



Girl Scouts-Kentucky's Wilderness Road Council Destination Scholarship and Travel Information

It takes many people to make a destination happen; a sponsoring council or agency, volunteers, a Girl Scout leader, money, staff, but most of all it takes you!

Timeline

- December 1, 2011 First Round of Destination Applications are mailed by Kristina Rouland
- January, 2012 The destination hosts will start notifying you of your status.
- February, 2012 All deposits holding a participants spot are due to the event sponsors.
- February 16, 2012 All "late" applications need to be to event sponsors by this day.
-If you did not get accepted to your first choice destination, a "late" application is the opportunity to apply to another destination.
- March 2, 2012 All additional applicants will be notified of their status.
- March 16, 2012 All late applicants' deposits are due to the event sponsors.

Travel

When applying for a destination you and your family will need to consider the distance and the method of transportation to the destination. Many of the destinations will require you to fly, although some of them are close enough for your family to drive. Sometimes participants have never flown or they or their parents are apprehensive about an airplane flight. Air transportation is still the safest type of travel. Some girls make arrangements to meet other girls at a lay over, and then continue their travels together. Traveling for the first time is always a little scary, but what an opportunity.

Responsibilities of Participant

A participant that attends a destination has a responsibility to the Girl Scouts. She should respond immediately to the event sponsor with her decision of accepting or declining the destination. She needs to turn in her forms and payments on time. If after acceptance the participant is unable to attend the destination, she needs to notify both the event sponsor and the Girl Scout Council. If the Girl Scout Council has given financial assistance, the participant may be required to repay the awarded amount.

A girl or adult who attends an event has a responsibility to share their destination with others. It could be talking to other troops, at an area event, a destination training or council sponsored event.

After your destination you should write thank you notes to those that supported you in your travels. (i.e. troop, service unit, home hospitality, chaperones, etc.)

Finances

Once you have been accepted for a destination, you must figure out how you are going to pay for your trip. Your cost will include your event fee, travel to and from the event, possibly special equipment or clothing and spending money. The destination sponsor will mail you a detailed list of equipment and clothing and your payment plan. **Participants are responsible for paying the deposit required by the destination host.** Below are several ways to help finance your trip.

Council Destination Scholarship

You can apply for a destination scholarship with the Girl Scout Council to cover $\frac{1}{2}$ of the destination fee. Upon acceptance to your destination you may contact Kristina Rouland in the Program Department in the Lexington Office 859-293-2621 or 800-475-2621 and she can answer any questions about council scholarships. You must have participated in the current cookie sales to be eligible for a council scholarship. Our scholarship money comes from the cookie sales. **The Destination Scholarship Form is attached.**

Cookie Incentive Money

When you turn in your cookie order, you have an option of choosing incentives and/or cookie dollars. Cookie dollars are money coupons that a girl can use for many Girl Scout activities and items. You can also use cookie dollars for a destination! When it is time to make payments for your destination you will send the cookie dollars into the Girl Scout Council, attention Kristina Rouland and she will send a check as payment to the sponsoring event.

Troop Assistance

Your troop may help with money making projects to help you finance this event and/or give you money from their treasury.

Service Unit Assistance

Many of the service units have funds available to assist a girl that has been accepted for a destination. Your leader will be able to help you write or contact the service unit manager in your area. They may also help you with fund raising activities that other troops can attend.

Area Assistance

Contact your church, area organizations and or business. Most communities support and promote leadership opportunities for young people.

Spending Money

The amount of spending money you take is really up to you and your parents. It is best to bring most of it in the form of traveler's, gift cards, or pre-loaded debit cards. You should bring a small amount of cash for emergencies. Telephone cards are also a good thing to bring just in case.

Please comment on how you plan to finance the remaining amount:_____

Important: Girl and Parent/Guardian signature is required.

I understand that I and/or my parents will be responsible for the remaining balance of my destination. If unable to attend the destination I will notify the Girl Scout Council and the destination sponsor immediately to request a refund. If the destination sponsor does not have a refund policy, I will be held responsible for the approved amount of financial assistance that Girl Scouts-Wilderness Road Council applied to the destination.

Girl Signature

Date

Print Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

