



## **Special 57th National Council Session**

On Saturday, October 19, over 800 delegates from across the country—including delegates from Girl Scouts of Central Maryland—convened virtually to discuss, debate, and decide on our path forward at the Special 57th National Council Session. The National Council Sessions represent the best of our dynamic democratic process—one that is for Girl Scouts, by Girl Scouts.

The national delegates engaged in robust and constructive debate regarding two proposals to increase annual dues for girl and adult members, and ultimately voted to raise girl membership dues to \$65 (not the \$85 proposed). This increase will be phased in between the 2026 and 2027 membership years as follows: \$45 for Membership Year 2026 and \$65 for Membership Year 2027. Additionally, adult dues were raised to \$30, effective Membership Year 2026.

We understand the impact this increase may have on our families, and we have already begun plans to assess the possible financial aid needs of our members. We are committed to ensuring that Girl Scouting is accessible to every girl and adult in central Maryland who wishes to participate. We will continue to provide updates on this topic as we receive them. Please look for updates in the GSCM Family Newsletter and via email. Here is the link to GSUSA's website on this topic: <https://www.girlscouts.org/en/members/for-girl-scouts/national-council-session-convention/special-57-national-council-session.html>

We appreciate the opportunity to serve our girls, volunteers and families and hope that you will continue to work with us as we chart our way forward.