

**Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland
Adult Application for Backpacking in the Appalachian Mountains - 2011**

Trip Participant Requirements:

1. Must be a registered member of Girl Scouts.
2. Must be 25 years of age or older by May 2011. No exceptions.
3. Must be in good physical condition
4. Must have outdoor training and experience
5. Must have previous national travel experience.

Application Instructions (Please Read and Fill Out Completely):

1. All applications must be typed.
2. Fill out the application completely. Make a photocopy for your records.
3. All applications must be postmarked by **March 31, 2010**. Late applications will NOT be accepted.
4. Give the reference forms to three adults who know of your qualifications for a travel opportunity. Those people may not be your relatives. One should be from Girl Scouts, one from colleague, and one reference of choice. References must return their forms directly to the council postmarked no later than **March 31, 2010** to be included in your completed application.
5. All applications and references need to be submitted to Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland, 2707 Vine Street, Suite 8, Hays, KS 67601 **and postmarked by March 31, 2010**.

Trip Disclaimer

This trip involves travel in areas where backpacking may be the only method of transportation. Participants will need to be in good physical condition for walking several miles a day. Although this is not listed as an extreme hiking area, it will be more difficult than the hiking that we are used to. We may not be able to accommodate special diets or severe food allergies. The nearest equipped medical clinic, doctor, pharmacy, and/or hospital may be hours away from where we will be for the majority of the trip. Because of our locations, if you have serious health conditions or allergies that may endanger your participation during travel, please consult your physician before applying.

Section I. PERSONAL DATA.

Name (Full Name):		Email Address*:	
Current age:	Birth Date: (xx/xx/xxxx) / /	Occupation:	
Address:		City:	Zip:
Home Phone:		Cell phone:	
Position Applying For:			

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

Racial/Ethnic Background

To monitor and promote the participation of girls from various racial and ethnic backgrounds, we request that you provide the following information. You are not required to respond. This information will be used for monitoring purposes only.

Please check one:

- American Indian/Alaskan Native
 African American
 Asian/Pacific Islander
 Caucasian
 Biracial/Ethnic
 Are you also of Hispanic origin?
 Other

Applicant's Name _____

Section II. TRAVEL EXPERIENCE. Please fill out the following chart:

Location of Trip	Purpose of Trip	Length of Trip

Section III. EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE.

QUESTION	RESPONSE
1. Briefly describe your most meaningful travel experience without your family (length of time, where, with whom).	
2. Briefly describe your activities outside Girl Scouting including community and extra-curricular activities.	
3. Briefly describe your participation in Girl Scouting.	
4. How have you become acquainted with people from different social, racial, cultural, religious, and economic backgrounds? What did you learn and or gain from these experiences?	

Section IV. SKILLS INVENTORY. 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 money over several days) |
| _____ Backpacking/hiking | _____ Cooking/Meal Planning |
| _____ Getting along with others | _____ Travel/Activity Planning |
| _____ Communicating with adults and girls | |

SECTION V. ESSAY. Please describe why you want to participate in this travel experience. Please be specific about what knowledge and skills you would bring to the event and what you would like to gain from this trip.

SECTION VI. RESPONSIBILITY AND EXPERIENCE. Briefly describe a trip where you had significant responsibility for your daily activities and purchases, the purpose of the trip, mode of transportation and the trip's length. (Be as specific as possible).

Section VII. REFERENCES.

I have asked the following people to provide references:

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 **March 31, 2010** to be included in your completed application.

Section VIII. PERMISSION AND VERIFICATION. Please check the box to indicate that you have read and meet the requirements listed.

I have read the event description and believe that I am able to participate in the Appalachian 2011 trip. If I am selected, I will commit to attend and actively participate in the planning meetings leading up to the trip.

Applicant's Initials: _____ **Date:** _____

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I, _____, have read the descriptions for the travel opportunity as well as the boxed note above regarding medical and dietary realities pertaining to this trip.

I, have a clear understanding of what it means to apply for this trip.

Applicant's Initials: _____ **Date:** _____

**Send Completed Applications to:
Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland
2707 Vine Street, Suite 8
Hays, KS 67601**

**ADULT REFERENCE FORM FOR
Backpacking in the Appalachian Mountains - 2011**

References must be mailed directly to the Girl Scout office by the individual filling them out.

Please return this form postmarked by **March 31, 2010** to:
 Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland
 2707 Vine Street, Suite 8
 Hays, KS 67601

The person named above is applying for a Girl Scout of Kansas Heartland travel opportunity to go "Backpacking in the Appalachian Mountains" during the summer of 2011. This trip is designed to provide both physical and mental challenges including cultural exploration and interaction, adventure/ecotourism, and community service. The successful participant in a trip of this sort will need to be in good physical condition, have strong character, flexibility, and group living skills. Her ability to function well as a member of a small group as well as adapt to circumstances is critical to the success of the trip.

Your honest and objective answers, therefore, will be very helpful to the selections committee. All references will be reviewed only by those in the selection process who have a duty to review them. They will not be shared with the applicant.

Thank you.

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 peers in group situations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relates well to girls and 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 for each occasion	<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"/>

Additional Information: _____

Question	Response
1. Describe the applicant's strengths and skills as they relate to a travel opportunity and/or living with a group.	
2. Based on your knowledge of the applicant's qualities, strength, weakness and skills what can we do to ensure the applicant has a more successful travel experience?	
3. Final comments?	

How long have you known the applicant? _____ Mo. _____ Yrs.

What is your relationship to the applicant? _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone number: _____ Email Address: _____

Please return this form postmarked by March 31, 2010 to:

**Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland
c/o Virginia Jacobs
2707 Vine Street, Suite 8
Hays, KS 67601**

Thank you.

Applicant's Name _____