Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan

Girl Advisory Board Overview

The Girl Advisory Board (GAB) allows Girl Scout Cadettes through Ambassadors the opportunity to serve as an advisory team, providing programmatic input to a variety of areas at Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan (GSSEM). By lending your voice to our girl-led Movement, you will play a role in shaping the ongoing work of GSSEM.

Purpose:
The GAB will work as a team to help determine priorities in the areas of programs, activities, engagement, trainings, and social trends. By facilitating youth-adult partnerships within the council, these leadership opportunities allow GAB members to influence decision-making processes at GSSEM.

Overall Structure:

- Members must be in grades 8-12 and registered GSSEM members, and represent all 12 communities with no more than 5 members from the same community.
- Girl Scouts will be selected to participate in GAB as provided under the Selection Process below. Girl Scouts selected for the GAB will be asked to serve a minimum two-year commitment. The term runs from October 1-September 30. The term of any high school seniors will end September 30 of the year they graduate.

Major Responsibilities:

- Serve as the voice of Girl Scouts in operations, programs, and policies that support the Council's strategic goals
- Contribute to the annual goals set by the GAB
- Participate in at least six (of eight) monthly meetings

Time Commitment:

- Attend at least six meetings a year currently on Sundays, at various service center locations. The schedule is set prior to the new program year. Input from everyone is a key part of the committee's mission, therefore attendance is a priority*.
- Additional two hours (estimate) per month towards projects, events, and research beyond regular meetings (i.e., GAB Newsletter articles, community awareness engagements, etc.).
  Note: some months could be three or four hours for community engagements, while others could be only an hour.

*We recognize that illnesses and scheduling conflicts occur on occasion. However, we request that careful consideration be given to whether you can meet the time commitments outlined above as you may be dismissed from the GAB if you miss more than two scheduled meetings. Each member is allowed two excused absences a year without consideration for dismissal. Cookie booths do not meet the requirement of an excused absence.

Selection Process:

- Girl Scouts in grades 8-12 who are registered members of GSSEM may express their interest in serving on the GAB for the membership year by completing the self-nomination form at www.gssem.org/gabform. The form must be completed and submitted no later than Wednesday, September 16, 2026 for the 26-27MY.

Tentative 26-27MY Meeting Schedule:

- 10/4/26 at Camp Hawthorn Hollow
- 11/8/26 at White Lake Service Center
- 12/6/26 Clinton Twp Service Center
- 1/10/27 White Lake Service Center
- 2/7/27 White Lake Service Center
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- April TBD
- 5/2/27 Clinton Twp Service Center