



2017-2018 Destinations Application

Application Checklist (you are SEVEN steps away from starting your next great adventure!)

1. **Make sure you are a registered Girl Scout.** If you are not a Girl Scout, it's easy to register! [Contact your local Girl Scout council.](#)
2. **What is your deadline?** You will submit your application to your local Girl Scout council. Every council has a different deadline for Round 1 (usually November) and Round 2 (usually January or February.) Some trips fill up in Round 1, so get your applications in early! Find deadlines on the [Destinations Contact List.](#)
3. **Choose your Destinations!** You can apply for up to FOUR Destinations. [Check out ALL the trips](#) and imagine the experiences you might have. You may want to surprise yourself! You can use buttons on the website to filter the trips based on your age or the type of trip.
4. **Complete your applications.** You must complete a separate application with a **unique essay** for each trip you choose. Type or print VERY neatly! When writing your essay, be specific – why is this Destination right for you? Read the Destination description carefully, research the location and topic, and be sure to include why YOU would be a great candidate for that specific trip. Ask a friend or adult who is a great writer to proofread your essay for errors. If you need more room to write, just add an extra page, but make sure any extra pages are labelled with your name and the title of the Destination.
5. **Request your references.** You must ask two people to provide a reference for you. (You only need two references total - these same reference documents can be used for ALL the Destinations you select.) Consider asking your troop leader, a sports coach, a teacher, a member of your place of worship, or any adult who knows you well (but this should not be a family member.) **Fill in the top portion of the reference form** and send this to your two referees. Ask them to return the form to your Girl Scout council before your deadline.
6. **Email** your completed application(s) to [your local Girl Scout council.](#)
7. **Understand what happens next.** You will send your application(s) to your local Girl Scout council. Your council will review the application(s) to check for completion, and to verify that you are a registered Girl Scout. Your council may contact you - but only if they have questions. Then, your council will send your application(s) to the sponsor of each Destination. The Destination sponsor makes all decisions about participation in their programs. The sponsor will review your application, and then contact you directly to let you know if you have been accepted, put on the wait-list, or not accepted. For specific dates, you can find the Destinations application timeline [here - under “Important Dates”.](#)



Girl Scouts Destinations 2017-2018 Application Form

Title of the Destination:
Dates of Destination:

Complete a **separate application** for each Destination you select. You can apply for up to four Destinations.

Event Sponsor:

The “Event Sponsor” is the organization that is planning and executing the Destination. The sponsor makes all decisions about participation, and is responsible for all details of your trip. The sponsor is listed on each Destination description on the [website](#), where it says “Sponsored by”.

Applicant Information:

Name:		Telephone:	
Street Address:			
City:	State:	Country:	Zip/Post Code:
Your e-mail:		Parent/Guardian e-mail:	
Your birth date (MM/DD/YYYY):	Present school grade:		
Girl Scout council name:		Council phone#:	
Girl Scout council Destinations contact name:		Council Destinations contact email:	
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. <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Also of Hispanic origin			

References Information:

Please **PRINT/TYPE** the names and information of the two adults you have asked to submit references for you. **Be sure to give these adults the “Girl Scout Destinations 2017-2018 Reference Form.”**

1.	Name:		Relationship to you:	
	Telephone:		E-mail:	
2.	Name:		Relationship to you:	
	Telephone:		E-mail:	

Your Name:	
Destination:	

Part 1: 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.

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

- 3.** Please list any activities (sports, clubs, arts, or other activities) you do outside of school.

- 4.** Have you previously attended a Destination offered by Girl Scouts? If yes, which one(s)?

Destination(s) & Date(s)

Part 2. Your Skills

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

BASIC	INTERMEDIATE	ADVANCED

- 2. Camping/Outdoor Skills:** Which of these activities have you done before?

- | | |
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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 to the right) |

Other:

Your Name:	
Destination:	

Part 3: Essay

Please describe why you want to participate in the Destination that you have chosen. Be specific about what knowledge and skills you would bring to this trip and what knowledge and skills you would like to bring home! Don't forget to describe any special experience you have, like camping or community service, OR why you're excited about trying out something new! **If you need more room, attach another sheet of paper – and put your name and the Destination name on the top of each page you submit. Please write a different essay for each Destination to which you are applying, explaining why you want to go on that specific Destination.**

Part 4: Signatures

1. Applicant Understanding:

I have read the Destinations descriptions and feel I am able to participate in the events I selected. If I am selected, I plan to accept participation and to attend a Destination.

I have confirmed that my contact information on the first page of this Application Form is correct, and the information I have included in this application is correct and true.

Applicant's signature: _____

Date: _____

2. Parent/Guardian permission:

I have read the descriptions of the Destination(s) to which the above minor, to whom I am parent or guardian, is applying. To the best of my knowledge, she has a clear understanding of the event(s) she has applied for, and if selected, she has my permission to participate.

ONLY if the above minor is over the age of 13, I grant Girl Scouts of the USA and the Destination organizer permission to share her e-mail address with other Girl Scout girl participants on her trip. **Yes** **No**

I give consent for the above minor, to whom I am parent or guardian, to be interviewed, photographed, videotaped, or electronically imaged for the purposes of promotional materials, news releases, or other published formats for either the local Girl Scout Council sponsoring the Destination or Girl Scouts of the USA. The images will be the sole property of the local Girl Scout Council or Girl Scouts of the USA. I hereby release and hold harmless the local Girl Scout Council and Girl Scouts of the USA from any claim arising from the use of these images. **Yes** **No**

NOTE: Girl Scouts of the USA is committed to providing reasonable accommodation for girls with disabilities. If your child is a person with a disability and may need accommodations or further information, please contact destinations@girlscouts.org

Parent/Guardian name: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ **Date:** _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL ONLY

3a. Girl Scout Council verification: I verify that the above-named applicant is a registered Girl Scout:

Council Contact Name:

Email:

3b. For United States Girl Scouts Overseas only: I verify that the applicant is a member of:

Location code:

Registration area:

USAGSO Contact Name:

Email:



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Part I: To be completed by APPLICANT.

Applicant's name:	
Girl Scout council:	
Council Destinations contact name:	
Council Destinations email address:	
Council Destinations mailing address:	

Thank you for providing this reference. Please return this form to the contact person above by **this deadline:**

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I am applying to attend the below listed Destination(s). I have included the name of each Destinations and the link to the description, so that you can comment on my abilities and interests in relation to the trip(s).

1.	Name:	Link:
2.	Name:	Link:
3.	Name:	Link:
4.	Name:	Link:

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.

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

	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					

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 Destination(s) of her choice. Please give specific examples. If more space is needed, attach additional pages.

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Printed name:			
Signature:			
Date:			
E-mail:		Telephone #:	

Thank you very much! Please return this Reference Form to the applicant's Girl Scout council as noted on the previous page.