



## Trip Application Form

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

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

### Instructions:

1. Please type your application and essay. If you do not have access to a computer, print clearly using black ink. If your answers are longer than the space provided, please continue them on a new page. Be sure to clearly label them.
2. Fill out the application completely. **Make a photocopy for yourself.**
3. Make sure you and your parent/guardian sign the last page.
4. Send or take your completed applications by Wednesday, January 4, 2012, to Brooke Radford at the Elgin Service Center, 12N124 Coombs Road, Elgin, Illinois, 60124.
5. References must also be received by Wednesday, January 4, 2012.
6. Please write your *essay* on a separate page.
7. 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 the Girls' World Forum

**Event Choice—International or National Event** (You must complete **ONE** application for each event you choose.)

<b>Girls' World Forum</b>
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**Event Date**

<b>July 12-16, 2012</b>
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**Applicant Information:**

Name		Telephone	
Address		Cell Phone	
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 Number	
Girl Scout Council Address:			
Girl Scout Council Contact Name: Brooke Radford		Council Contact E-mail: bradford@girlscoutsni.org	

**Reference 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."**

<b>1.</b>	Name:		Relationship:	
	Address:			
	Telephone:		E-mail:	
<b>2.</b>	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. What does the theme “Together We Can Change the World” mean to you? Be specific about what knowledge and skills you would bring to this event and what you would like to bring home! Don’t forget to describe any special skills you might have that are related to the event, like foreign language fluency or community service experience, and 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. The essay must be typed.

## Part 2: Short Answer Questions

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

2. How have you participated in Girl Scouting, aside from attending troop meetings, over the last two years? Have you done any Take Action or service projects?  Yes  No

3. What types of world issues are you passionate about and why? (For example, world hunger, poverty, gender equality, environmental issues, etc.)

4. Have you previously attended a nationwide or international travel opportunity in Girl Scouting?  Yes  No If yes, which one(s)?

Event	Date
Event	Date
Event	Date
Event	Date

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?  Yes  No If yes, please list event name(s) and year(s).

Event	Date
Event	Date

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Part 3: Skills Inventory:

1. Languages - Are you fluent in any of the following languages?

	BASIC	INTERMEDIATE	ADVANCED
Arabic			
French			
Spanish			

2. Personal Skills/Strengths Inventory - Please check off the areas from this list in which you show strength:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Getting along with those who are different from me | <input type="checkbox"/> Problem solving      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Taking Action to make the world a better place     | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting new people                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> World issues and events                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Describe)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A passion for Girl Scouting                        |   |

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 about the GSNI Council-Sponsored trip for 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 understand the fee for this event is \$650 and that I am ultimately responsible for the cost.

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](mailto:bradford@girlscoutsni.org) or 847-741-5521 Ext. 7147.

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ 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 (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

Verification of GSUSA Registration as of Year of Trip : \_\_\_\_\_

GSNI Staff Initials



# Reference Form

**Part I - To be completed by the 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:

<b>Date:</b>	(Insert the 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. Please 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					

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

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	
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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, please use additional sheets.

<b>Printed Name:</b>						
<b>Signature:</b>						
<b>Position:</b>				<b>Date:</b>		
<b>Address:</b>						
<b>City:</b>			<b>State:</b>			
<b>E-mail:</b>			<b>Telephone #:</b>			