



## Girls' World Forum Chaperone Information Sheet

Are you interested in world affairs? Do you enjoy guiding teen girls as they develop plans to impact their community and beyond? Do you like meeting people from other countries? If so, then being a chaperone for our two teen representatives to 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 are invited to send two girl representatives and one chaperone ~ resulting in more than 600 attendees.

Activities for the girls will include the following:

- 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

Chaperones will participate in some of the above activities with additional sessions being planned solely for the chaperones.

## **Apply to Be the Chaperone for our Two Teen Representatives**

### **Criteria for Consideration**

- Prefer age 20 - 30 at the time of the Forum (July 2012)
- Previous girl involvement with Girl Scouting and/or volunteer experience working with teen girls
- Interested in and knowledgeable about the United Nations Millennium Development Goals
- Willing to develop skills and networks to help teen girls bring about change in a community and beyond
- Interested in interacting with an international group of attendees; open to a wide range of diversity
- Available to attend the entire forum (July 12 – 17, 2012) at Marriott on Michigan Avenue

### **Expectations of a Chaperone**

- Be a registered member of Girl Scouts of the USA
- Supervise two teen representatives first and foremost
- Actively attend the entire forum; including sessions planned for chaperones
- Complete pre and post forum work; ensure teen representatives complete their work
- Represent our council as a young volunteer spokesperson
- Work with the council's two teen representatives 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 including chaperones, 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 chaperone and would like to request some financial assistance, *click here*.

### **How to Apply for Consideration**

Complete the Girls' World Forum Chaperone Application and secure a reference. Submit completed application and reference to:

Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana  
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Chicago, IL 60603

E-mail to [aabdullah@girlscoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:aabdullah@girlscoutsgcnwi.org)

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

**Deadline for application is February 13, 2012.**

### **Selection of Chaperone**

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