

# Crazy Cookie Party

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Note: GSCNC offers training to help girls and adults to organize beyond the troop events

## The Party

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Several years ago when Troop 412 on Bolling AFB first became Cadettes, they discovered that selling cookies was not as easy as it had once been. Booth sales were coming to a close and they still had a good number of boxes of cookies left. They wanted a way to sell these cookies that was more fun than doing another booth sale. It needed to be something they were good at. The SU 44-5 Crazy Cookie Party tradition was born.

The troop charged a \$3 event fee but instead of giving the box of cookies to the participant, they are used for games, crafts, snacks, and prizes throughout the SU event. Our profit was slightly smaller than selling the cookies because of other expenses to the event but it was better than not selling them at all. Not to mention it was more FUN.



This event can also be done just for fun with no profit expected.

## The Planning

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When planning this or any other SU event, the planning committee must answer these questions: Why do we need this? Who is suppose to attend? When will it be? Where will it be? How will it happen and who will do it? Below are things that had to be considered for answering these questions for the Crazy Cookie Party.

**Why?** We explained that above.

**Who?** Most games and activities will best suit Brownies and Juniors but can be adapted for other ages.

**When?** It must be after cookie delivery but not to interfere with peak booth sale times for your area.

**Where?** You will need a place that will allow plenty of room to move around and play games. The site must also allow food.

**How?** Troop 412 used their meeting time to plan what they would do. They held a troop sleepover and worked together until all the activities were prepared. They also ran most of the activities at the party.

**Safety:** Don't forget to check out your activities in Safety-wise.

**Ordering Cookies:** Keep in mind the Trefoils and Thin Mints have more per box and go further.

**Site Fee:** To break even or make a profit at this cost per person you need to find a site with no or low site fees.

## The Activities

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The following pages lists the activities that we used. Troop 412 adapted simple, well known games to meet the theme. Once you read them you will be able to come up with many more of your own.

## The Set Up

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The activities can be done a few at a time in a troop meeting setting. They can also be set up as a wide game and small groups of girls are given so much time at each activity before they are to move on to the next one. Our party was set up similar to an indoor carnival. Upon arrival each girl was given enough tickets to do each activity one time in whatever order she wanted. She could trade tickets and do one thing twice and something else not at all. Tickets can be made on the computer with cookie clipart. Girls were also given small bags to collect cookie prizes. You don't want them eating them all.

The community center was set up with activity tables around the outer edge of a very large room with common space left in the middle.

## Early Bird Activity: Beady Trefoil

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To save time for a large group you might wish to count beads into snack size Ziploc bags before the event. As girls and troops arrived we gave them a prepackaged bead trefoil kit and asked them to sit in a large circle in the middle of the floor. Directions and supplies can be found at <http://www.makingfriends.com/ponybead/ponytrefoil.htm>. As more girls arrived everyone was encouraged to invite them into their circle as they worked on their crafts. Members of the event committee circulated, making sure everyone understood the directions or taught those new to the craft how it worked.

## Opening: Hot Cookies

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To open the event, girls stood and said the Girl Scout Promise then we played **Hot Cookies**. It is played the same as Hot Potato using a box or sleeve of Girls Scout Cookies. Girls pass the cookies as music plays. When the music stops, the girl with the cookies is out. If you have a large group send multiple boxes around to eliminate faster. Invite all the girls to enjoy the rest of the activities.



## Activity: Color Challenge

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For this game you will need a brown lunch bag with a box flap from each type of cookie in it. Be sure that the color of the box is visible but not the type of cookie. Girls reach in and pull out a color flap. She has to guess what cookie matches the color. Girls are awarded a cookie.

## Activity: Taste Test

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To prepare cut some of all types of cookies in 1/2 or 1/4. Blind fold each girl. Give her on piece of a cookie and see if she can guess the type .

## Activity: Cookie Walk

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This works like a Cake Walk. Tape cookie clip art in a circle on the floor. Put copies of the pictures in a bag. The girls walk around the circle as music plays. When the music stops the girls stop walking. Pull out a picture and ask all girls standing on that cookie type to leave the floor. Play until one or two girls are left. Girls are awarded with a cookie.



## Activity: Cookie Shuffle

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You will need a long smooth table, masking tape, two spatulas and some Trefoil Cookies. Mark goal lines on each end of the table with masking tape. Two girls at a time try to slide a cookie up and down the table and across the goal line. The cookie can not leave the table by the sides or play starts over.

# Activity: Crazy Cookie Bingo

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Using this bingo sheet as a template, jumble pictures and create one per girl. When playing the Crazy Cookie Bingo game, we used Cookie Crisp Cereal to cover the cards.

## Cookie Clip Art

<http://www.gscnc.org/clipart/cookie.php>

## Activity: Cookies in a Jar

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Layer the following ingredients in a jar (Gladware makes a nice way to do this with plastic) : 3/4 cup flour, 1/2 tsp. baking soda, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/2 cup walnuts, 1 cup mini M&M's, 1/2 cup raisins, 3/4 cup brown sugar and 1 and 1/4 cup oats.

Tie with a bow and add a card with the follow instructions: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease cookie sheets. Cream together 3/4 cup butter, 1 egg and 3/4 teaspoon vanilla. Stir in the contents of the jar and blend well. Roll dough into 1 inch balls. Bake 8 to 10 minutes.

## Activity: An Early Girl Scout Cookie

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Share with the girls the history of Girl Scout cookies (from [http://www.girlscouts.org/about/cookie\\_hist.html](http://www.girlscouts.org/about/cookie_hist.html)) while they enjoy cookies made from the following recipe. If possible and your site has a kitchen , let the girls bake the cookies themselves.

1 cup butter  
1 cup sugar plus additional amount for topping (optional)  
2 eggs  
2 tablespoons milk  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
2 cups flour  
1 teaspoon salt  
2 teaspoons baking powder

Cream butter and the cup of sugar; add well-beaten eggs, then milk, vanilla, flour, salt, and baking powder. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Roll dough, cut into trefoil shapes, and sprinkle sugar on top, if desired. Bake in a quick oven (375°) for approximately 8 to 10 minutes or until the edges begin to brown. Makes six- to seven-dozen cookies.



## Activity: Cookie Friends

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You will need:

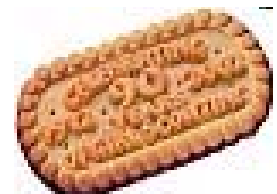
fun foam in browns and tans (Total Crafts sells colors that are close to cookie colors)  
chenille stems (the extra thin ones look the nicest)  
4 small pony beads, matching colors to the cookie type (example green for Thin Mints)  
Sharpie Markers  
glue  
small hole punch

Trace and cut out 2 two inch circles, rectangles or trefoils of the desired cookie color foam. All Abouts could use two different colors. You can find a trefoil pattern at [http://www.makingfriends.com/scouts/gs\\_charms.htm](http://www.makingfriends.com/scouts/gs_charms.htm). Glue the two pieces together for double thickness. With a small hole punch, punch a hole on two sides of the cookie for arms and two at the bottom for legs. Cut chenille stem into four pieces. Attach one piece in each hole for arms and legs. Attach a small pony bead at the end of each stem for hands and feet. Draw a face and cookie details such as stripes.

## Activity: Safety Rules

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Small groups of girls are gathered to start a round of this game. The teen girls running this station act out selling cookies while breaking one of the safety rules. The group must find and correct the mistake. Girls are awarded a cookie.





## Activity: Fun Facts

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Use the cookie Fun Facts available at <http://www.littlebrowniebakers.com/cookies/funfacts.html> and design a trivia game. Did you know Do-si-dos and Tagalongs® require 145,000 pounds of peanut butter per week? Girls are awarded a cookie.

## Activity: Little Extras

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Here are a few quick ideas you might like to add to your event.

- 1) **Borrow a Cookie Costume from GSCNC** and let the girls take their picture with the Cookie visitor or allow the girls to put on the costume for a picture.
- 2) Design a cookie shaped frame for your picture from fun foam.
- 3) Put up posters around the room with pictures and details about each cookie.
- 4) Let the girls vote on their favorite cookies and announce the winners at the end.
- 5) Do the same with the leaders and compare the results.
- 6) Guess how many cookies are in a clear cookie jar.
- 7) **GOT MILK?**



## Activity: Cookie Twister

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The 2002 cookie packets came with a twister game ready to cut and use. If your troop or SU did not save the game you can make your own. Design a mat and spinner using four colors and four clipart pictures from our website. The game is played like the commercial Twister game. Girls are awarded a cookie.

## Resource: Little Brownie Bakers

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For games, recipes and facts visit:

<http://www.littlebrowniebakers.com/>

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## Program Suggestions

### Tri-it Links:

Cookies Count  
Penny Power



### Badge Links:

The Cookie Connection  
Money Sense  
Consumer Power

### Check out this site:

<http://www.gscnc.org/fund/cookies/>

## Activity: Flower Pots

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You will need: ice cream cones, thick pretzel sticks, icing and cookies. Girls put a little icing in the cone and add pretzel for stem. Using icing to glue a cookie flower to the stem. Enjoy your treat.

## Activity: Cookie Sheet Relay

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You will need: two pair of hot mitts, two cookie sheets, boxes of cookies, two spatulas and two plastic cookie jars. Divide the girls into two teams. With mitts on, girl must load her sheet with 6 cookies from the box. She must race to cookie jar, remove all cookies from the sheet into jar with spatula and return the sheet and mitts to the girl in front of the line. Girls who drop cookies along the way must return to the front of the line and begin again. Teams are awarded with a cookie.



## Activity: Mosaic Art

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You will need graham crackers, icing and cookie pieces of all varieties. Ice a graham cracker and use broken cookie pieces to design a picture.

## Activity: Counting Money

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**For Brownies:** Using a play money drawer, girls approach this table to buy a cookie. They are given a price for the cookie (different every time) and asked to count out the sum from the drawer. They could also be given the price and a twenty and asked to make change from the drawer.

**For Juniors:** Have a prepared list of "Money" from other countries. Ask the girls to tell what type of currency she would use if she were buying a cookie in (*list a country that would match one of the options*).

Girls are awarded a cookie.

## Closing: Cookie Eating Contest

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Pull the girls back together into a large group. Give each girl a plastic bowl with cool whip and a Trefoil in it. With their hands behind their backs, on go, they have to eat/ lick the bowl clean. The best part is the second round. The girls prepare bowls for the leaders. They love to see the adults with cool whip all over their faces.