



Girl Guides
of Canada
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COSTA RICA ADVENTURE – 2012

WHEN?

Overall Dates: July 31st – August 16th, 2012
Event dates: August 1st – August 15th, 2012

WHO?

- 2 patrols of 10 Girls aged 13 - 17 years of age **as of July 31, 2012** per patrol
- 2 Guiders per patrol

(Note: Guiders will be working with facilitators from the youth organization Canada World Youth who will be responsible for trip logistics. Guiders and Canada World Youth facilitators will be collaborating on programming.)

*In order to qualify, participants must be physically fit and be active Members of Girl Guides of Canada.

Note: In order that as many Members as possible have the opportunity to participate in nationally sponsored international events, Members selected may participate in these events as follows:

- Once as a girl
- Once as an adult participating in a WAGGGS event or GGC determined endorsed event
- Once as the responsible Guider
- In a designated role as determined by the Board i.e.: Chief Commissioner, International Commissioner, CEO, etc.

WHAT?

Girl Guides of Canada, in partnership with Canada World Youth, a world leader in the development of international educational programs for youth, is offering an amazing opportunity for Members to participate in an exciting international development adventure to Costa Rica. Participants will develop their leadership skills as they work with communities on local development projects around the topic of environmental sustainability, participate in Costa Rican traditions and gain hands-on understanding of local issues. Build relationships with host families, and perhaps have a chance to make friends from the Costa Rica Guiding Association and much, much more.

OBJECTIVES:

A successful international travel experience is one in which a girl Member will:

- Develop skills, confidence, resourcefulness and courage which enable her to take leadership roles within GGC and her community.
- Demonstrate an increased awareness and appreciation of global issues.
- Develop skills which support active engagement in issues that matter to her.
- Gain a stronger awareness of her own identity and culture, by experiencing different cultures and communities.





Both girl and women Members who participate in international travel with GGC will:

- Develop a sense of belonging to the global sisterhood embodied by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) and an understanding of the purpose, and the influence and actions that can be achieved through the collective voices within WAGGGS.

WHAT WILL IT COST?

For girl Members:

As a Member of Girl Guides of Canada, you will receive financial subsidy through national that will cover:

- \$1,500 financial subsidy
- Domestic airfare and taxes
- Medical/illness travel insurance

After the national subsidy, the estimated cost for girl Members is \$1,700.

This includes:

- International airfare and taxes
- Registration/event fees
- Accommodation -Toronto
- Tours and transportation in Costa Rica

This figure may change slightly due to fluctuations in international currency and airfare.

Other personal costs girl Members are responsible for:

- Cost of your meals en route before and after the event
- Travel to and from local airport
- Personal spending money and souvenirs
- Kit list requirements
- Required immunizations
- Passport fees

Girl Members selected for this event will receive financial support from BC Council of 20% of the amount invoiced to girl Members by National.

For Guiders:

As a Member of Girl Guides of Canada, Guiders will receive funding through the Jean Youngson Memorial Bequest to the Canadian World Friendship Fund (CWFF) for the following costs:

- Domestic and international travel and transportation costs
- Registration/event fees
- Cost of accommodation
- Medical/illness travel insurance

Estimated costs to Adult Members:

- Cost of your meals en route before and after the event
- Personal spending money and souvenirs
- Kit list requirements





- Required immunizations
- Passport fees
- First-aid kit supplies

Note for all participants

1. Both girl and adult participants may be required to have uniform pieces that they do not own and it will be necessary to borrow or purchase these items.
2. If participation is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, Girl Guides of Canada will not accept responsibility for expenses incurred in preparation for this event.
3. Participation in this event by Canadian representatives is dependent on acceptable health and safety conditions in the country at the time of the event.

HOW DO I APPLY?

International Applications forms to be completed which are all available at <http://forms.girlguides.ca/default.aspx>

For Guiders:

Your iMIS Profile to be attached with the application set.

STA.1 TRIP APPLICATION FORM Guider

STA.2 REFERENCE FORM Guider

Resources:

Refer to Application Instructions – Adult Members

Refer to General Qualification Guidelines for International Events: Adult Members

For Girl Members:

STG. 1 TRIP APPLICATION FORM Girl Member

STG. 2 REFERENCE FORM Girl Member

Resources:

Refer to Application Instructions – Girl Members

Refer to General Qualification Guidelines for International Events: Girl Members

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Application deadlines may vary across the province; please contact your Area International Adviser or Area Commissioner for more information about the application process in your area including deadline dates.

Applications submitted directly to Province cannot be considered.

AREA INTERNATIONAL ADVISERS: Each area may forward two girl Member applications and two Guider applications. **Application deadline to Province – December 9, 2011.**

