set Some Goals

Setting goals can help you stay focused and motivated. Let's outline some short-term and long-term goals, along with your financial plans for the year.

Short-Term Goals

What do you want to achieve in the next 3-6 months? _____

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Long-Term Goals

What do you want to accomplish next year? _____

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Making a Budget

Step 6: Make a Budget

Let's create a budget to help you reach your financial goals for the year. This will help ensure you have enough money for all planned activities and even save some for the future.

Activity	Total Price

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Based on your totals above, how much should you or your troop budget for activities this year?

_____

Step 7: Set Financial Goals

Financial Goals

What are your financial goals for you or your troop this year? _____

How much do you want to spend on activities? _____

How much do you want to save for future membership years? _____

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Planning the Perfect Year

Step 7: Put it on a Calendar

The Girl Scout Membership Year is full of activities. Here is a calendar with some key dates written in. Feel free to add the activity you're planning and other events as well!

September 2024	October 2024	November 2024	December 2024	January 2025	February 2025
24 - Fall Product Program Begins	1 - Membership Year Begins 31 - Fall Product Program Ends	2 - Cookie University at JoAnn Fogg		10 - Cookie Program Begins	
March 2025	**April 2025**	**May 2025**	**June 2025**	**July 2025**	**August 2025**
2 - Cookie Program Ends					

Step 8: Discover Money Earning Activities

Fall Product Program

Create an avatar and sell products using a website you help create! You can earn some awesome prizes while your troop earns proceeds based on what you sell.



Cookie Program

Develop skills like Business Ethics, Money Management, People Skills, Decision Making, and Goal Setting while selling cookies and earning proceeds and/or rewards!



Other Options

Girl Scouts can participate in other money-earning activities as long as they do not occur during the Cookie Program and they meet other requirements as detailed in Volunteer Essentials.



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Finalizing Your Goals

Step 9: Finding the Funds

Now that you know how much money you want to raise this membership year, it's time to decide how you want to earn that money. We encourage you to participate in one or both of the Product Programs offered through Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas.

Estimated Total Cost for Activities this year: $_____

Does your troop currently have the funds to cover the cost? _____

How much do you want to raise this year? _____

Fall Product Program

During the Fall Product Program, your troop earns 20% of what you sell. That essentially means that for every dollar worth of product that you sell, your troop earns 20 cents!

Use the following equation to determine how much you would need to sell during Fall Product to reach your goal.

Proceeds: $_____ / $0.20 per dollar sold = $ sold:_____

Cookie Program

During the Cookie Program, your troop earns 72 cents from every package of cookies that you sell!

Use the following equation to determine how many packages you would need to sell during the Cookie Program to reach your goal.

Proceeds: $_____ / $0.72 per package sold = packages:_____

Cookie Program Additional Proceed Opportunities

There are also ways to increase the amount of proceeds your troop receives from each package sold during the Cookie Program!

- Reach certain per girl averages (PGAs) as a troop during the Cookie Program to unlock additional proceeds. There are multiple PGA tiers to reach to unlock more proceeds!
- Meet participation and PGA requirements during the Fall Product Program to unlock a level of additional proceeds.
- Vote to opt out of rewards as a troop, that is 50% or more Cadette, Senior, and/or Ambassador, in exchange for additional proceeds assuming that a PGA requirement is met during the Cookie Program.

For more information and specific guidelines, please check out our Fall Product and Cookie Program resources at gsnetx.org.

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Step 10: Planning for Success

Fall Product Program

Fall Product Sales Goal: $ _____

Now that you have an idea for what your Fall Product goal is, how would you go about achieving your goal? What are some steps you might take toward success?

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Cookie Program

Cookie Program Goal: _____ packages

Now that you have an idea for what your Cookie Program goal may be, how would you go about achieving your goal? What are some steps you might take toward success?

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Your Cadette Year Budget Manager

Step 11: Reflection

What was your favorite part of planning your adventure?

What was the hardest part of planning your adventure?

How did you feel when you figured out how many cookies and Fall Products you need to sell?

Step 12: Earn a Badge!

By completing this packet you have completed steps 1, 3, & 4 of the Budget Manager Badge!



Budget Manager Badge

1. Find out how your budget reflects your values
2. Learn how to track your spending
3. Find ways to earn money for you or your troop
4. Explore how to make money decisions
5. Set a goal for how you'll give back

Just 2 more steps to complete in order to earn the Budget Manager Badge!