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SUGGESTION FOR 2014 NATIONAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION TOPIC

Name of Girl Scout Council
Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline

City
Roanoke

State
Virginia

TITLE OF DISCUSSION TOPIC

Outdoor policy

STATEMENT OF TOPIC, QUESTION, OR ISSUE

We (Girl Scouts) advocate policies linking girls to the land.

REASONS

The value of outdoor programming was recognized by the founder of Girl Scouts as a necessity for human beings. "But it is when at play that a human being realizes his own nature the most fully. So dancing, sports of all kinds, hiking, camping, boating, athletics and story-telling are encouraged not only as a means of recreation and for physical development, but are made a basic part of the Girl Scout programs." GIRL SCOUTS THEIR WORKS WAYS AND PLAYS.

A discussion item about Girl Scouts as advocates for linking girls to the land would provide direction to the GSUSA national board. If supportive, OUTDOOR program opportunities could be included in What We Stand For and other promotional campaigns. The value of OUTDOOR programming has been substantiated by independent groups. Without discussion of this statement, Girl Scouts USA might not consider showcasing the benefits of outdoor experiences.

Name of chair, or secretary, council board of directors

Date of council board meeting

On or before October 18, 2013, email to: NCagenda@girlscouts.org
Or mail form to: Office of the National Board of Directors, Girl Scouts of the USA, 420 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10018-2798.

Submission Deadline: October 18, 2013

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