

National Council Convention Update 5.11.20

Dear GSHPA Members:

As we've shared, due to health and safety concerns around the COVID-19 global pandemic, the Girl Scouts of the USA Board of Directors made the difficult but necessary decision to cancel all in-person events relating to G.I.R.L. 2020/55th National Council Session and transition the National Council Session to a virtual meeting.

We heard from many people who were planning to participate that they were looking forward to being in Orlando, Florida, for convention—with several members asking if our next triennial convention could take place there. To that end, we have good news: **the GSUSA board voted during its recent regularly scheduled meeting to hold our Movement's next convention (2023) in Orlando.**

We'll share more details, including dates, as we have them, and we ask for your patience as we plan our first-ever virtual National Council Session for October 2020 and work with our partners in Orlando to start planning 2023. We strongly encourage everyone who was looking forward to our 2020 convention to stay connected with our Movement—we're already excited about the possibilities for a memorable 2023 convention in Orlando!

Note that we have updated the information about 2023 convention on the G.I.R.L. 2020 section of our site.

GSUSA remains extremely grateful for the six councils in Florida and other volunteers and staff throughout our Movement who worked so hard to plan this year's convention. We also deeply appreciate the commitment of the councils that previously applied to host the 2023 event.

Yours in Girl Scouts,

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