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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
OCTOBER 16-19, 2014

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2014 GIRL SCOUT CONVENTION

Join the Fun in
Salt Lake City!

October 16-19, 2014

2014 Girl Scout
Convention at
Salt Palace Center



Temple Square

Discovery Gateway
Children's Museum



Natural History
Museum of Utah



City Creek Center

Wasatch-Cache
National Forest



Big Cottonwood Canyon

Utah's
Hogle Zoo

Utah Symphony |
Utah Opera

Mark your calendars
for the 2014 Girl Scout
convention!

We have tons of surprises planned during our time in Salt Lake City, including top-notch entertainment, celebrity speakers, and a fun Hall of Exhibits packed with activities—not to mention the countless attractions and adventures to experience in Utah (just check out the map on the left!). We guarantee that this will be your best convention experience yet!

Want to join in on the fun as a volunteer? Send us an email to volunteer@gsutah.org.

For now, mark your calendars for this October 2014 celebration and see how girls are changing the world!

Details coming soon to
girlscouts.org/convention.

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National Council Delegates

Girl Scouts of the USA

2014 National Council Session/53rd National Convention

Salt Lake City, Utah

October 16-19, 2014

The following is information about the upcoming National Council Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, October 16-19, 2014. The application for National Delegate is attached to this post. Applicants must be a Girl Scout adult or girl member at least 14 years of age at the time of election and a United States citizen. Deadline to apply is January 20, 2014.

The National Council Session is the Girl Scouts' major governance meeting. The members of the National Council convene every three years to help shape the future of our Movement by voting on business proposals, reflecting on topics like women in corporate leadership positions and girl advocacy, and celebrating the Girl Scout Movement! The National Council membership includes delegates elected from each Girl Scout council and from USA Girl Scouts Overseas.

The GSSI Nominating Committee is now accepting applications for the position of 2014-2017 National Council Delegates. A slate of candidates will be presented for election at the April 5, 2014 Annual Meeting. The term will begin immediately following the Annual Meeting and end at the Annual Meeting in 2017.

Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois will cover the cost of registration, transportation, and hotel rooms for the elected Delegates. Elected Delegates will be responsible for meal expenses that are not provided during the Convention. To reduce expenses, we will ask that all participants share a hotel room with another participant or pay the difference for a single room.

Any member of Girl Scouts may attend the National Council Session as a visitor at their own expense. Visitor information and registration details will be available at the National Convention site

<http://www.girlscouts.org/convention/>

Deadline to apply: January 20, 2014



2014 National Council Session and 53rd Convention

The theme for the 2014 National Council Session and 53rd convention 2014 is Discover, Connect, Take Action: Girls Change the World, and we're looking forward to coming together in beautiful Salt Lake City for what promises to be an amazing time of learning, reconnecting, and rebuilding for us all.

What to Expect

Reflecting the convention theme, attendees will have the opportunity to:

Discover

- Explore the issues most vital to girls today and in the future
- Learn about and inform the leading-edge techniques that will inspire volunteers
- Investigate opportunities to engage alumnae in positive actions to advance the work of the Movement
- Identify resources available to their council throughout Expo Hall

Connect

- Explore the best ways to engage girls in the three keys to leadership
- Interact with the members of our global sisterhood to help girls impact the world
- Strategize with colleagues on topics that are timely for the organization as a whole and that address the pressing issues of their local council
- Build a network for their team that informs and advances their local work

Take Action

- Shape the future of our Movement
- Use expertise gained through the Fund Development Learning Track to build public support for their council
- Be energized, motivated, and ready to focus on the mission of Girl Scouts
- Be inspired to take action after hearing from some of the nation's most impressive young-women leaders
- Use the entire experience to advance the work of the council and impact the lives of girls
- Engage national delegates in key discussions between now and the 2017 National Council Session

These are the outcomes your council will achieve by participating in Girl Scouts' 2014 National Council Session/53rd Convention.

2014 National Council Session and 53rd Convention

POSITION DESCRIPTION: Delegate to the National Council

NATIONAL COUNCIL GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTABILITIES

The National Council is authorized to:

- Elect the National Board of Directors and National Board Development Committee
- Amend the Constitution
- Establish requirements for credentials
- Act on proposals
- Influence the strategic direction of the Movement by providing guidance to the National Board

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATES

Girl Scout of Southern Illinois National Delegates will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Ability to think strategically and focus on the future of the Girl Scout Movement
- Experience in a policy-influencing or policy-making capacity
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the workings of Girl Scout councils and the Movement
- Ability to analyze issues from a national, as well as a council, perspective. National Council actions and decisions have Movement-wide implications.
- Commitment to attending council and GSUSA training sessions, in order to be as informed as possible about the issues and the democratic process utilized at the National Council Session
- Willingness to support all the decisions of the National Council

DUTIES OF A DELEGATE

1. In advance of the National Council Session, each individual elected by the council as a voting member/delegate to the National Council takes personal responsibility to:

- Study all items on the agenda, including background information and recommendations of the National Board of Directors
- Attend briefing meetings conducted by the council; participate in council, board, and association meetings; and participate in council forums and focus groups, as requested
- Obtain a broad array of the opinions of adult, Girl Scout Senior, and Girl Scout Ambassador members from all parts of the council
- Participate in teleconferences for voting members, sponsored by the national organization
- Engage in opportunities to discuss, learn about, and share ideas across the Movement

2. While attending the National Council Session, each voting member is responsible for:

- Attending all business meetings and participating in the proceedings
- Being fully prepared to participate in discussions and vote on all business items

3. Upon returning from the National Council Session, each National Council voting member/delegate should be prepared to:

- Report at the council's annual meeting, to the council board of directors, and to the council's constituency (if requested by council board chair/president and CEO) on the National Council decisions and the reasons for such decisions
- Share insights on information gained at the National Council Session, if requested
- Assist the council as it prepares to participate in the next National Council Session, if requested
- Participate in teleconferences and other opportunities for voting members/delegates



Application for National Council Delegate for Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois

Deadline for Submission: Monday, January 20, 2014

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Current Girl Scout roles: _____ (Indicate all roles/positions)

of years in Girl Scouting as an: _____ Adult Member _____ Girl Member

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Email address: _____ Preferred Phone #: (_____) _____

Race/Ethnicity: Asian/Pacific Islander American Indian/Native Alaskan

Black White

Hispanic I choose not to share

Age Group: 14-17 18-29 30-39

50-59 60+ I choose not to share

Will you be at least 14 years of age or older as of May 6, 2014? Yes No

(Required by the GSUSA Congressional Charter)

Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes No

(Required by the GSUSA Congressional Charter)

Why are you interested in being nominated to serve as a national delegate from our council?

What skills or qualifications would you bring as a delegate?

What is your experience in policy making and policy influencing?

How does your experience prepare you to think strategically about the future of the Girl Scout Movement?

What do you think is the biggest challenge that Girl Scouting faces?

After the National Convention, how will you share your experiences and continue to be involved in Girl Scouting over the next 3 year?

Have you previously attended a National Convention? ___Yes ___No

If yes, in what capacity? ___ National Delegate ___ Alternate Delegate ___ Visitor or Participant

The following are expectations of all National Delegates and Alternates.

Please indicate your commitment to this position by initialing next to each expectation.

___ I understand that this position is a three-year commitment for the time period April 2014 to April 2017, or until a replacement is selected.

___ I will attend the National Council Meeting held October 16-19, 2014 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

___ I will study all items on the agenda, including background information and recommendations of the National Board of Directors, and fully prepare to participate in discussions.

___ I will attend briefing and/or training meetings conducted by the council; participate in council, board, and association meetings; and participate in council forums and focus groups, as requested.

___ I will obtain a broad array of the opinions of adult and older girl members from all parts of the council.

___ I will participate in teleconferences/webinars for voting members, sponsored by the national organization.

___ I will attend all business meetings and engage in opportunities to discuss, learn, and share ideas across the Movement.

___ I will report at the council's annual meeting, to the council board of directors, and the council's constituency (as requested) on the National Council decisions and the reasons for such decisions.

I am willing and able to fulfill the responsibilities of a National Council delegate if elected:

Signature of Applicant

Date

Parent Signature indicating approval (if applicant is 18 or under)

Date

Please return this application to the Nominating Committee via email, U.S. mail, or fax to the address below. All applications must be received or postmarked no later than January 20, 2014.

National Delegate Nominating Committee
Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois
#4 Ginger Creek Parkway
Glen Carbon, IL 62034
Fax: 618-692-0685
pickmeforsaltlake@gsfsi.org

**Please note the January 20, 2014 deadline
Late applications will not be accepted**



NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATE EXPECTATION AGREEMENT

I, _____, understand my role and responsibilities as a National Council delegate and commit to carrying out the following:

Before the National Council Session

1. Study all business items on the agenda, background information, and recommendations of the National Board of Directors.
2. Study the *National Council Session Workbook* in order to be well-informed on procedures and appropriate conduct while at the National Council Session.
3. Attend briefing meetings or teleconferences conducted by my council.
4. Participate in any teleconferences or webinars conducted by GSUSA for National Council delegates.
5. Obtain a broad view of the opinions of adult members and Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors from all parts of the council.
6. Familiarize myself with the contents of the current *Blue Book of Basic Documents*.
7. Have a basic understanding of parliamentary procedure and *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.

During the National Council Session

1. Attend all meetings and participate in the proceedings.
2. Be fully prepared on all business items.
3. Plan (with the council board chair and CEO) the information to be gathered at the National Council Session and the kinds of reports that will be made to the council when they return from the National Council Session.

After the National Council Session

1. Report on National Council decisions and the reasons for such decisions at the council's annual meeting, to the council board of directors, and to the council's membership if requested by my council's board chair and CEO.
2. Share insights on information gained at the National Council Session, if requested.
3. Assist the council as it prepares to participate in the next National Council Session, if requested.
4. Participate in any teleconferences and opportunities for voting members.

Signature _____ Date: _____