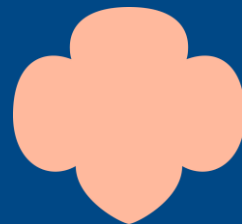




**April 18, 2026 | 9:30am**

The Ridge Hotel &  
Conference Center

300 N. Maple Ave  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920



# What to Expect at GSHNJ's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

Board of  
Directors

Board  
Development  
Committee

Service  
Unit  
Delegates

National  
Council  
Delegates

Voting Members of the Council

# What to Do Prior to the Annual Meeting

As a voting member of the council, you have a responsibility to

- Be knowledgeable about the community you represent and actively engage with your constituents.
- Liaise with GSHNJ staff and other voting members to influence the strategic direction of our council.
- Be knowledgeable about the business that is to be conducted at Annual Meeting.

➡ Expect your invitation to register your attendance in early March.

➡ Expect your Workbook no later than April 8. This provides a meeting agenda, action items, election slates, and discussion topics.

1

**Join and use Rallyhood!** There are many topic-specific Rallies to choose from, especially Council-Wide Hub and Service Unit Delegates.

2

**Attend virtual Service Unit Team Meetings.** Hosted by GSHNJ staff, these monthly meetings are the best way to stay informed about current affairs of the council. [Register here.](#)

3

**Attend your service unit's meetings.** This is the best way to form relationships within your local Girl Scout community and understand their needs. Contact your Service Unit Manager for the schedule.

4

Brush up on GSHNJ's Bylaws, Strategic Plan, and other [governance documents](#). Refresh your understanding of basic [Parliamentary Procedure](#).

5

Make sure your membership is active, background check complete, and all paperwork is in order. Only active members may attend Annual Meeting! Need help with this? Email [suteams@gshnj.org](mailto:suteams@gshnj.org).



**As required by our Bylaws**, at the Annual Meeting the Voting Members shall: elect officers, At-large Directors, Board Development Committee members, and in appropriate years, delegates and alternates to the National Council of GSUSA; consider any proposed amendments to the Bylaws; provide input on key issues affecting the Council and the Girl Scouts Movement; and consider any other business appropriate to come before the Council.



**You can also expect:**

- Inspiring stories from Girl Scouts and volunteers.
- A stewardship report from the CEO.
- Opportunities to network with fellow Girl Scout members, staff, and the Board of Directors.
- To give feedback on proposals being considered at GSUSA's National Council Session in July.
- Breakfast!



**Attire is business formal.** Girl Scout uniforms are encouraged: for adults, that is navy business attire, official scarf/necktie, and membership pins + other insignia.

Check-in of all attendees and credentialing of voting members occurs for the first part of the event: please arrive on time! Doors open at 9am.

The meeting will follow the program presented in the Workbook. It is overseen by an impartial, unrelated parliamentarian.



# What to Do After the Annual Meeting

**SU Delegates, report back** to your service unit with a summary of the council stewardship report and the results of any actions taken during the Annual Meeting. Work with your Service Unit Manager to determine the best way to communicate with your community's leaders.

**Additional meetings may be called** by the Board of Directors during the year. If a Special Meeting is called, notices with details, instructions, purpose, and any background information will be provided electronically no fewer than 10 days in advance of the meeting.

Work with your Service Unit Manager to **hold elections for any new Service Unit Delegates and Alternate Delegates**. Each service unit may have two delegates and one alternate delegate. Delegates serve for two years, and for no more than three consecutive terms (maximum of six years in a row). Alternate Delegates step in to represent the service unit when delegates are unavailable; their terms are established by each service unit. Reach out to [suteams@gshnj.org](mailto:suteams@gshnj.org) for guidance.