



National Council Session & Convention 2017 Girl Planning Team Position

Deadline: March 11, 2016

The Girl Scout National Council Session and Convention is an event that occurs every three years. The next event will be held in Columbus, Ohio in October 2017. The National Council Session is the movement-wide business meeting for Girl Scouts, where our most important decisions are collectively made. The Convention portion of the gathering focuses on the issues affecting girls in our country and around the world. Thousands of people will attend Convention – primarily Girl Scouts, adult Girl Scout members, Girl Scouts staff, and also non-Girl Scout girls and adults who care about the issues affecting girls today.

The Girl Planning Team will be an integral part of the planning and implementation of all aspects of the National Council Session and Convention. From May 2016 until October 2017, this group of 20 young women from across the Girl Scouting Movement will help design the experience for older Girl Scouts at Convention, and provide input and feedback on areas such as: activities, panel presentations, discussion sessions, special events, marketing Convention, and more. At the 2017 Convention in Columbus, they will serve as part of the Convention team that is leading the implementation of the event.

Under the guidance of a staff member from Girl Scouts of the USA and a staff member from Girl Scouts Ohio's Heartland, as a member of this group you will attend scheduled meetings, contribute to discussion forums, and work in teams on specific areas of focus. You will build leadership skills, have the opportunity to learn about personal areas of interest (i.e. issues regarding girls and women, event planning, marketing, etc.), and will get to interact with various professionals and guest speakers during planning and at Convention. At Convention, you will learn the ins and outs of executing a large-scale event. You must be available and willing to travel to two planning retreats and to Convention (**all expenses paid for all three trips.**)

Qualifications

- Genuine interest in taking on a leadership role on the national level of Girl Scouting
- Currently registered as a Girl Scout
- Currently in 9th – 10th grade
- Committed to using technology as a platform for research and communication
- Available to attend ALL in-person and the entire event in Columbus (*See schedule below - We will be seeking school district support for excused absences in recognition of this unique educational and leadership opportunity.*)
- Available to attend a monthly video call with the group from on a weekday evening (dates TBD).

Responsibilities

- Consistently contribute feedback on various digital platforms.
- Actively participate in all scheduled meetings with other committee members
 - If a meeting is missed without forewarning, an email will be sent to you and your parent.
 - If more than two meetings are missed, you are at risk of losing the opportunity to attend the trip to NYC and Convention.
 - If more than half of the scheduled meetings are missed, the opportunity to attend the trip to NYC and Convention will be suspended.
- Be able to assist with additional research up to two to five hours per week.
- Work in groups and independently to complete and present research.
- Perform related responsibilities as assigned.

SCHEDULE OF 2017 NCS/CONVENTION MANDATORY GIRL PLANNING TEAM MEETINGS		
Date	Time(EST)	Notes/Location
May 2016	TBD	virtual meeting
June 2016	TBD	virtual meeting
July 20 – 23, 2016*	Wednesday 3:00pm – Saturday 2:00pm	Retreat in Columbus, Ohio
August 2016	TBD	virtual meeting
September 2016	TBD	virtual meeting
October 2016	TBD	virtual meeting
November 2016	TBD	virtual meeting
December 2016	TBD	virtual meeting
January 2017	TBD	virtual meeting
February 2017	TBD	virtual meeting
March 2017	TBD	virtual meeting
April 2017	TBD	virtual meeting
May 2017	TBD	virtual meeting
June 2017	TBD	virtual meeting
July 12 - 15, 2017*	Wednesday 3:00pm – Saturday 2:00pm	Retreat at Edith Macy Conference Center, New York with visit to national headquarters in NYC
August 2017	TBD	virtual meeting
September 2017	TBD	virtual meeting
October 4 – 9, 2017*	2:00pm Wednesday - 2:00pm Sunday	Convention in Columbus, OH

*required

If you meet the above qualifications, and can commit to the responsibilities and meeting schedule, please notify your council staff contact to apply.