Guidance for Volunteers
Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska
August 1, 2022

Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska recently updated its policies for troop bank accounts and the use of Third-Party Service Organizations (TSO) such as PayPal, Venmo, Square (etc.) for volunteers.

Tax law changes effective January 1, 2022 and 1099-Ks from TSO Vendors (money payment app)
Due to tax law changes 01/01/2022, you may receive a 1099-K for payments received for product sales or other parental payments (dues, events, etc.) for your Troop from a third-party payment organization such as Square, Venmo, Pay Pal, etc. when using a personal account.

Using Personal Money Payment Apps: Volunteers may choose to use a personal money payment app (TSO), such as a Venmo account they use for multiple purposes, and they would receive a 1099K if the total amount paid to them from all sources was over $600 or more in the calendar year. The volunteer has the option to identify the money as not for a sale of product and is a reimbursement; however, this does not preclude them from receiving a 1099K.

If a parent is using a personal money payment app, we recommend they indicate Girl Scout related payments are 'reimbursements' and keep separate records to verify these amounts, should they be issued a 1099K. Additionally, they should consult their local tax advisor when preparing their personal tax return.

If a parent is using a personal money payment app to accept payment for Girl Scout activities, these payments should then be reimbursed to the troop checking account. Clear and separate records must be maintained, and personal funds should not be comingled in troop checking account. A personal money payment app cannot be used in lieu of a troop bank account. All troops must have a troop bank account.

If using Digital Cookie as the payment processor – No changes are needed, and you should not receive a 1099-K. If you are participating in the Digital Cookie Program, consider using Digital Cookie / ABC Smart Cookies online app for processing any credit/debit card payments for in person and booth sales. The app is easy to use, and there is a new function for OCR (optimal scanning of cards), to improve the contactless payment process as well as it being faster to use. In addition to these great benefits, the Council pays the processing fees which are about a fourth of the cost to use Square. For more information, go to: Home - (abcsmartcookies.com).

If you need further guidance, please contact Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska Troop Finance at troopfinance@girlscoutsnebraska.org or your Troop Support Specialist. 998