

**Adult Travel Application for Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois Council-Sponsored Trip
to Savannah, Georgia: The Birthplace of Girl Scouts**

Trip Description: Savannah, Georgia: The Birthplace of Girl Scouts

Celebrate the Girl Scouts 100 year anniversary and travel to the Birthplace of Girl Scouts in Savannah, Georgia. Spend 4 days and 3 nights exploring historic Georgia where you'll visit the Juliette Low Birthplace, spend the day on Tybee Island, take a dolphin cruise, take part in the Girl Scout Militia program at Old Fort Jackson, visit the Girl Scout Headquarters and so much more!

Adult Requirements:

1. Must be a registered member of Girl Scouts.
2. Must be at least 21 years or older at the time of application.
3. Must have previous travel experience equal to or greater than the trip you are applying to be an advisor for.
4. Meet the physical requirements necessary for the trip you are applying for.

Application Instructions:

1. All applications must be typed.
2. Fill out the application completely. Make a photocopy for yourself for your records.
3. All applications must be postmarked by **May 27, 2011**. Late applications will be accepted on an as needed basis.
4. Give the reference forms to one adult who knows of your qualifications for a travel opportunity, and one teen girl. Those people may not be your relatives. References must return their forms directly to the council postmarked no later than **May 27, 2011** to be included in your completed application.
5. If you need more space on your application, you may continue your answers on up to two additional sheets only.
6. All applications and references need to be submitted to Brooke Radford at the Elgin Service Center, 12N124 Coombs Rd, Elgin, IL 60124 **and postmarked by May 27, 2011**

Position applying for:

- Trip Leader:** This person is responsible for the overall planning and duties of the trip, including setting up group meetings and coordinating money earning opportunities. You will work with a GSNI council liaison to plan and execute the trip. GSNI will cover the cost of ½ of the trip leader's tour fee (not including the \$95 enrollment fee).
- Trip Chaperone:** This person will be responsible for assisting the trip leader in planning and executing the trip, including group meetings and money earning opportunities for the girls.

Section I. PERSONAL DATA

Name	Email Address*
Current age	Occupation
Address	City
State	Zip
Home Phone	Cell phone
Birth Date	

*Correspondence will be primarily through email. Please ensure that the address you provide is current and accurate.

Previous Travel Experience:

Location of Trip	Purpose of Trip	Length of Trip

Section II. EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE.

QUESTION	RESPONSE
1. Briefly describe a travel experience you have participated in with youth and your specific responsibilities (i.e. daily activities, budgeting, reservations, guide, etc.)	
2. Briefly describe your participation in Girl Scouting.	
3. Briefly describe your experiences with people from different social, racial, cultural, religious, and economic backgrounds?	
4. Briefly describe a time you helped resolve a conflict between others.	
5. Briefly describe your hobbies and interests.	

SECTION III. ESSAY. Describe your interest in serving as a trip advisor/chaperone, your knowledge and skills that you would bring to this experience working with youth.

Section IV. SKILLS INVENTORY

Travel Skills: Using the scale below, please indicate your skill level in the following areas:

4=Highly Experienced 3=Above Average 2=Average 1=Below Average 0=No Experience

- _____ Traveling by plane
- _____ Traveling by bus/train
- _____ Backpacking/hiking
- _____ Getting along with others
- _____ Conflict Resolution
- _____ Personal budgeting (handling \$\$ over several days)
- _____ Working with girls
- _____ Event Planning

Section V. REFERENCES, PERMISSION AND VERIFICATION (Please note that references cannot be relatives.)

I have asked the following people to provide references (one adult and one teen girl):

Name of Reference	Email Address	Phone

References must be mailed directly to the Girl Scout office by the individual completing the reference for you. References must be postmarked no later than **May 27, 2011** to be included in your completed application.

Permission and Verification: please check the box to indicate that you have read and meet the requirements listed.

I, [insert your name], have read the descriptions for the travel opportunity, I have a clear understanding of what it means to apply for this trip, and if selected, I can commit to attending and actively participating in the monthly planning meetings leading up to the trip, as well as the trip itself. I understand that I am entering into a voluntary partnership with Girl Scouts, and I must compile with council guidelines including passing a criminal background check. **Applicant's Initials:** _____ **Date:** _____

Send Completed Applications to:
 Brooke Radford
 Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois
 Elgin Service Center
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Racial/Ethnic Background (optional):

To monitor and promote the participation of adults from various racial and ethnic backgrounds, we request that you provide the following information. **Please check one:**

- American Indian/Alaskan Native
- African American
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Caucasian
- Hispanic
- Biracial/Ethnic
- Other

**ADULT REFERENCE FORM FOR [insert applicant's name]
Savannah, Georgia: The Birthplace of Girl Scouts**

The person named above is applying to be an adult trip advisor/chaperone for a 4 day/3 night trip to Savannah, Georgia. This position will require physical endurance for various walking tours and excursions around Savannah and willingness to experience new things. The advisor/chaperone's ability to work in a team and adapt to circumstances is critical to the success of the trip. Great organizational skills are a must for this trip as well. Your honest and objective answers, therefore, will be very helpful to the selections committee.

All references will be reviewed only by the selection review committee. They will not be shared with the applicant.

Thank you.

Reference Name: _____ Phone number: _____ Email Address: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____ What is your relationship to the applicant? _____

Indicate the rating that describes (to the extent of your knowledge) the degree to which the applicant has the qualities listed below:

5= Always 4= Usually 3= Sometimes 2= Seldom 1= Never 0= Don't Know

Qualities	5	4	3	2	1	0
Has poise and ease in meeting people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relates well to teens in group situations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relates well to other adults	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accepts people of backgrounds different from her own	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is adaptable, flexible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shows good judgment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does her part, is a good team member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has a sense of humor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has physical stamina and energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can function well in uncomfortable physical conditions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has good organizational skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has a positive attitude	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Question	Response
1. Describe the applicant's strengths and skills as they relate to a travel opportunity and/or living with a group.	

Additional Information: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return this form postmarked by May 27, 2011 to:
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