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National Council Delegate Application

The place is Indianapolis, Indiana. The dates are October 30 - November 2, 2008

Girls Scouts of the USA's National Council has served as a model for the democratic process of governance for our organization since 1916. It is a corporate membership body composed of delegates elected by Girl Scout councils, members of the National Board and the National Nominating Committee.

The National Council meets every three years. Agenda items over the years have included: changes to the Promise and Law, increasing membership dues, electing National Board and Nominating Committee members, establishing task groups to study various issues affecting girls and adults in the organization, revising membership standards and other policies that impact Girl Scouting. The National Council Session provides a forum to ensure that Girl Scouting remains responsive to the changing needs of girls while committed to our fundamental mission and values.

The number of registered girls in a Council determines the number of delegates allowed to attend the National Council, which is the same formula that we use to determine the number of delegates each constituency may elect as voting members of the local Council.

The Girl Scouts of Heritage Trails Council Nominating Committee will accept applications for the position of National Delegate until **April 10, 2008**. Applications will be available from the Council's website, the Council office or your Membership staff. National Council Delegates are elected to a three-year term. The Council Nominating Committee will present a slate of candidates for election at the 2008 Heritage Trails Council Annual Meeting.

Criteria for being selected include:

- Must be a registered, active Girl Scout-14 years of age or over
- Ability to attend all trainings and preparatory meetings.
- Ability to be objective, representing the best interests of the Girl Scout Movement and not just a particular geographic area or program level.
- Knowledge of parliamentary procedure.
- Ability to sit for long periods of time and process a considerable amount of information.
- Ability to function as a member of a team.
- Ability to prepare and give presentations to Girl Scout groups upon your return.
- Ability to respect different opinions.

Expenses for elected delegates to the National Council Session are paid by Girl Scouts of Heritage Trails Council and include airfare, hotel, meal and registration fees. Each Girl Scout Council is entitled to send a limited number of official visitors. Expenses for official visitors are not paid by the Council.

Girl Scouts of Heritage Trails Council seeks diversity representation in all Council opportunities and activities.

Don't miss out on this experience of a lifetime! Now's your chance to shape the future of Girl Scouting!

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.



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APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATE

Application must be received in the GSHTC Mansfield Service Center Office before 4:00 pm on Thursday, April 10, 2008!

Instructions:

1. Please type or print clearly.
2. Attach additional pages if necessary.
3. Return to: Council Nominating Committee/Mary Ann Forbes
 Girl Scouts of Heritage Trails Council
 35 N. Park Street, Mansfield, OH 44902

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ COUNTY _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Training Date Preference:

Please rank in order of preference (1=best 2=ok 3=unavailable)

Weekday _____ Weeknight _____ Weekend _____ Doesn't Matter _____

If you are not selected as a delegate would you like to go as an official visitor at your own expense? YES NO

QUALIFICATIONS/EXPECTATIONS:

- Must be a registered Girl Scout-14 years of age or over. YES NO
- Ability to attend all trainings and preparatory meetings YES NO
- Ability to be objective, representing the best interests of the Girl Scout Movement and not just a particular geographic area or program level. YES NO
- Ability to sit for long periods of time and process a considerable amount of information. YES NO
- Ability to function as a member of a team. YES NO
- Ability to share what you have learned with several different service units upon your return. YES NO

GSHTC VERIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP	
<i>The above named individual is a registered member for the current membership year _____.</i>	
Verified by: _____	Date: _____

Age Range:

- 15-17 18-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60 plus

Race:

- American Indian Asian/Pacific Islander Black White Hispanic

Positions in which you have served in Girl Scouting within the last five years: (most recent first)

Community activities in which you have participated (other than Girl Scouting - most recent first):

Conventions and/or training programs you have attended within the last five years (Girl Scouting or otherwise - list most recent first):

Why do you wish to participate in this National Convention?

Please list one reference that can provide supporting information regarding your Girl Scout commitment.

Name _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE