



**girl scouts**  
of south carolina  
mountains to midlands

**2011 National Council Delegate  
Information Packet**



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## GIRL SCOUTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA – MOUNTAINS TO MIDLANDS, INC.

### 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 80 other countries. The nation's First Lady customarily has adopted its honorary leadership.

### THE COUNCIL

Girl Scouts of South Carolina – Mountains to Midlands, Inc. serves more than 12,500 girls and 5,500 adults who live in a 22-county region that stretches from the central Midlands throughout the Upstate regions of South Carolina.

**Locations:** Columbia, Greenville, and Spartanburg, SC  
**Corporate Office:** Greenville, SC  
**2010 Budget:** 5.2 Million  
**Total Assets:** 9.3 Million  
**Total Delegates:** 5  
**Web site:** [www.gssc-mm.org](http://www.gssc-mm.org) (separate delegate site after election)

### REFERENCE MATERIAL

Fact Sheet – Girl Scouts of the United States of America (GSUSA)  
Fact Sheet – Girl Scouts of South Carolina – Mountains to Midlands, Inc.  
Jurisdictional Map

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# THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the National Council is comprised of representatives from throughout the Girl Scout Movement. By corporate definition, a council nominee elected to represent the Girl Scouts of South Carolina – Mountains to Midlands, 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.

## 2011 NATIONAL COUNCIL

The 52<sup>nd</sup> Convention of Girl Scouts of the USA will be held November 10-13, 2011 in Houston, Texas. 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

Unique to this convention will be the launch of a nationwide, year-long celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Girl Scouts.

## 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 2009 version, South Carolina – Mountains to Midlands anticipates electing and sending 5-6 delegates from our council.

Requirements for the National Council include:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be registered member of Girl Scouts of the USA
- Be 14 year of age or older
- Be available to attend the National Council Session (Nov. 10-13, 2011)
- Be committed to participate in Delegate Training sessions offered by Girl Scouts of South Carolina – Mountains to Midlands.
- Be committed to a three-year tenure as a National Delegate (term effective from November, 2010 election date until new elections in November, 2013)
- Be committed to participate in National Council Session activities sponsored by Girl Scouts of South Carolina – Mountains to Midlands in advance and upon return of the National Convention.

## REFERENCE MATERIAL

Guide to Blue Book of Basic Documents  
Council Bylaws & Governance Structure

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# COUNCIL DELEGATE

## THE POSITION

So – you are interested in the role of the Council Delegate – excellent!

In our council, the requirements to serve mirror the national requirements in addition to the following:

- Complete application and submit for review by the Board Nominating Committee – a subcommittee of the Board Development Committee
- Elected to a three-year term by vote of the Council's delegate body at the Annual Business Meeting
- Must be currently registered within our council
- Ability to represent the view and position of the council in all discussions and actions, regardless of personal beliefs that may differ
- Must attend training and interface with the council delegate body
- Need not be a current council delegate, but would serve as one if elected to this three-year term

## CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

**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

**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 strategy map as well as the movement as a whole; must be future-focused

## APPLICATION/REFERRAL

The slate for the 2011 National Council Delegates is developed by the Board Nominating Committee and presented for election at the November, 2010 Annual Meeting. National Delegate training and role responsibilities begin in the spring of 2011. The council covers all costs for National Delegates.

If you are interested in applying to be a National Council Delegate, please download and complete an application and return it by October 1, 2010.

If you would like to refer a potential candidate, please download and complete the candidate referral form and return it by October 1, 2010.

## REFERENCE MATERIAL

Application for National Council Delegate  
Candidate Referral Form  
Mission, Vision & Core Values  
Strategy Map

## MEETING DATES

### ANNUAL MEETING

Council Annual Recognitions & Business Meeting (slate details separately):  
The Overlook  
Clinton House Plantation  
Clinton, SC  
Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>  
10 A – 1 P

### ORIENTATION

In conjunction with Girl Scouts of the USA – anticipated late spring/early summer of 2011.

### MEETINGS

A majority of the meetings will be held electronically following the initial training and introduction session (to be determined at a mutual convenient time and a site central to the elected delegation). As an elected delegate, you will need access to a phone for conference calls and preferably a laptop for web conferencing sessions.

The anticipated meeting schedule is as follows:

Annual Meeting & Election	Saturday, November 13, 2010	The Clinton House Plantation
Spring Delegate Mtg	February 19 2011	TBA-Newberry area
Delegate Orientation	Late spring/early summer 2011	TBA
National Conversations	Summer/Fall 2011	TBA
Registrations/Travel Confirmed	July, 2011	Details to elected delegates
Town Hall Meetings	September/October 2011	TBA
Annual Recognitions & Business Meeting	November <del>12<sup>th</sup></del> 10 A – 1 P Midlands region	Pre-established date of the 12 <sup>th</sup> in conflict with National Session
National Council Session	November 10-13, 2011	Houston, Texas

## CONTACTS

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