





April 5, 2011 Date:

To: **Board of Directors**

From: Nancy Dawes, Board Chair

Subject: Update on National Council Session

The following information has been received from GSUSA on plans for the National Council Session. We have not yet received the agenda or business items – they will be forwarded as information becomes available. A planning team has been hard at work redesigning the convention that launches the next 100 years of Girl Scouting. Here are some new and exciting things that will be happening in Houston:

- Streamlined National Council Session (Business Meetings) to give delegates and official visitors more time to enjoy other convention activities designed to celebrate Girl Scouting and to motivate and reinvigorate attendees.
- Inspirational celebration sessions that incorporate tried and true elements of the convention (opening and closing ceremonies, keynote speakers, and Young Women of Distinction, to name a few) as well as the official launch of Girl Scouts' 100th Anniversary
- Strategic Conversations that engage and involve participants in a rich dialogue that unites and inspires the Movement.
- Girl Scout Leadership Institute, providing programming for girls on Thursday, November 10, as well as the opportunity for them to participate in other convention activities and strategic conversations throughout the entire week.
- GSUSA booth in the Hall of Exhibits commemorating the first 100 years of the Girl Scout Movement and celebrating the next 100 years.
- Educational and professional development opportunities for volunteers and Girl Scout Council staff members alike
- Community service project.
- The National Heritage Preservation Committee looks forward to a History Conference celebrating 100 vears of Girl Scouting.
- Entertainment, surprises and FUN, including a special 100th Anniversary celebratory event.



