



-GIRLGUIDING LEICESTERSHIRE - Application Form International Opportunities 2019

Dear Senior Section/Guide Member,

Welcome to the land of International Opportunities, every year we hold an International Opportunities Weekend at Topstones County Campsite. To meet different girls from around the county and see who will be given the opportunity to travel the following summer on an international experience with Leicestershire.

The purpose of the weekend is for you learn a little more about international travel within Guiding and be given the opportunity to represent Girlguiding Leicestershire at any international event during 2019.

During the weekend, you will be asked to complete various activities, within a team and individually. This will give the Leaders present a good insight of your skills and interests so we can get to know you better and ultimately give you an opportunity to travel internationally with Girlguiding.

International trips can vary in size from small groups of (10+) to large camps with (20,000) fellow Girlguiding members. Including camps/Jamboree's, indoor events, and home hospitality or staying within a youth hostel or travelling between cities.

Some trips involve specific skills, e.g. sailing, music, art or community work, but all who go on an International Adventure speak of the memories and friendships made for many years after their trip.

To make sure your application is accepted and put through to the weekend there are a couple of criteria that you have to meet first:

- Be 14 years old or over by the July 2019.
- Be an active member of a Guide or Senior Section Unit within Leicestershire.
- Commit to attend the whole Opportunities Weekend.
- Submit a fully completed application form, signed by your unit Leader before 31st December 2017
- Applications received after this date cannot be guaranteed a place on the weekend.

All applications must be either sent to;

International Applications 2019, Girlguiding Leicestershire County Office, 97, Princess Road East, Leicester LE1 7DW

Or; Tracey Ball County International Adviser 18, Rushton Drive, Glen Parva, Leicester LE2 9HX

Before the Opportunities weekend, you will be sent out:

- A further letter explaining the details about the weekend and all the contact information.
- A list of equipment/ kit list to take with you.
- A list of activities that you will need to bring with you.
- A health form.
- A consent form.

The consent form and a cheque for £35 (made payable to The Guide Association- International) will need to be completed and sent back before the weekend to secure your place. The health form needs to be handed in at the camp.

You should be prepared to commit 110% to this International Opportunity, and understand that the work does not finish when you return from your trip.

If you are successful in gaining a place on an International Adventure please see below a couple of initial points to remember.

At the end of the Opportunities Weekend we will be holding a parents' meeting to run through the details of what happens. You will then be invited to a parents' meeting in June 2018 at County office, where you will meet your trip leaders for the first time. At which point you will be asked to sign a commitment letter and pay a non-refundable deposit of £100 to confirm your place on an International Adventure.

When you have returned from your International Adventure you will be expected to submit the following:

- A full report of your trip.
- 1 or 2 of your Individual Trip Badges.
- At least 10 photos by CD or paper.
- Your accounts.
- The completed Evaluation Form that is enclosed.

You will also be expected to attend an International Feedback Evening held at County Office and attend the following year's opportunities weekend to provide a small presentation about your trip.

Any questions, contact your trip Leader or the County International Adviser.

Ruth Barsby (1stquornguides@gmail.com) Leicestershire County International Adviser

Your Division International Advisor is also available for help or advice. Contact details are available from the County Office.

During the next year, while you are planning your trip, you will have the opportunity to meet up with your group at least twice before you go on your adventure to find out more about each other and make plans for your trip.

Please remember that information on your trip from your host country often comes through slowly and sometimes very late. Your Leaders will pass details on to you as soon as they have received them.

As a County International team we look forward to receiving your application form and hope to meet you in March for an action packed weekend. As we hope to send as many girls as we can to International Adventures in 2019.

Kind Regards
Tracey Ball County International Adviser

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two
recent
photos

PLEASE COMPLETE USING BLUE OR BLACK PEN BLOCK CAPITALS

Name:
Address:
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Postcode:
Phone:
Mobile:
Email:
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Date of birth:
Age as at 1st July 2019
Guide:.....Ranger:.....Young Leader:
Unit(s):
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District:
Division:
Special Diet:
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EDUCATION, GUIDING INFORMATION

If you are at school,
Name of school or college:
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Year

If you are at work or have a job,
Place of work:
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Job title:

Please give examples of your main Interests at School:

Which, if any, foreign languages can you speak and for how long have you learnt them?

Can you swim? yes / no Can you swim 50 metres fully clothed? yes / no

How long have you been involved in the Guide Movement and in which sections?

Have you done First Aid Training? yes / no If so, what First Aid Qualifications do you have?

Please give examples of recent Guide/ Senior Section events you have attended:

Have you previously been camping with Guides or Senior Section? If so where?

Please give examples of how you would go about fundraising £1200?

What hobbies and interests outside of Guiding do you have, including any qualifications gained:

Have you travelled abroad before and please tell us where you have been and where you would like to go?

All International trips costs differ depending on where in World they might be please tick to confirm what amount you are happy to fundraise, **Please see Trip EXAMPLES ONLY below:**

£1200 - £1500	£2000-£2500	Over £2500-£3000+
Europe	World Centre,	World Scout Jamboree,
County Trip	County Trip	Rest of World,
	Region Trip	Region Trip

Please write alongside each type of Trip if it is something would like to do and why?

- Large camp Jamboree*.....
- Lightweight camping*.....
- Guiding World Centre*.....
- Adventurous Activities*.....
- Youth Hostels, City Break*.....
- Water activities*.....
- Cultural experience*.....
- Service project*.....
- Europe*.....
- Rest of the World*.....
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Young Member's signature: Date:

Membership number

Leader's Signed..... Date:.....

Unit
.....Division.....