



# Girl Scout *destinations*

Your Passport to Travel

# *destinations 101:*

## Are you ready to explore the world?

- Girl Scout *destinations*, travel experiences that range from two days to three weeks for Girl Scout Cadettes and older, can whisk you to the far corners of the world where you will
  - ▣ meet remarkable girls,
  - ▣ develop leadership skills,
  - ▣ gain confidence, and
  - ▣ enjoy valuable learning opportunities!



# With *destinations*, you can:

- Explore the Galapagos Islands
- Become an Aerospace Career Explorer
- Learn the ins and outs of Broadway with leading directors, composers, and producers
- Sample life at a World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts Center in London, India, Mexico, or Switzerland
- And much more...



# Which *destination* is right for you?

If you...	Try this category...	Because...
Dream of going global	International	Traveling outside the United States is one of the best ways to learn about other cultures. How about camping in Austria, exploring Peru, or soaking up the culture of India – one of the world’s oldest civilizations?
Love the outdoors	Outdoors	You can explore Alaska’s Kenai Peninsula in sea kayaks or visit Hawaii’s Mauna Kea Observatory and Volcanoes National Park. Or maybe you’d rather go canyoneering in California, biking through Michigan, or trekking through the Colorado Rockies on horseback.
Have science on the brain	Science	Maybe you’ve dreamt of being an astronaut. If you have the “right stuff,” then Space Camp® at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama, is for you. More interested in marine or aquatic biology? Then hop aboard a schooner with real-life scientists and learn about weather, waves, and zooplankton. Be warned – you’ll take your turn at night watch!

# Which *destination* is right for you?, *continued*

If you...	Try this category...	Because...
Embrace people and culture	People	Traveling from New York City to Washington, D.C., you'll trail the history and future of women in leadership, community activism, and advocacy. Or maybe you'd prefer exploring the Mall of America in Minnesota - home to more than 500 shops, the country's biggest amusement park, and the largest underground aquarium!
Are focused on the future	Apprenticeships	You'll have the opportunity to survey Alaska's Copper River Delta, ancestral home of the Eyak people. But perhaps your desired apprenticeship runs more along the lines of training with special education professionals to become a counselor at a camp for girls with disabilities. Whatever your specific interest, all budding biologists, anthropologists, geologists, and archaeologists will find something here.
Are up for short trips where you can meet other Girls Scouts	Getaways	These two-to four-day events take place all over the country and don't require a Girl Scout <i>destination</i> application. A Getaway can be anything from a Broadway career workshop in New York City to a home-building project with a local Habitat for Humanity group. Age requirements and length of event vary but with all the choices of Getaways you're sure to find one tailor-make for you.

# Applying for a *destination*?

Five steps that will change your life!

1. Log on to [www.studio2b.org/destinations](http://www.studio2b.org/destinations). Select your top four choices.
2. Download the application form and complete it. You'll need to fill out an application for each event you want to attend.
3. Print out two copies of the reference form and ask two people who know how awesome you are to fill them out. You can use the same letters of reference for all of your applications.

# Applying for a *destination?*, *continued*

4. Send your application to Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes, Inc. by November 2, 2009 (early deadline) or January 25, 2010 (late deadline).
5. Go on your *destination* - bon voyage!



# *destinations* and the Girl Scout Leadership Experience

## Discover

*destinations* are your passport to a new world and a new you. As you zip-line across rock towers, soaking in amazing landscape, you'll find an inner strength you didn't know you had!

## Connect

As you walk across the Golden Gate Bridge, rock climb the Appalachian Mountains or mingle with legislators, you'll work towards a common goal with girls your age. You'll become fast friends with other incredible girls who share a unique experience with you.

## Take Action

Going on a *destination* will take you out of your comfort zone - and that's a good thing! Whether you're trekking through the rainforest, spending time with your Costa Rican host family, or making life better for kids in an orphanage, you'll be inspired!

# Make the most of Girl Scout travel

- Visit the Girl Scout *destinations* Web page, [www.studio2b.org/destinations](http://www.studio2b.org/destinations), for trip descriptions, applications, and current offerings.
- Check out *Explore It! Your Guide to Girl Scout destinations*. Packed with information about specific trips, and tips for filling out applications and writing essays, you can download a copy at [www.studio2b.org/destinations](http://www.studio2b.org/destinations).
- Get a *Girl Scout Travel log*, designed especially for you. In this journal, you can record pre-, mid-, and post trip reflections. Log on to [www.studio2b.org/destinations](http://www.studio2b.org/destinations) to download a copy of the Travel Log.
- Pick up *Exploration: The Girl Scout Guide to Global Travel* if you are going international. Filled with tips and tricks for traveling abroad, the *Girl's Guide* takes you through the steps of planning your own international group trip. Girl Scout adults may want its handy companion, *Adult Guide to Girl Scout Global Travel*. Download the *Girl's Guide* by logging on to [www.studio2b.org/destinations](http://www.studio2b.org/destinations).

# Concerned about the cost?

- Yes, some events are more costly than others. But many individuals and Girl Scout groups complete money-earning projects to pay for parts of their trip. Download our money-earning activity form from our website

[www.gsnwgl.org](http://www.gsnwgl.org).

You can always ask GSNWGL about travel scholarships, too!



# 2010 *destinations* timeline

**November 2:** All Applications due to Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes, 3511 Camp Phillips Road, Schofield, WI 54476 - Attention: Michelle Carr

**Thanksgiving:** All applications are in route to event sponsors from the applicants' home councils

**Dec. 1:** All "early" applications received by event sponsors

**Jan. 15:** All applicants notified of their status for "early" applications

**Jan. 25:** All "late" applications due to Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes, 3511 Camp Phillips Road, Schofield, WI 54476 - Attention: Michelle Carr

**Feb. 1:** All deposits holding a participants' spot are due to event sponsors for "early" applications

**Feb. 16:** "Late" applications received by event sponsors

**Mar. 2:** All additional applicants notified of their status. Participant status report to GSUSA by event sponsors

**March 16:** All "late" applicants' deposit due to event sponsors (Please note that there might be some *destinations* that will extend the deadline if the event is not full)

# Questions?



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