



DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL POSITION DESCRIPTION

TITLE National Council Delegate

TERM Three (3) years

POSITION PURPOSE

National Council Delegates represent the members of Girl Scouts of Wisconsin – Badgerland Council to the National Council, at the National Council Session, and at other teleconferences and/or opportunities for voting members.

SUMMARY OF 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

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

DUTIES OF A NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATE

I. In advance of Session, each individual elected by the council as a delegate to attend the National Council

Session takes personal responsibility to:

- **Study** all business items on the agenda, background information, and recommendations of the National Board of Directors.
- **Attend briefing meetings** conducted by the council; participate in council, board, and regional meetings; and participate in council forums and focus groups, as requested.
- **Obtain a broad view** of the opinions of adult and girl members, ages 14-17 years, from all parts of the council.
- **Participate** in teleconferences for voting members, sponsored by the national organization.
- **Engage in opportunities** to discuss, learn, and share ideas across the movement.

II. While attending the National Council Session, each delegate is a voting member and holds the responsibility to:

- **Attend** all business meetings and participate in the proceedings.
- **Be fully prepared** on all business items.

III. In follow-up, upon returning from the National Council Session, each National Council Delegate is prepared to:

- **Report on** the National Council decisions and the reasons for such decisions at the council's Annual Meeting, to the council board of directors, and the council's constituency (if requested by council board chair/president & CEO).
- **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.
- **Become or continue** as a member of the Badgerland Council Delegates (BCD) for the next three years and attend all BCD meetings (four regular meetings and Annual Meeting yearly), beginning in September 2017.

**Please fill out the form below to be considered for a
National Council Session Delegate/Alternate position.
Deadline is Monday, May 15, 2017**



2017 Girl Scout National Council Session Delegate Interest Form

The 53rd National Council Session/Convention of Girl Scouts of the USA will be held October 4-6, 2017 in Columbus, Ohio. The Girl Scouts of Wisconsin – Badgerland Council (GSWIBC) is eligible to send six (6) voting delegates and two (2) alternates, as prescribed by a formula established by the Girl Scouts of the USA. A committee will review applications, contact references, and conduct follow-up interviews, if needed, to select a slate of delegates and alternates. If you are interested in serving as a NCS Delegate, please send this completed application and cover letter to:

Girl Scouts of Wisconsin – Badgerland Council, Attn: Vicki Lanzendorf, 2710 Ski Lane, Madison, WI 53713 or e-mail: lanzendorfv@gsbadgerland.org

Deadline for submissions is May 15, 2017. NCS Delegates and Alternates are required to:

- Attend orientation and preparation meetings prior to the National Council Meeting.
- Attend all sessions in Columbus.
- Be willing to report back to council membership.
- Serve as a National Council Delegate for the next three years and attend any additional National Meetings.
- Become, or continue as, a member of the Badgerland Council Delegates (BCD) for the next three years and attend all BCD meetings (four regular meetings and Annual Meeting yearly), beginning in September 2017.
- Be a citizen of the United States of America – required as per the GSUSA Congressional Charter.
- Be a registered member of the Girl Scouts with GSWIBC
- Be fourteen (14) years of age or older by the time of Council Session on October 4, 2017.

GSWIBC will pay the following expenses of its NCS Delegates: Convention registration, airfare, shared lodging and ground transportation from the airport to the hotel. All food and incidental expenses will be the responsibility of the Delegate. In the event that a Delegate is unable to fulfill her/his duties, an alternate will be selected to replace her/him and the same expenses as noted above will be provided by the council. Non-voting members are welcome and encouraged to attend as visitors and are responsible for their own registration and expenses.

Please complete the following to be considered for a National Council Session Delegate position for GSWIBC:

Name _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City, State, ZIP _____

E-mail Address _____ Membership Area _____

Work / Alternate Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

I agree to carry out the responsibilities of a NCS Delegate as described and to represent Girl Scouts of Wisconsin – Badgerland Council as an informed voting member.

Signature _____ Date _____
(Signature required; please print this form before signing.)

CANDIDATE EXPERIENCE

SELECTION CRITERIA: While the Council will consider a number of factors in making its ultimate selection, the Council will also specifically seek candidates that model the characteristics and skills outlined below, with no one or combination of characteristics and skills being weighted more than the others. Please self-assess your experience in each area (check one box per row). All applications will be reviewed considering the following criteria:

Selection Criteria (Competency)	Significant Experience	Some Experience	No Experience
<p>Strategic Thinking Demonstrates ability to think in terms of long-term goals and objectives that advance the Movement as a whole. Is future-focused.</p> <p>Your Strategic Thinking experience:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Policy-Influencing/Policy-Making Experience Has participated in recent council meetings. Effectively represents different points of view of the membership.</p> <p>Your Policy-Influencing/Policy-Making experience:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Communication Expresses ideas and facts in a clear manner and is an able listener.</p> <p>Your Communication experience:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Critical Thinking Ability to analyze issues from a council and national perspective. Demonstrates ability to weigh options and consider ramifications.</p> <p>Your Critical Thinking example(s):</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Team-Building Promotes partnerships. Has commitment to the team approach. Will support decisions of the National Council once made.</p> <p>Your Team-Building experience:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Adaptability Demonstrates flexibility when new information is brought forward.</p> <p>Your Adaptability example(s):</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Knowledge of Girl Scouts Has knowledge of Girl Scouting at the council level and knowledge of the Girl Scout Movement.</p> <p>Please explain your Knowledge of Girl Scouts:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

GIRL SCOUT EXPERIENCE: List your Girl Scout experience, including position(s) and dates.

OTHER VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS: List other relevant volunteer experience including position, organization, and dates (civic groups, extracurricular activities, volunteer positions, or organizations).

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE BADGERLAND COUNCIL DELEGATES? Yes No If yes, how many years? _____

COVER LETTER: Please share why you are interested in participating in the NCS as a Delegate. Please highlight some of the strengths you would bring to the delegation. **Please send as a separate file.**

Please complete this section for statistical purposes only.

RACE/ETHNICITY: American Indian or Native Alaskan Asian or Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
 Black or African American White
 Hispanic or Latina/Latino Not Hispanic or Latina/Latino

AGE GROUP: 14-17 18-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60+

Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes No

Are you a registered member of GSUSA or Girl Scouts of Wisconsin – Badgerland Council? Yes No

If you are not selected, are you interested in attending as a non-voting member? Yes No

Please list **two references** that we may contact (one reference must be from a girl or adult member of Girl Scouts):

1. Name _____ Home Phone (____) _____

E-mail Address _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

2. Name _____ Home Phone (____) _____

E-mail Address _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Thank you for your interest in representing Girl Scouts of Wisconsin – Badgerland Council as a NCS Delegate.