

COUNCIL DELEGATE/ALTERNATE DELEGATE RESPONSIBILITIES & EXPECTATIONS

Delegates and alternates are elected by each service unit for a term of one year or until their successors are elected, and delegates may serve no more than three consecutive terms. Delegates act as voices for service units on policy issues. They must be must be 14 years of age or older registered Girl Scouts through the service unit and the Council. They must be objective, have the ability to differentiate between opinion and fact, and be able to judge an idea on its merits.

Responsibilities and expectations include:

1. Prepare for the position and complete a review of the Delegate Orientation & Training Manual and knowledge check available on the council website: <http://www.gsgcf.org/en/about-girl-scouts/our-council/governance.html>
2. Attend the Annual Meeting of the Council and represent the service unit:
 - a) Elect officers, members-at-large of the Board of Directors, and delegates and alternates to the National Council of the Girl Scouts of the USA
 - b) Provide input for Girl Scouting in the Council by receiving and responding to reports and information from the Board of Directors about major policy decisions and helping to set strategic direction
 - c) Take action requiring membership vote
 - d) Conduct such other business as may come before the voting members
3. Attend special meetings called by the President.
4. Notify the Service Unit Manager if unable to attend meetings.
5. Communicate with Service Unit Manager on ideas, issues and concerns of the service unit.
6. Attend a minimum of half the service unit meetings per year and utilize delegate report agenda time at the service unit meeting to:
 - a) Lead discussions and gather input on proposed council plans and policy influencing issues
 - b) Report information from the Annual Meeting
 - c) Report information from meetings of the Board of Directors
 - d) Report on special meetings called by the President
7. Support the strategic priorities of Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc.

ALTERNATE Delegates:

8. Attend all meetings of the Council as requested by a delegate and serve in the capacity of delegate at those meetings;
9. Fill the unexpired term and expectations of a delegate at the request of the Service Unit Manager and serve in the capacity of delegate for the remainder of the term.

All information must be completed – please print clearly:

Date: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____
(I agree/will receive delegate communication via this email address)

Street Address/city/zip: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Service Unit: _____

Please circle your elected position:

Delegate – OR – Alternate Delegate

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