

**Adult Chaperone Application for Destinations 2015
Girl Scouts San Diego**

Adult Requirements:

1. Must be **21** or older by **January 1, 2015**
2. Must be a registered member of Girl Scouts of the USA
3. Must have previous travel experience equal to or greater than the trip
4. Must have intermediate hiking skills
5. Must have a sincere interest in culture, history and the outdoors
6. Must pass a background screening to work with youth
7. Must hold current CPR/First Aid certification at time of trip
8. Bilingual (English/Spanish) preferred
9. Special skills to be determined by trip requirements
10. Other duties as assigned

Application Instructions:

1. All applications must be typed.
2. Fill out the application completely. Make a photocopy for yourself for your records.
3. All applications must be postmarked by **November 12, 2014**. Late applications will *not* be accepted.
4. Give the reference forms to two adults who know of your qualifications for a travel opportunity, and one teen girl. Those people may **not** be your relatives. References must return their forms **directly to the council** postmarked no later than **November 12, 2014** to be included in your completed application.
5. If you need more space on your application, you may continue your answers on up to **two additional sheets only**.
6. All applications and references need to be submitted to Girl Scouts San Diego, 1231 Upas Street, San Diego, CA 92103 Attn: Amanda Host **and postmarked by November 12, 2014**.

Trip Description

Nuevas Amigas: Our Cabana

Enjoy a cultural program including activities and workshops based on the annual WAGGS themes and Initiatives, while spending time exploring Cuernavaca the "City of Eternal Spring". Balance your time between fun activities, a service project for the local community, and Girl Scout traditions and celebrations in the tropical paradise of Our Cabana's 5 acres of lush gardens. The group will spend 8 nights at the World Center exploring the culture and history of Mexico while participating in one of Our Cabana's summer programs.

Additional Information:

This trip will include 14 teen Girl Scouts of various ages from all over the USA as well as 2 adult chaperones. Adult volunteers/chaperones will be responsible for; ensuring the safety of everyone participating in the trip, monitoring prescription medicine of girls, maintaining the daily budget for expenses such as group meals and additional activities, assisting with airport pick-up and drop-off on travel days (a copy of your driver's license and current auto insurance will be needed) and pre-trip planning and preparation as required. Volunteers may also be required to be available the days before and the days after the girls arrive. In return all travel expenses will be covered except for any expense to travel to San Diego, and personal spending money. Checked baggage fees, passport fees and/or travel visa fees will also not be covered.

Section I. PERSONAL DATA

Name	Email Address*
Current age	Occupation
Mailing Address	City
State	Zip
Home Phone	Cell phone
Birth Date	Passport: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Expiration
Place of Birth	Citizenship
Member Number	Council Phone Number

*Correspondence will be primarily through email. Please ensure that the address you provide is current and accurate.

Section II. EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Previous Travel Experience:

Location of Trip	Purpose of Trip	Length of Trip

QUESTION	RESPONSE
1. Why does this trip interest you?	
2. Briefly describe a travel experience you have participated in with youth and your specific responsibilities (i.e. daily activities, budgeting, reservations, guide, etc.)	
3. Briefly describe your participation in Girl Scouting.	
4. Briefly describe your experiences with people from different social, racial, cultural, religious, and economic backgrounds?	
5. Briefly describe a time you helped resolve a conflict between others and what skills or strategies you used.	
6. Briefly describe your hobbies and interests.	
7. Briefly describe a time that you worked collaboratively with a peer to improve a situation	

SECTION III. ESSAY. Describe your interest in serving as a travel chaperone, your knowledge and skills that you would bring to this experience working with youth.

Section IV. SKILLS INVENTORY

Languages:

Language	Number of Years Studied	Where Learned (home, school, other)

Training and Certifications

Training or Certification	Date Completed	Certifying Organization

Travel Skills: Using the scale below, please indicate your skill level in the following areas:

4=Highly Experienced 3=Above Average 2=Average 1=Below Average 0=No Experience

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|--------------------------------|---|
| ____ Traveling by plane | ____ Conflict Resolution |
| ____ Traveling by bus/train | ____ Personal budgeting (handling \$\$ over several days) |
| ____ Backpacking/hiking | ____ Cooking/Meal Planning |
| ____ Getting along with others | ____ Event Planning |

Section V. REFERENCES, PERMISSION AND VERIFICATION (Please note that references cannot be relatives.)

I have asked the following people to provide references:

***please provide two adult references and one teen/youth reference using the attached reference form.**

Name of Reference	Email Address	Phone

References must be mailed directly to the Girl Scout office by the individual completing the reference for you. References must be postmarked no later than **November 12, 2014** to be included in your completed application.

Permission and Verification: please check the box to indicate that you have read and meet the requirements listed.

I, _____ [insert your name], have read the descriptions for the travel opportunity, I have a clear understanding of what it means to apply for this trip, and if selected, I can commit to attending and actively participating in planning meetings (in person or via conference call) leading up to the trip, as well as the trip itself. I understand that I am entering into a voluntary partnership with Girl Scouts San Diego, and I must comply with council guidelines.

Applicant's Initials: _____ Date: _____

Send Completed Applications to:
Girl Scouts San Diego
Attn: Amanda Host
1231 Upas Street
San Diego, CA 92103

Racial/Ethnic Background (optional):

To promote the participation of adults from various racial and ethnic backgrounds, we request that you provide the following information. **Please check one:**

American Indian/Alaskan Native

Asian/Pacific Islander

Biracial/Ethnic

African American

Caucasian

Other

Hispanic

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All references will be reviewed only by the selection review committee. They will not be shared with the applicant.
Thank you.

Your Information:

Name: _____ Phone number: _____ Email Address: _____

Applicants name: _____ How long have you known the applicant? _____

What is your relationship to the applicant? _____

Indicate the rating that describes (to the extent of your knowledge) the degree to which the applicant has the qualities listed below:

5= Always 4= Usually 3= Sometimes 2= Seldom 1= Never 0= Don't Know

Qualities	5	4	3	2	1	0
Has poise and ease in meeting people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relates well to teens in group situations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relates well to other adults	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accepts people of backgrounds different from her own	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is adaptable, flexible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shows good judgment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does her part, is a good team member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has a sense of humor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has physical stamina and energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can function well in uncomfortable physical conditions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has a neat appearance; dresses appropriately	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has a positive attitude	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Question	Response
1. Please explain any of the above answers you marked as 3 or lower.	
2. Describe the applicant's strengths and skills as they relate to this travel opportunity and/or living with a group.	

Please include any additional information, comments or letters on a separate page.

Signature _____ Date _____

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