

National Council Delegate Information Packet 2020



2020 NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATE INFORMATION PACKET



GIRL SCOUTS OF CITRUS

OVERVIEW

Girl Scouts is the world's pre-eminent organization dedicated solely to girls. Girl Scouting offers girls an accepting and nurturing environment in which they develop strong values, leadership skills, social conscience and conviction about their own potential and self-worth. The Girl Scout program can change the way girls see the world and their place in it. Girls learn the importance of personal responsibility, the value of goal-setting, the spirit of teamwork, and the thrill of accomplishment. They participate in programs involving leadership and self-esteem, community outreach and education, environmental awareness, financial literacy, health and wellness, arts, travel and science, technology, engineering and math. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts are our future community leaders.

HISTORY OF GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scouts of the USA was founded by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912. Girls between the ages of 5 and 17 are invited to join one of nearly 240,000 local troops throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and more than 150 other countries. The nation's First Lady customarily has adopted its honorary leadership.

THE COUNCIL

Girl Scouts of Citrus Council, Inc. is one of 112 jurisdictions nationally that is chartered to provide regional programmatic engagement. Our Council is comparatively medium size to our national sister councils, but we serves more than 15,000 girls and 7,000 adult members who live in six Central Florida counties: Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Volusia.

Council Service Center: Orlando, FL

Program Centers: 2

Scout Houses: 4

Web site: www.citrus-gs.org

REFERENCE MATERIAL ON NATIONAL DELEGATE KIOSK

Fact Sheet – Girl Scouts of the United States of America (GSUSA)

Fact Sheet – Girl Scouts of Citrus Council, Inc.

Jurisdictional Map

www.girlscouts.org

www.citrus-gs.org

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the National Council is comprised of representatives from throughout the Girl Scout Movement including Girl Scout councils across the country, National Board and governance representation, and Girl Scouts Overseas. By corporate definition, a council nominee elected to represent the Girl Scouts of Citrus Council, Inc., shall be known as a Council Delegate member of the National Council. When all representatives assemble, that meeting shall be known as the National Council.

2020 NATIONAL COUNCIL

The National Council Session/55th Convention of Girl Scouts of the USA will be held October 21-25, 2020 in Orlando, Florida. National Council Sessions (conventions) are held every three years for the purpose of determining the general lines of policy of the Girl Scout Movement and the Girl Scout Program.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Hear the report of the National Board of Directors.
2. Act on proposals and information presented to the delegation.
3. Elect the Board of Directors and Board Development Committee for the next three year term.
4. Help establish direction for Girl Scouts of the USA on new strategies for success, growth and expansion in the next century.

REQUIREMENTS

The Movement's governing standards, the Blue Book, denote how many council delegates each council may have as members of the National Council. Based on the most recent reversion, Girl Scouts of Citrus anticipates electing and sending TBD delegates from our council, one of which will be the Chair of the Board of Directors. A minimum of two of these openings will be held for Girl representation. In addition, TBD alternates will be selected of which one is the council's CEO. Should a delegate need to forfeit, the first alternate, and so forth, will be moved up to the opening.

Requirements for the National Council include:

- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Be a currently registered member of Girl Scouts through Girl Scouts of Citrus as an annual or lifetime member.
- Be 14 years of age or older.
- A girl National Delegate must be 14-17 years of age at the time of the National Council Session and Convention.
- Be available to attend the National Council Session in October of 2020 (letters of support for school credit available for girls).
- Be able to travel with the council delegation to/from Orlando prior to the session start and remaining through session completion.
- Be committed to participate and attend Delegate Training sessions offered by Girl Scouts of Citrus for the year preceding travel.
- Be committed to a three-year tenure as a National Delegate.
- Be committed to participate in National Council Session activities sponsored by Girl Scouts of Citrus in advance of and upon return from the National Convention.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

Guide to Blue Book of Basic Documents
Girl Scouts of Citrus - Bylaws 2019

NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATE

THE POSITION

In Girl Scouts of Citrus Council, the requirements to serve mirror the national requirements in addition to the following:

- By October 31, 2019 complete the application for consideration. Once the deadline has passed, an outside, independent group will utilize a point-tally system based on the content of the submitted application and reduce the applications by half. Next, the GSC Board Development Committee – a subcommittee of the Board of Directors will then review the remaining applications and select a final slate to be presented to the voting GSC Delegates.
- Elected to a three-year term by vote of the Council's delegate body at the Annual Business Meeting in January.
- Must be currently registered in good standing, and remain registered, within our Council during the three-year term.
- Ability to engage and serve as the conduit for the Council membership at the National Council session.
- Represent the view and position of the Council in all discussions and actions, regardless of personal beliefs that may differ.
- Communication with the Council Delegation by sharing proposal positions, obtaining feedback and attending Council Delegate meetings.
- Must attend training and interface with the Council Delegate body.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The Board Development Committee, a committee of board and community members, is charged with the application and slate selection process of this role. Based on the information submitted on your application, the committee will select a final slate and recommendation to the role of delegate/alternate. You may be asked for further information or participate in a phone interview. The following documented competencies will serve as guiding criteria in the selection matrix and requirements. Overarching to every selection is the candidate's ability to conduct themselves as a role model and Council representative in step with the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

Adaptability – demonstrates flexibility when new information is brought forward.

Informed – perceived ability to come to the session informed, but not instructed.

Team Player – promotes partnerships, has commitment to a team approach; will support decisions of the National Council once made.

Decision-Making – has the ability to analyze issues from a council and national perspective; demonstrates ability to weigh options and consider ramifications.

Communications – is able to express ideas and facts in a clear manner; able to listen and verbalize information to various audiences involved in the process.

Girl Scout Knowledge – an understanding of and experience with the council and the Girl Scout Movement.

Strategic Thinking – ability to think in terms of long-term goals and objectives that advance our council's strategic priorities as well as the Movement as a whole; must be future-focused – beyond the troop, service unit or individual preference.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

Application for National Council Delegate

MEETING DATES

ORIENTATION MEETINGS

In conjunction with Girl Scouts of the USA, orientation is anticipated in the late spring of 2020. So that our group has the opportunity to meet one another, this orientation meeting will be in-person at a central location.

The majority of the meetings will be held electronically following the initial training and orientation session. As an elected delegate, you will need access to a phone for conference calls and an electronic device for web conferencing sessions that will be scheduled periodically from early summer through our fall departure.

The anticipated meeting schedule and attendance commitment is as follows:

GSC Annual Meeting & Election	Saturday, January 25, 2020
National Delegate Orientation	Spring/ Summer
2020 National Conversations	Summer/Fall
2020 Registrations/Travel Confirmed	July/August
2020 Town Hall Meetings	April/September
National Council Session/55th Convention	October 21-25, 2020
GSC Fall Forum	November 2020
GSC Annual Business Meeting	Saturday, January 25, 2021
Three-Year Term Completed	December 2022

REFERRAL & APPLICATION

The slate for the 2020 National Council Delegates is developed by the GSC Board Development Committee and presented for election to the Council Delegates at the January, 2020 Annual Meeting. If you are selected, attendance at the Annual Meeting is expected.

National Delegate training and three-year terms begin in January, 2020.

The Council covers all costs for National Delegates; while Alternate's registration costs are covered, travel and lodging amounts are pending budget approval.

If you are interested in applying to be a National Council Delegate, please download/complete an application and return it no later than October 31, 2019.

STAFF COORDINATOR

The council's Director of Communication, Lydia Sealey and the Executive Office Manager, Witz Romero serve as the point of contact for this process as well as coordinates the communication, training and travel for this opportunity. Feel free to call for additional information.

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