



Minnesota and Wisconsin
River Valleys

Delegate/Alternate Delegate Volunteer Position Description

Reports to: Board of Directors – Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys
Term: Adult Delegate: One year or until successor is elected
Girl Delegate: One year or until successor is elected
Purpose: As a member of River Valleys, delegates/alternate delegates are entitled to elect directors-at-large, elected officers, board development committee members, and national council delegates. Delegates are the communication link between River Valleys' girls, volunteers, and board of directors.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

A. Participation:

1. Attend River Valleys' annual meeting to vote in elections for board members, board development committee members, and national council delegates.
2. Vote on bylaw amendments that change or alter the rights of members.
3. If unable to attend the annual meeting, inform service unit manager (or if appointed, staff member) who will contact alternate delegate.
4. Complete required position training.

B. Communication and Leadership:

1. Facilitate the constructive exchange of ideas and viewpoints in the delegate region.
 2. Participate in delegate forums, and provide information in a timely manner to the board of directors through appropriate channels.
 3. Attend delegate meetings and articulate the views of volunteers, while respecting the democratic process.
 4. Support decisions made at delegate meetings and report information back to the delegate region constructively and positively.
 5. Support and promote The Girl Scout Leadership Experience: Program Essentials at the service unit and troop levels.
 6. Follow all GSUSA and River Valleys' policies, standards, and procedures.
- Adult Delegate:**
7. Mentor girl delegates, ensuring that they understand and have an opportunity to carry out their role.

C. Financial:

1. Promote and support River Valleys' Family Fundraising Campaign, Fall Product Program, and Cookie Program Activity in relationship to your volunteer position.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Adult Delegate:

1. Be willing to fully participate in volunteer application and screening process.
2. Must be an appropriate role model for girl delegates.

Girl Delegate:

3. Be age 12 or older by River Valleys' Annual Meeting date.

Both:

4. Currently registered member of the Girl Scout Movement through River Valleys.
5. Be elected by delegate region or appointed by the board of directors.
6. Demonstrate effective communication skills.
7. Possess mature judgment, flexibility, and enthusiasm.



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8. Practice welcoming and inclusive behavior toward people of all ages, races, religions, cultures, abilities, sexual orientation, gender, educational, and economic backgrounds.
9. Committed to speak and act in a manner consistent with the Girl Scout Mission, Promise, and Law.

BENEFITS:

1. Help girls become confident leaders who discover, connect, and take action in their community.
2. Receive limited accident coverage while carrying out Girl Scout responsibilities as a member of GSUSA.
3. Knowledge about governance and policy-making processes.
4. Opportunity to use facilitation and communication skills.
5. Opportunity to influence decisions which benefit all girls in River Valleys' jurisdiction and shape the future of River Valleys.
6. Receive financial assistance if needed.

RIVER VALLEYS' RESPONSIBILITIES TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:

1. Strive to match your skills and talents with an appropriate volunteer position.
2. Provide a volunteer position description and orientation to your position, River Valleys, and GSUSA.
3. Provide position-specific training when required and document when completed.
4. Provide an extensive network of resources, contacts, and programming ideas, and ensure services, materials, and resources are available and accessible.
5. Provide current information on upcoming events and activities through newsletters, meetings, and online resources.
6. Provide ongoing support, guidance, evaluation, and recognition of your volunteer service.