



March 20, 2026

Dear Friends:

Happy Spring!

We hope to see everyone in person at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi on April 25<sup>th</sup> at Camp Iti Kana. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the business meeting beginning at 10:30 a.m. It will be immediately followed by the Adult Recognition Award program. That will be followed by the Girl Award ceremony at 2:00 pm. Registration is now open for each event. To show our appreciation for your prompt attention in getting registered, we will have a special drawing along with our usual door prize drawings, for all voting members who are registered by April 9<sup>th</sup>.

During this year's annual meeting, we will present the proposed slate of nominees from the Board Development Committee for the board of directors and for the board development committee. We will then vote on the slate to fill positions that will be open. For your review, attached please find your delegate packet including the following items:

- 2026 annual meeting agenda
- Slate of nominees for Board of Directors and Board Development Committee members
- 2025 annual meeting minutes
- Standing rules
- 2025 audited financials
- Impact Report
- By-Laws

As you review the information included in this Delegate Packet, we would like to share some of the accomplishments and major projects that the council has been working hard toward for the betterment of the Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi.

- ✓ Excellent fiscal operations were maintained, and we ended the year with strong financials. We had another "clean" audit report from our auditors.
- ✓ Improvements continue at Camp Iti Kana. Swing sets have been installed at Camp Wahi, thanks to a grant we received.
- ✓ Our program offerings were more numerous, diverse in interest areas and more robust than ever.

- ✓ We had more traffic in our retail shops, which means we have more girls in uniforms and more badges were earned.
- ✓ We had more girls participating in council events and service unit campouts and troop campouts, getting more girls and families out to enjoy our camps.

In recent years, it has been getting harder to get people to get a commitment from volunteers to serve as delegates for the annual meeting. We hear and understand that weekends are again full with activities for our children and ourselves. We have also heard of reluctance to drive for several hours to attend a business meeting that lasts less than hour.

- Therefore, we are asking that voting members (Board members, board development committee members, service unit managers, service unit delegates and lifetime members wishing to attend) get registered by April 9<sup>th</sup>.
- If we do not have a quorum registered by April 9<sup>th</sup>, we will move the meeting to a virtual meeting on Thursday, April 30, at 6:00 pm. A notice with a link will be sent on Monday, April 27, for the virtual meeting if we do not have a quorum registered by April 9<sup>th</sup>.
- If, by April 9<sup>th</sup> we do have a quorum registered to attend the in-person meeting set for April 25<sup>th</sup>, but we do not have a quorum present at the in-person meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup>, we will move the meeting to a virtual meeting on Thursday, April 30, at 6:00 pm.
- We will still have the Adult Award Luncheon and the Girl Award Ceremony on April 25 at Iti Kana, at their scheduled times.
- **In the case of severe inclement weather, the annual meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, April 30, 2026.**

We will have a call for voting members on Thursday, April 16, at 5:30 pm to answer any questions you may have regarding the annual meeting agenda. If this is your first time as a voting member, you should find it very informative. The call-in number is 1-800-582-3014. The passcode is 4394 7701.

Thank you for furthering the continuation of our mission, to build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. And once again, please do not hesitate to call us with questions or concerns, or if we may be of assistance to you and the girls we serve together. Stay well and we look forward to our review of the past year and how we will move forward together.

Again, thank you for your dedication to Girl Scouts!

Sincerely,

*Mary Hill, Board Chair*

*Becky Traweek, CEO*