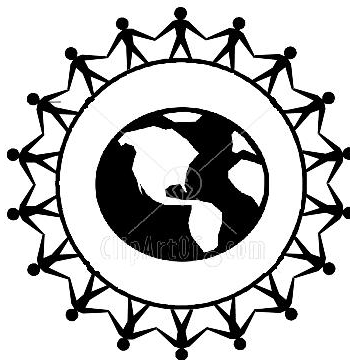




Troop Trek Around the World



Presented by Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois

Troop Trek is a council-sponsored troop camping experience designed for Girl Scout Junior troops embarking on their first camping adventure; however, many troops have so much fun they come back a second or third time. At Troop Trek, a core staff of program aides and adult volunteers are on hand to assist troops with camping skills and lead a variety of theme-based program activities.

This year's theme—Around the World—will have troops exploring multicultural activities such as games, crafts and dance. Additionally, participants will learn about the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts and the four world centers—Our Cabaña in Cuernavaca, Mexico; Our Chalet in Adelboden, Switzerland; Pax Lodge in London, England; and, Sangam in Pune, India.

- WHO:** Girl Scout Junior troops, including girls currently in third grade and bridging to Juniors in spring 2010, as well as girls currently in fourth and fifth grades.
- LOCATION:** GSNI's Chapman Hills, East Troy, WI
- DATES:** ~~Session 1: June 25-27~~ cancelled due to low enrollment
Session 2: July 9-11
Session 3: July 16-18
- TIME:**
Check-in Friday either between 10 and 11:30 A.M.
OR
1 and 2:30 P.M.
Check-out by 12 noon on Sunday
- FEE:** \$25 per girl/\$15 per adult
- INCLUDES:** Camp activities (program supplies and staff) as well as Troop Trek patch and T-shirt.
- REGISTRATION:** Begins March 31, 2010/Ends June 11—
Use attached registration form.

What Troop Trek provides:

For girls, it provides the opportunity to experience a council camping event with the security of having their leaders and troop friends with them. While at camp, girls will have the opportunity to meet girls from other troops in Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois and to interact with Girl Scout Cadette, Senior and Ambassador program aides. They will also take part in a variety of activities planned by the camp staff, as well as activities troops plan and do on their own.

For leaders, the Troop Trek program provides extra assistance in planning and carrying out a camping trip. The camp staff offers guidance prior to camp at an optional Leader's Roundtable and through a Troop Trek informational handout and during camp through consultants and leaders' meetings.

The Troop Trek staff consists of a director, a first-aid supervisor and camp consultants/program aides who provide program opportunities and guidance. (NOTE: The staff is not in the units with the troops; however, they will check on how things are going periodically and are trained to give assistance when needed.)

Troops attending Troop Trek must:

- Meet the appropriate girl/adult ratio. (If space allows, additional adults may be allowed; however, if registration warrants, troops may be limited on the number of adults attending.)
- Be accompanied by at least one leader or adult who has fulfilled outdoor training requirements. (Outdoor Overnights training or equivalent)
- Be accompanied by at least one leader or adult who has current certification in first aid and CPR.
- Provide their own transportation to and from Chapman Hills.
- Plan, purchase and prepare their own food.

What to expect at Chapman Hills:

- Chapman Hills is located in beautiful Kettle Moraine country. There are three units, each having space for 36 people.
- Your troop will share a unit with troops/groups from other areas of Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois.
- You will sleep in wooden-roofed platform tents with canvas sides and strings to hang mosquito nets—each tent sleeps four. (Mosquito nets and mattresses are NOT provided.)
- There is one refrigerator per unit, which your troop will share with other troops/groups.
- Each unit has a latrine and a washstand. NO showers or flush toilets are available.
- Meals are prepared by your troop and eaten out-of-doors under dining shelters.

Pre-camp Leaders' Roundtable:

Attendance, by an adult representative, at an optional pre-camp Leaders' Roundtable is **ENCOURAGED** for each troop attending Troop Trek. At this meeting, information will be given concerning the facility, camp procedures, what you need to bring, menu planning, the program schedule, how to involve girls in planning for Troop Trek and we will answer any questions you may have. Mark your calendar for Thursday, June 17, 7-9 P.M. at the Elgin Service Center. (Too far to drive? Don't worry, participate via conference call!)

Questions:

For questions regarding this event, the leaders' roundtable or conference call, contact Pam Schneck at the Elgin Service Center (pschnecke@girlscoutsni.org or Ext. 7140).

TROOP TREK REGISTRATION FORM

Registration begins March 31, 2010, and ends June 11, 2010.

Mail or deliver registration to the Elgin Service Center, 12N124 Coombs Rd., Elgin, IL 60124.

Please check session you wish to attend.

~~Session 1: June 25-27~~ **cancelled due to low enrollment**

Session 2: July 9-11

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Troop/Group number _____ Leader's name _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____

Second adult's name _____ Phone _____

Name of adult with current first aid/CPR certification (required) _____
(If copy of first-aid and CPR certification are not on file with Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois, please include.)

Name of leader with Outdoor Overnight training _____

Date course taken _____

Number of times your troop has attended Troop Trek? _____

Number of girls at each level (grade girls are presently in, Spring 2010):

Third grade (bridging GS Brownies)

Fourth grade

Fifth grade

Troop Trek is not designed for older girls.
Please do not bring girls in sixth grade and above.

Total # of girls _____ x \$25 each = \$ _____
Total # of adults _____ x \$15 each = \$ _____
Total due = \$ _____

All fees include a Troop Trek patch and T-shirt.

Payment: Please pay total amount due. (indicate amount of each)

Cash/Check _____ "Cookie Dough"/"IRG Credits" _____ Credit Card _____

Credit Card Information: _____ Visa _____ MasterCard _____ Discover _____ Expires _____

Card # _____ Validation Code _____
(last three number on the back side of your card, in signature box)

Signature _____

T-shirt Order: (adult sizes) _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL

Special needs: (please explain)

Yes, our troop will have adult representation at the optional Leaders' Roundtable on June 17, 2010, 7 to 9 P.M. at the Elgin Service Center, 12N124 Coombs Rd., Elgin, IL.