



Girls' World Forum Teen Girl Representative Information Sheet

Are you interested in world affairs? Do you like meeting girls from other countries? Would you like to combine your voice with other teen Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from around the world? If so, then the Girls' World Forum might be of interest to you.

The Girls' World Forum (GWF) is the third and final event in a series of forums that are part of the World Association of Girl Guide and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) global centenary celebrations. The World Forums, hosted by Girl Guiding UK in 2010 and the World Centers in 2011, have already engaged more than 250 young women in discussions of the WAGGGS Global Action Theme, girls worldwide say "**Together We Can Change Our World,**" which address the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

2012 Forum to be held in Chicago!

The final event will be hosted by Girl Scouts of the USA in partnership with WAGGGS. From July 12 – 17, 2012, the Girls' World Forum will be held in Chicago in collaboration with our council. Each Girl Scouts of the USA council, Girl Scouts Overseas (USAGSO all locations combined) and each of the WAGGGS 145 Member Organizations will be invited to send two girl representatives ~ resulting in more than 600 attendees.

Activities will include:

- Education sessions based on three of the Millennium Development Goals with the goal to identify solutions to -
 - MDG 1 – to end poverty and hunger
 - MDG 3 – to promote gender equality and empower women
 - MDG 7 – to achieve environmental sustainability
- Workshops to develop advocacy, leadership and communication skills
- Interactions with external partners concentrating on the MDGs
- Participation in local action projects
- Review and incorporation of the 2010 and 2011 Forums action plans
- Centenary celebrations

Apply to Be One of Two Teen Representatives from our Council

Criteria for Consideration

- Age 14-18 at the time of the Forum (July 2012)
- Actively engaged in Girl Scouting
- Interested in and knowledgeable about the United Nations Millennium Development Goals
- Willing to develop skills and networks to bring about change in a community and beyond
- Interested in working with an international group of teen girls; open to a wide range of diversity
- Available to attend the entire forum (July 12 – 17, 2012) at Marriott on Michigan Avenue

Expectations of Teen Representative

- Actively attend the entire forum
- Complete pre and post forum work
- Represent our council as a teen spokesperson
- Work with council's other teen representative to develop some take action plans for local implementation
- Be a positive role model

Cost of Girls' World Forum

The cost for participation is \$650 per person, which includes food, accommodations and all activity and program costs throughout the Forum. Payment is *not due* with the application form.

Limited financial assistance is available. If you are selected as a teen representative and would like to request financial assistance, *click here*.

How to Apply for Consideration

Complete the Girls' World Forum Teen Girl Representative Application and secure a reference (other than a parent). Submit completed application and reference to:

Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana
Attn: Aminah Abdullah, Program Manager
20 S. Clark Street, Suite 200
Chicago, IL 60603

E-mail to aabdullah@girlscoutsgcnwi.org

Fax to 312-750-0611; Attn: A. Abdullah

Deadline for application is February 13, 2012.

Selection of Teen Girl Representatives

Each application will be reviewed with careful consideration. Select candidates will be interviewed prior to final selections.