



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: Adults: One year or until successor is elected Girl Scout: One year or until successor is elected

Purpose: As a member of River Valleys, delegates/alternate delegates are entitled to elect directors-at-large, Board Development Committee members and national council delegates. Delegates are the communication link between River Valleys' girls, volunteers, Community Networks, and board of directors.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

A. Voting:

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 changes or alters the rights of members.
3. If unable to attend Annual meeting, inform service unit manager or if appointed, staff member who will contact alternate delegate.

B. Communication and Leadership:

1. Facilitate the constructive exchange of ideas and viewpoints in the Delegate Region to ensure volunteers' feedback is informed and appropriate.
2. Participate in Community Network meetings, 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, respecting the democratic process which is designed to be effective and efficient.
4. Support decisions made at delegate meetings and report information back to the Delegate Region constructively and positively.
5. Mentor girl delegates, ensuring that they understand and have an opportunity to carry out their role.

C. Financing:

1. Promote and support the Family Partnership Campaign and River Valleys' product sales program activities.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Currently registered member of the Girl Scout Movement through River Valleys.
2. Be age 12 or older by January 26, 2008.
3. Be elected by Delegate Region or appointed by the board of directors.
4. Demonstrate effective communication skills.
5. Complete mandatory training for position by submitting delegate/alternate delegate independent-study quiz to the appropriate staff person.
6. Must be an appropriate role model for girl delegates.
7. Possess mature judgment, sense of humor, flexibility and enthusiasm

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BENEFITS:

1. Knowledge about governance and policy-making processes.
2. Satisfaction from shaping the future of River Valleys.
3. Opportunity to use facilitation and communication skills.
4. Opportunity to represent volunteers in Delegate Region.
5. Opportunity to influence decisions benefiting all girls in River Valleys' jurisdiction.