

KP Cookie Café FAQs

I WANT TO BAKE!!

So, you are a baker and love making treats...YEAH!
You are the heart and soul of Cookie Café!

Here are the step-by-step directions on how to be a Cookie Café Baker:

1. Please sign-up on the [Cookie Café Master List](#).
2. You will be notified of every baking occasion for the Academic Year.
3. In each notification, you will be asked to fill out a form notifying the Coordinator(s) of your willingness to bake. In the form you will get the name(s) and email address(es) of the Coordinator(s) in case you have questions, AND shipping label PDF for that date.
4. Bake to your heart's content! Make sure to follow the [Packing and Shipping](#) directions from the website. I made a cute little slide show showing you the best method for keeping your treats intact.
5. Please ship your treats 2-3 weeks before the date of the Café. You will find a "SHIP AFTER" date and a "SHIP BEFORE" date on the form. Send too soon, your treats take the chance of getting buried in the freezer. Send too late, they take the chance of not getting there on time.
6. After the date of the Café, please come back to the [KPCookieCafé.com/photos](#) and/or the [KP Cookie Café FB page](#) and check out the pictures!!!!

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I WANT TO SEND SOMETHING!

But,

- a) I'm not a baker and I could burn water,
- b) I ran out of time,
- c) just don't have it in me.

Hey, I get it and that's no problem! You can send goodies to Cookie Café anyway.

Here are the Step-by-Step directions on what and how to send to Cookie Café.

1. Please sign-up on the [Cookie Café Master List](#).
2. You will be notified of every sending occasion for the Academic Year. Amazon, Walmart.com, or any specialty retailer are all good places to look online. You may also purchase and ship yourself. In each notification, you will be asked to fill out a form notifying the Coordinator(s) of your willingness to send. In the form you will get the name(s) and email address(es) of the Coordinator(s) in case you have questions, AND shipping label PDF for that date.
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I WANT TO DO SOMETHING BUT NOT SEND A BOX!!

We ALWAYS need money. What for, you ask? We provide:

Drinks: milk & coffee, sometimes ice tea or lemonade, etc

Paper goods: napkins, plates, forks, spoons, cups, baggies, tins, etc.

Cakes: for special occasions such as the Birthday of USMMA.

FRUIT!!!! Yes, Good Fruit and the Mids LOVE FRUIT! In fact, fruit is sometimes more popular than the treats. Every week we spend a couple hundred dollars on fruit, something healthy for YOUR MID!!

Other Stuff: Sometimes we put out Cheese and Crackers, we've done bagels, yogurt, all kinds of great healthy items.

I'm sure I am forgetting other things, but you get the gist.

Here are the Step-by-Step directions on how to Donate to Cookie Café:

1. Please sign-up on the [Cookie Café Master List](#).
2. You will be notified of every donating occasion for the Academic Year.
3. In each notification, you will be asked to fill out a form notifying the Coordinator(s) of your willingness to donate. In the form you will get the name(s) and email address(es) of the Coordinator(s) in case you have questions.
4. There are three ways to donate: we accept Paypal, Zelle and personal check. Directions for each are included in the form you will receive.
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I WANT TO VOLUNTEER AT COOKIE CAFÉ AT THE ACADEMY!!

WE NEED YOU!! Everyone should volunteer at a Cookie Café at least once in your time at the Academy. We've had people fly in from Hawaii (and bring pineapples!!!), drive all the way from Texas with a huge van filled with home made treats, fly in from all over with suitcases of cookies. You can do this too! It is such an incredible experience, I really can't say enough about it.

Here are the Step-by-Step directions on how to be a Cookie Café Volunteer:

1. Please sign-up on the [Cookie Café Master List](#).

2. You will be notified of every Volunteering opportunity. The Volunteer Sign-up will be in each notification.

Basic Cookie Café Event Schedule:

9:00 am(ish) Volunteers arrive at Land Hall to unpack boxes, cut fruit, make drinks, setup, etc. This is the time that we need you the most, so if you can get there in the morning, that is the most helpful.

12:00 pm(ish) Mids begin arriving!!

3:00 pm(ish) Clean up begins

5:00 pm(ish) Outta there!

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MY MID JUST LOVES CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

Do you or someone you know work for a company that makes treats or snacks? Does your Mid particularly love a regional item and you are comfortable asking them to send some to the Academy?

Here are the Step-by-Step directions on how to ask for a Corporate Sponsorship:

1. Please sign-up on the [Cookie Café Master List](#).
2. In each notification, you will be given a link to a document on letterhead that you can hand out to each Mom & Pop, Company or Corporation that you are interested in approaching. Please feel free to edit that document as required. You will also be given a link to a document called "What is Cookie Café" that you can hand out as well.
3. If you get a company that says YES, please send me an [email](#) or PM. Sometimes, if they have a New York branch, they prefer to just deliver straight to the Academy and I need to coordinate that effort. Sometimes they will need to ship. Sometimes they will want YOU to ship. Just let me know.
4. After the date of the Café, please come back to the KPCookieCafé.com/photos and/or the [KP Cookie Café FB page](#) and check out the pictures!!!!
5. Please send a personal Thank-You to the company letting them know how much we appreciate their donation. Please include our website address, kpcookieCafé.com, so that they can go online and check out the pictures on the Café Photos page. There will be a Thank-You sign on their donation and pictures will, most likely, be taken. If they need some sort of documentation of their donation (we are a 501(c)(3) organization) let me know and we'll make that happen. Also invite them to join our Facebook group, KPCookieCafé.

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PS. Here are the donations I got when I did a Tour of Pennsylvania (I was driving up so I just took everything):

1. 15 gallons of chocolate milk from a local dairy
2. 6 cases of ice tea drinks from Turkey Hill Mini Market
3. A full sheet cake from a local grocery store
4. 10 cases of chips, pretzels, snacks from Herr's Chips
5. A full table of chocolate candies from a local candy store
6. 5 cases of yogurts from a different local grocery store

OTHER QUESTIONS

1. Can I send something just for my Mid?

YES, yes you can! And, even if they are a Plebe, you can send them their favorite treat! How, How, How??? Follow all the directions on the BAKE or SEND post. In the shipping labels, there will be a special "Personal Package" label for your Midshipman. Please put that label IN the bag, FACE UP so we can see the name, and put that bag ON TOP of the rest of your treats (we ask that you send a minimum of 5 doz treats to share). Our volunteers will take that bag out and write your Mid's name on the whiteboard hanging up on the wall. All they have to do is ask one of our volunteers for their Personal Package and they will even get their picture taken. It's a great way to get a picture of your kid and make their day.

2. Can I send/donate/volunteer even if it's not a day I have association with?

YES!! You may help for ANY and ALL Cookie Cafés!

3. Can other people send goodies and donations?

Yes, please feel free to enlist your family, friends, etc. We've had church groups and Girl Scout Troops, businesses and all kinds of organizations help bake for Cookie Café!

4. Why do we send special mailing labels?

Simple - because we don't want some wack-a-doodle sending tainted treats to our Mids. It is for their safety. Using these labels ensures that a) the treats are from a USMMA-friendly person and b) that the treats go to the correct area of the Academy for freezing or storage.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE, do NOT publish the labels ANYWHERE, including Facebook. You should never, ever find the label published anywhere. Keeping our Mids safe is of the utmost importance.

5. I am going to the Academy, can I drop off my treats?

Absolutely, send me an [email](#) or PM and I will tell you where to take them or drop them off.

6. Can I send treats back with my Mid after a break?

Absolutely. If the Café is after a break, in the notification you will find directions on how your Mid can drop off his/her goodies for the Cookie Café.

7. I am going up for Parents Weekend, can I take treats then?

Absolutely! ONLY if the treats can be used for the first Cookie Café in September. Do NOT bring treats for a later Café. Let's just say, "The Great Cookie Debacle of 2014" and leave it at that. Lesson learned and all.

If you still have a question or think of something else I should address, please feel free to send me an [email](#) or PM and I will amend this post.

Thanks for all you do to help!

[Leslie Hart](#), Sponsorship Coordinator

