



## 2020 National Council Session and G.I.R.L. 2020 Call for 2020 National Delegates

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# Girl Scouts-North Carolina Coastal Pines

## Call for 2020 National Council Delegates

Submit your [2020 National Council Delegate Application](#) today!



Girl Scouts-North Carolina Coastal Pines' Board Development Committee is pleased to announce the call for National Delegates to represent our council at the National Council Session and **G.I.R.L. 2020**, in Orlando, FL, October 21-25, 2020.

The National Council of Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) comes together every three years and consists of delegates elected by Girl Scout councils, delegates representing troops from outside the United States (USA Girl Scouts Overseas), members of the National Board of Directors, the National Nominating Committee, and past presidents of GSUSA. Delegates serve a three-year term and must be registered members of GSUSA, 14 years of age or older.

### Make a Difference in Girl Scouting

The National Council is responsible for giving broad policy direction to the Girl Scout movement in the United States. Members of the National Council also elect the National Board of Directors and the National Nominating Committee for the upcoming triennium, act on proposals directed toward fostering the Girl Scout Movement and receive a stewardship report from the National Board of Directors.

National Council members assume one of the most significant responsibilities in Girl Scouting. Through discussion and careful deliberation of issues that will impact the Girl Scout movement, they reaffirm the partnership between Girl Scout councils and the national organization and **are accountable for:**

- Carefully preparing for to participate in the democratic process at the National Council Session
- Opening their minds to the diverse opinions and perspectives of others; and for
- Voting as conscience guides, keeping in mind, first and foremost, the well-being and future development of the entire Girl Scout movement and not of any one particular council or group of councils.

### Logistics for National Convention

Costs for elected National Delegates attending the GSUSA National Convention will be paid for by Girl Scouts-North Carolina Coastal Pines and will include the following:

- Registration fees
- Transportation from Raleigh-Durham Airport (RDU) to the Convention
- Transportation to/from the hotel during the Convention
- Hotel accommodations during the Convention
- Meals during the Convention

### Apply to Become a Delegate

**If you are up to this exciting and important work, choose one of the options below to submit your application for consideration as a 2020 National Delegate no later than November 1, 2019.**

Submit your [2020 National Council Delegate Application](#) today!

Need an alternate option to submit your application? Email Connie Walker at [cwalker@nccoastalpines.org](mailto:cwalker@nccoastalpines.org).

A formula based on membership numbers as of September 30, 2019 will be used by GSUSA to determine the number of National Council Delegates designated to GSNCCP. It is anticipated that the council will be eligible to elect approximately 15 delegates to the 2020 session.

# National Delegate Guide

## National Council Session & G.I.R.L. 2020



Orlando, Florida ♦ October 21-25

The National Council is the legal corporation of Girl Scouts of the USA and is required to meet every three years. Members of the National Council consist of:

- Delegates elected by Girl Scout councils
- Delegates from USA Girl Scouts Overseas
- Members of GSUSA's National Board of Directors
- Members of GSUSA's National Board Development Committee, and
- Past Presidents of Girl Scouts of the USA

### Benefits of National Council Session & G.I.R.L. 2020 Participation

The National Council Session and Convention convenes every three years and is a gathering of thousands of Girl Scouts in one location. This movement-wide meeting is a unique opportunity for Girl Scouts to mark its progress and set its direction for the future. Participants at this event:

- gain an appreciation for the size and scope of the Girl Scout Movement;
- see and feel the passion for Girl Scouts and its mission through a variety of speakers, performers, learning and breakout sessions, and the girl members themselves who participate alongside the adults throughout the event;
- take part in and witness the governance of our organization in action using Parliamentary Procedure to ensure the governance of the organization is enacted with fairness and civility;
- build personal connections with their peers across the movement;
- explore an interactive EXPO tailored to Girl Scouting and girls' interests; and
- strengthen relationships within their council by planning for, attending, and reporting on the experience in their local Girl Scout communities

### Role & Responsibilities of National Council Delegates

National Council Delegates represent Girl Scouts–North Carolina Coastal Pines at the National Council Session and Convention. While there, National Delegates:

- Attend all National Council Session meetings and
  - participate in the discussion, debate, and voting of proposals on the National Council Session agenda;
  - participate in the elections of the National Board of Directors;
  - participate in discussion topics on the National Council Session agenda; and
  - attend delegate only receptions and other events and activities.
- Join other members of the council's delegation (delegates and non-delegates) and attend and participate in G.I.R.L. 2020 Convention activities and events when the National Council is not in session.

In addition to representing GSNCCP at the National Council Session and G.I.R.L. 2020, National Delegates are required to:

- complete all council trainings for their role
- attend the council's Annual Meeting as a voting member of GSNCCP, throughout their term

## National Council Delegate Selection & Term

Each Girl Scout council elects delegates to the National Council based on a formula established by the National Board of Directors. The specific number of delegates allocated to each council is based on the September 30<sup>th</sup> membership figures for the year preceding the National Council Session. Delegates must be 14 years of age or older at the time of their election and, because of GSUSA's Congressional Charter, must be citizens of the United States.

### How many National Council Delegates are designated for GSNCCP?

We typically elect between 15 and 18 National Delegates (and alternates) to represent our council at the National Council Session and Convention. Within our delegation, you will find board members, staff, volunteers, and girls with volunteers and girls making up about 2/3 of the total delegation.

### How long do National Council Delegates serve?

National Council Delegates serve a three-year term.

### How do I submit an application to be considered as a National Council Delegate?

National Delegates submit applications for review and are elected at the council's Annual Meeting. Our next body of National Delegates will be elected at the council's Annual Meeting in Goldsboro on March 13, 2020.

**Applications are now being accepted!.**

Applications are due no later than November 1, 2019.

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Questions? Contact Connie Walker at: [cwalker@nccoastalpines.org](mailto:cwalker@nccoastalpines.org).