



2008
NATIONAL COUNCIL SESSION
51ST CONVENTION
Girl Scouts Can Lead Anywhere

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

WHERE IS THE 2008 GIRL SCOUT NATIONAL COUNCIL SESSION/51st CONVENTION BEING HELD?

Indiana Convention Center
100 South Capitol Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana 46225

WHAT ARE THE DATES OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL SESSION/CONVENTION?

Thursday, October 30, through Sunday, November 2, 2008. The Opening Ceremony of the convention will take place on Thursday, October 30, beginning in the early evening and closes on Sunday, November 2, at approximately 12 Noon.

WHO CAN ATTEND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL SESSION/CONVENTION?

Voting Members (formerly known as Delegates) and Members (formerly known as Official Visitors) are determined by the local council. Both Voting Members and Members must be registered members of GSUSA and be 14 years of age and older at the time of the convention.

WHEN WILL WE RECEIVE HOTEL INFORMATION?

The hotel reservation process for the National Council Session will be on a first-come, first-served basis as it has been for the past several conventions. There will be no lottery instituted for the housing process. Hotel information and reservation procedures will be distributed to local councils in mid-June. GSUSA has contracted discounted rates at a number of downtown hotels for the convention. For budgeting purposes, hotel rates will range from approximately \$153.00 plus tax per room per night to \$236.00 plus tax per room per night, depending on the hotel and number of people in the room. A limited number of suites will also be available at higher rates. To obtain these special convention rates, reservations must be made through GSUSA's designated housing company following the procedures you will receive in mid-June. **Please do not contact the hotels directly.**

WHAT ARE THE REGISTRATION FEES FOR VOTING MEMBERS (FORMERLY KNOWN AS DELEGATES) AND MEMBERS (FORMERLY KNOWN AS OFFICIAL VISITORS)?

The registration fee for Voting Members and Members is \$245.00, age 18 and older, before the established early bird deadline of July 18, 2008. The fee for registrations received after July 18 is \$275.00. The fee for Voting Members and Members, age 14 to 17, is \$175.00 before July 18 and \$195.00 thereafter.

Both Voting Members and Members must be registered members of GSUSA and be 14 years of age or older at the time of the convention.

WHAT DOES FULL- TIME REGISTRATION INCLUDE?

Full-time Voting Members and Members are entitled to attend the National Council Session and the Hall of Exhibits on all four days (October 30-November 2). Fees include all printed materials associated with the National Council Session.



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HOW MANY VOTING MEMBERS AND MEMBERS ARE ALLOWED PER COUNCIL?

In December, 2007 and again on April 8, 2008, councils were sent the Notice of Delegate Quota-Registration Form indicating the number of Voting Members they could elect to the National Council Session, along with information on how to register these individuals.

This form also enabled Councils to register Members (formerly known as Official Visitors). There is no limit as to the number of Members a council may bring.

If you do not have this information, please email or phone Carol Modica in Membership Credentials (cmodica@girlscouts.org or 212-852-8006).

WHAT IS A DAY PASS AND WHAT DOES IT INCLUDE?

Day Passes are available to individuals age 12 and older who wish to attend the National Council Session on the day(s)/date(s) indicated on the pass. Day Passes also provide admission to the Hall of Exhibits on the day(s)/date(s) indicated on the pass.

HOW ARE DAY PASSES ORDERED?

Day Passes will be sold beginning in early September after full-time registration has closed and availability of space is determined. Further information regarding the process of purchasing Day Passes will be sent to Councils later this summer.

WHO CAN VISIT THE HALL OF EXHIBITS?

As mentioned above, all full-time registered Voting Members and Members will have access to the Hall of Exhibits during the entire convention.

Hall of Exhibit Passes will be sold to people age 5 and older, providing access to that venue only (no access to the National Council Session), in mid to late July. Further information regarding the purchase of Hall of Exhibit Passes will be sent to councils this summer.

WHAT ARE THE FEES FOR DAY PASSES AND HALL OF EXHIBIT PASSES?

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| Day Passes | Adult (age 18+): \$90.00 | Hall of Exhibit Passes | Adult (age 18+): \$15.00 |
| | Girls (ages 14-17): \$45.00 | | Girls (ages 5-17): \$5.00 |

WILL THERE BE A GIRL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE GIRL CONGRESS) AND WHEN AND WHERE WILL IT TAKE PLACE??

The Girl Scout Leadership Institute (formerly known as the Girl Congress) will be held Wednesday, October 29 through Thursday, October 30 prior to the start of the National Council Session. Sessions will be held at the Indianapolis Convention Center and the Westin Indianapolis Hotel. Girls in grades 6-12 who are registered members of Girl Scouts of the USA are eligible to participate in the Girl Scout Leadership Institute. Please visit <http://www.girlscoutsindiana.org/gsli> for more information.

WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE NATIONAL COUNCIL SESSION/CONVENTION?

We are currently developing the Agenda; it will be emailed to Convention Representatives upon completion.