

Girl Advisory Board (GAB)



The Girl Advisory Board (GAB) allows Girl Scout Cadettes through Ambassadors the opportunity to serve as an advisory team providing programmatic input to the Experience Team and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). **By lending a voice to a movement that wants, needs and values girl-led contributions, these young leaders will play a significant role in shaping the ongoing work of GSCP2P.**

The GAB is a cooperative learning team and safe place where girls can share their thoughts about what girls need and want, as well as their ideas on how Girl Scouts can be the program of choice for girls today.

As a member of the GAB, you're encouraged to share your creative ideas, your passion for Girl Scouts and ensure that Girl Scout programs are what today's girls want and need.

You'll love being on the GAB if you:

- Are ready to take your leadership skills to the next level.
- Want to have an active role in Girl Scouting and help shape what it looks like for other girls.
- Have skills to share.
- Are passionate about Girl Scouts.
- Want to connect with other older girls from our council.

What does the Girl Advisory Board do?

The GAB will work as a team to determine priorities of Girl Scouting in the areas of programs, girl activities, girl engagement, trainings, social trends and other areas as determined by the CEO. GAB members will also be exposed to governance opportunities and be able to represent the council at various activities and events throughout the year. By facilitating youth-adult partnerships, these leadership opportunities allow GAB members to influence and have their voices heard in programmatic activities in the council. GAB members will also have the opportunity to make recommendations and share their ideas. In order to gain understanding of the governance process, GAB members may be invited to observe a GSCP2P Board of Directors meeting.

The Girl Advisory Board will discuss everything about Girl Scouting including, but not limited to:

- What programs should be offered.
- How we can attract more members.
- What ideas do you have to increase the awareness of Girl Scouting.
- How Girl Scouts can increase our impact on the world around us.
- And so much more!



The Girl Advisory Board exists to make sure that our girls' voices are heard! Advisory board members make their voices heard to the staff of GSCP2P, as well as learn to share their Girl Scout story with their greater community.

Reporting to GSCP2P's Board of Directors

The GAB will prepare a report for the Board of Directors of its activities annually and make recommendations to the Board. The GAB will select from its members several girls to present the report, share the team's ideas and respond to questions from the Board.

What is the time commitment?

The GAB will be comprised of up to 20 members. Girls will be selected to participate in the GAB as provided under the Selection Process described below. Girls selected for the GAB will be asked to make a minimum one-year commitment to participate on the GAB. The one-year term runs October 1 – September 30. Girls can serve up to two consecutive one-year terms on the GAB, with the term of a high school senior ending on September 30 of the year the girl graduates from high school. We will have four virtual meetings a year and one weekend in person at one of our camps.

When does the Girl Advisory Board meet?

The GAB will meet virtually four times a year and will have one in-person retreat at one of our camps. The meeting dates and times will be established based on the availability of a majority of the girl members.

Selection Process

Girls in grades 7th through 11th who are registered members of the council may express their interest in serving on the GAB in the following year by completing the self-nomination form on the [council's website](#) every year. The form will be open for submissions from April 1 - June 1, 2023. Over the summer, GAB Advisors will interview all the applicants, either virtually or in person. The committee will select up to 20 girls to participate in the GAB for a term of one year and make every effort to select Girl Scouts that represent the rich diversity of the council and the geographic region.

Am I eligible to apply?

If you are a registered girl member of Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont and a 7th grade Girl Scout Cadette, Senior or 11th grade Ambassador, you are eligible to apply!

Applications for MY2024 GAB members will open April 1, 2023 and will be accepted through June 1, 2023. Interviews will happen over the summer of 2023. Candidates will be notified in September 2023. Apply at bit.ly/3LxlQte.

If you have any questions, please contact info@girlscoutsp2p.org or call 800-672-2148.