



Application Form Instructions

Here's the first step to an adventure of a lifetime!

Use the application form for all national and international Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois (GSNI) council-sponsored trips that require an application.

Instructions:

1. Type or print clearly using black ink. Continue questions on a new page if your answers are longer than the space provided. Clearly label the additions.
2. Fill out the application completely. **Make a photocopy for yourself.**
3. Make sure you, your parent/guardian council signs the last page.
4. If you are NOT a member of GSNI, make sure a staff person from your Girl Scout council signs the last page.
5. Send or take your completed applications along with a \$50 non-refundable deposit to Brooke Radford at the Elgin Service Center, 12N124 Coombs Rd, Elgin, IL 60124 by Friday, May 27, 2011 (early application deadline). Applications can be turned in after this date, but current prices are only guaranteed until June 1, 2011.
6. While you can use the same short answers and same references for each trip you apply for, you need to write a separate essay for each event.
7. Please write your *essays* on separate pages, using one page per essay.
8. Be sure to put your name and the event name on the top of each page of your application.

Happy Traveling!

Name:	
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Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois Application Form for Council-Sponsored Travel

Event Choice: International or National Event:

(You need to complete **ONE** application for each event you are applying to.)

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Event Date:

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Applicant Information:

Name:		Telephone:	
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
E-mail:		Parent/Guardian e-mail:	
Your birth date:	Age at time of trip:	Present school grade:	
Girl Scout council name:		Council phone#:	
Girl Scout council address:			
Girl Scout council contact name:		Council contact email:	

References Information:

Please **PRINT/TYPE** the names and information of the two non-related adults you have asked to submit references for you. Consider someone from your council office, a teacher, a sports coach, or a member of your place of worship. **Be sure to give these adults the "GSNI Reference Form."**

1.	Name:		Relationship:	
	Address:			
	Telephone:		E-mail:	
2.	Name:		Relationship:	
	Address:			
	Telephone:		E-mail:	

Racial/Ethnic breakdown:

In order to monitor and promote the participation rates of girls from various racial and cultural backgrounds, we request that you provide the following information. You are not required to respond. The information will be used for monitoring purposes exclusively and will have no influence on the selection process.

- American Indian
 Asian/Pacific Islander
 Black
 White
 Are you also of Hispanic origin?

Name:	
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Part 1: Essay

Please describe why you want to participate in the event that you have chosen. Be specific about what knowledge and skills you would bring to each event and what you would like to bring home! Don't forget to describe any special skills you have related to the event, like camping or community service, or why you're excited about trying out something new. **Use separate paper for your essay.** Remember to put your name and the event name on each page you submit.

Part 2: Short Answer Questions

1. Have you ever been away from your family overnight? Yes No
If yes, briefly describe length of time, where, when, and with whom. If no, please describe why you are ready for this trip away from home now?

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2. Briefly describe your two most meaningful experiences away from home without your family.

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3. Make a list of what activities (sports, clubs, or other activities) you do outside of school.

1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

4. Have you previously attended a nationwide or international travel opportunity in Girl Scouting? If yes, which one(s)?

Events(s)	Date(s)

5. Have you previously applied for any Girl Scout travel opportunity with nationwide participation or an international event in Girl Scouting and not been chosen? (If yes, list event name(s) and year(s))

Yes No

Events(s)	Date(s)

Name: _____

Part 3. Skills Inventory:

1. Languages: Tell us what language(s) you speak in addition to English and level of fluency.

BASIC	INTERMEDIATE	ADVANCED

2. Camping/Outdoor Skills: Please check off the areas from this list that you have had experience in:

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking | <input type="checkbox"/> Resident camp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orienteering | <input type="checkbox"/> Ecology/Nature Studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Survival or primitive camping (roughing it!) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tents (care & use) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Cooking and Meal Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Backpacking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day camp | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Describe) |

Other:

Part 4: Signatures (Please verify page 1 contact information.)

1. Applicant Understanding:

I have read the event descriptions and feel I am able to participate in the events I selected. If I am selected, I have definite intentions of attending the event and plan to accept participation.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

2. Parent/Guardian permission:

I have read the *GSNI Council-Sponsored* trip to which my daughter is applying. To the best of my knowledge I have a clear understanding of the event(s) she has applied for, and if selected, she has my permission to participate.

I grant Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois permission to share her e-mail address with other Girl Scout participants.

Yes No

NOTE: Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois wants to provide a pleasant and enjoyable experience for every trip participant. GSNI council-sponsored trips may require mental and/or physical agility. If your child is a person with a disability and may need accommodations or further information please contact: Brooke Radford, Program Specialist, at bradford@girlscoutsni.org or 847-741-5521 Ext. 7147.

Parent/Guardian name: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

3. **(For non-GSNI members ONLY) Girl Scout Council verification:** I verify that the above-named applicant is a registered member of:

Council authorized signature: _____

Position: _____ **Date:** _____

For office use only:

Girl Scout Council verification: I verify that the above-named applicant is a registered member of GSUSA as of time of application.

Council authorized signature: _____ Date: _____

Approved or Denied on: _____

Verification of GSUSA registration as of year of trip : _____
GSNI Staff Initials



Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois Reference Form

Part I: To be completed by applicant.

Applicant's name:					
Name of Girl Scout council:					
Council address:					
City:		State:		Zip:	

I would appreciate it if you would complete this form and return it to the council address above by

Date:	(insert deadline date from your council).
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Attached are the descriptions of the events I would like to attend. Please attest to your knowledge of my abilities and interests related to these events.

1.		3.	
2.		4.	

Part II: To be completed by person giving the reference.

Your name:				
How long have you known the applicant?				
What is your relationship to the applicant?				

1. Check one rating in each category to assess the following qualities of the applicant.

	1	2	3	4	5		1	2	3	4	5
Is dependable and responsible						Is able to relate well to adults					
Is able to share ideas and feelings						Is physically fit					
Is able to relate well to peers						Is able to work well in a group					
Has poise in meeting people						Is adaptable and flexible					
Accepts differences in people						Shows humor and spontaneity					

Note: 1 = Don't Know; 2 = Below Average; 3 = Average; 4 = Above Average; 5=Excellent

Applicant Name:	
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2. Describe the applicant's special strengths and/or skills that would enable her to enjoy and succeed in the event(s) of her choice. Please give specific examples. If more space is needed use additional sheets.

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Printed name:					
Signature:					
Position:		Date:			
Address:					
City:		State:		Zip:	
E-mail:		Telephone #:			

Reference for destinations page 2—Please return to council named on page when completed.